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Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, July 16, 2018, at 3 p.m.

House of Representatives

The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. MITCHELL).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,

 $$July\,13,\,2018.$$ I hereby appoint the Honorable PAUL MITCHELL to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

PAUL D. RYAN, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

Dr. Steven W. Schenewerk, Community Baptist Church, Winston, Oregon, offered the following prayer:

O magnificent God, the people who will gather here today represent a diverse population. They will consider many challenges and concerns as they represent those who sent them here. The times in which we live are filled with demanding difficulties.

Lord, I ask that those who deliberate and discuss these challenges may have courage to seek truth wherever it may be found; may You provide a willingness to hear and listen to one another's point of view; may they receive a wisdom to apply truth as they make difficult choices.

Lord, I ask that as decisions are made, You provide peace, Your presence, and Your power so that individuals and families may flourish, communities may be healthy, and that the light of liberty continues to shine in our world.

In the name of God, the Father, Christ the Son, and the holy spirit. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

Mr. NEWHOUSE. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to clause 1, rule I, I demand a vote on agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

the ayes appeared to have it. Mr. NEWHOUSE. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8, rule XX, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentlewoman from California (Ms. BARRAGÁN) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. BARRAGÁN led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

WELCOMING DR. STEVEN W. SCHENEWERK

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the gentleman from Oregon (Mr. WALDEN) is recognized for 1 minute.

There was no objection.

Mr. WALDEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today for the distinct honor and pleasure of welcoming Pastor Steve William Schenewerk as the guest chaplain in the United States House of Representatives this morning.

Pastor Schenewerk serves the congregation of Community Baptist Church in Winston, Oregon. He was raised in the Midwest but followed the call of God to the Pacific Northwest to become a pastor. His path led him to Community Baptist Church, where he has humbly offered spiritual guidance and encouragement to the community for over 25 years.

Pastor Schenewerk's devotion to his community does not stop there, though. He serves on the board of the Winston Area Community Partnership and is involved in several organizations that help the needy in Douglas County.

Ever committed to serving those who have served others, Pastor Schenewerk has most recently become the chaplain to the local police force in Winston.

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