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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. WEBER of Texas).

DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
September 5, 2018.

I hereby appoint the Honorable RANDY K. WEBER, Sr. to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

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

MORNING-HOUR DEBATE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of January 8, 2018, the Chair will now recognize Members from lists submitted by the majority and minority leaders for morning-hour debate.

The Chair will alternate recognition between the parties. All time shall be equally allocated between the parties, and in no event shall debate continue beyond 11:50 a.m. Each Member, other than the majority and minority leaders and the minority whip, shall be limited to 5 minutes.

TARIFF RELIEF

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. PAULSEN) for 5 minutes.

Mr. PAULSEN. Mr. Speaker, I want to speak in support of H.R. 4318, the Miscellaneous Tariff Bill Act.

The tariff relief that is included in this bill will help lower input costs for American manufacturers that support thousands of good-paying jobs. This cost savings can be used to invest in new facilities and equipment, expand into new markets, and hire more em-

ployees. It will also make the products these manufacturers make more affordable for our consumers here at home.

This is a concrete measure to create jobs, Mr. Speaker, and help make our workers more competitive. I am proud of the broad bipartisan support that this bill had when it passed earlier this year, and I am pleased to see that same bipartisan support as we take it up once again on the House floor.

EFFICIENT INFRASTRUCTURE TO FIGHT AGAINST ALZHEIMER'S

Mr. PAULSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the BOLD Infrastructure for Alzheimer's Act, bipartisan legislation that overhauls America's effort to combat a condition that affects more than 5 million Americans. That number is expected to triple, Mr. Speaker, by 2050.

Not only is there a human cost to Alzheimer's, there is an economic cost as well. Alzheimer's costs Americans more than \$259 billion each year.

This bipartisan legislation will help the Federal Government take a very comprehensive approach to the fight against Alzheimer's. It establishes Alzheimer's Centers of Excellence that will educate healthcare professionals and the public on Alzheimer's and brain health. By creating a modern, efficient infrastructure for prevention and treatment, it will improve caregiving for patients.

REQUESTING THE PRESIDENT TO RESIGN

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. GUTIÉRREZ) for 5 minutes.

Mr. GUTIÉRREZ. Mr. Speaker, I have written a letter to the President of the United States, which I am sending today, that carries a simple message on behalf of the American people: Mr. President, it is time for you to resign the office of the Presidency for the

good of the United States and her people.

It has become clear to Congress and the American people, especially those of us who do not exclusively watch sanitized versions on the President's most supported media outlets, that, for decades, the President led a vast criminal enterprise that went on to engage in criminal activity during the 2016 campaign for the White House and engaged in criminal activity since taking the office of President. The fact is clear.

The President is the target of multiple criminal investigations on several fronts:

Number one, the violation of Federal election laws, including the failure to report payments and contributions as required under campaign finance law;

Number two, the violation of tax, banking, and fraud laws related to The Trump Organization and immediate business associates and family members of the President;

Number three, apparent involvement and encouragement of the illegal hacking of political opponents during the 2016 campaign and efforts to derail investigations and inquiries since taking the office of President; and

Number four, working and encouraging and collaborating with a foreign government, Russia, to interfere in the 2016 election in order to help the President's campaign, combined with efforts, while in office, to obstruct justice in the investigation of the campaign.

Those are just four of the criminal conspiracies that point directly to the President of the United States and compromise his ability to continue leading the Nation.

I have only 5 minutes to speak, so I don't have the time to enumerate the convictions in Federal court of close associates of the President's business interests and campaign, nor the guilty

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pleas, the plea bargains, or the immunity granted to the President's employees, friends, and business associates, including those directly managing his political operation and serving in his White House.

And, yes, the investigations are still going on, as are the prosecutions, guilty pleas, and sentencing of the President's coconspirators in each of these four criminal matters. And we don't know; there may be many more shoes to drop from local, State, and Federal prosecutors, because when you start looking under the rocks piled around this President, you find ample evidence of systematic fraud, criminal activity, and coverup.

For me, this has nothing to do with the President's racism, his misogyny, his homophobia and Islamophobia. It is different than his ties to and support for white supremacy or the voice he lends to the wildest and most discredited conspiracy theories the dark right web and talk radio can come up with.

And as ugly as it was to hear, even his stark admission of sexual assault against women is separate from the systematic criminal activity he has clearly engaged in, much of which he, himself, has admitted unwittingly in television interviews.

His policies are clearly damaging to the moral fabric of the American people, but this goes beyond the President's attacks on law enforcement, his giveaways to big polluters and operations, his defense of the superrich, his assault on Federal workers, the plundering of the economy, and the lasting damage he is doing on a daily basis to our most important international relationships with allies and foes alike.

Vice President PENCE, with whom I served in this body, is someone I disagree with on almost every issue of importance, especially his offensive views on homosexuality, women's rights, abortion, race relations, immigration, and almost anything else; but by comparison, he is better, even if he is wrong on many, many policy issues. Therefore, while I do not relish a Pence Presidency, at this point, I feel it is an absolute necessity for the good of the country, for the good of our people, for the good of the world, and America's place in that world.

Mr. Speaker, in my letter, I humbly ask, as a proud American, patriot, public servant, a dad, a granddad, and a fellow human being, I ask the President to resign immediately.

Please resign and spare the Nation from this ongoing nightmare. Don't do this to us. Don't make us go down with you. Step aside, sir, for the good of our country and for the good of the world.

Mr. Speaker, I will include in the RECORD my letter to the President of the United States asking him to resign.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to refrain from engaging in personalities toward the President of the United States.

CELEBRATING SAM SNIPES' 99TH BIRTHDAY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. FITZPATRICK) for 5 minutes.

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a resident in Bucks County, Pennsylvania, who celebrated his 99th birthday last month.

Morrisville resident Sam Snipes has lived a life defined by service and community. Following in his father's footsteps in the legal community, Sam founded the Yardley firm, Snipes & Collins, after graduating from Temple Law School and Haverford College.

Sam served as a dedicated public servant for nearly three decades as a Falls Township solicitor. For his community service, Sam was honored with the United Way of Bucks County Founders Award and the Mark E. Goldberg Award from the Bucks County Bar Association, among other distinctions.

Sam truly embodies dedication to our home of Bucks County. He still lives on Snipes Farm, where he grew up, makes frequent appearances in parades and other community events, and serves on several boards.

Sam is truly a legend, and we wish him a very happy 99th birthday and thank him for brightening our community.

RECOGNIZING BABY BUREAU IN WARMINSTER, PENNSYLVANIA

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a nonprofit organization in Bucks County, Pennsylvania, that is actively working to assist underserved new mothers in our community.

The Baby Bureau, based in Warminster, distributes baby bundles to new mothers shortly after delivery in the hospital. These baby bundles contain toddler clothes for all seasons, generously donated by thoughtful parents throughout Bucks County and beyond. To date, The Baby Bureau has assisted over 2,500 babies and their families.

I extend my gratitude to founder Fran Wasserman for her dedication to our community's children and families. I applaud her leadership, which has led to The Baby Bureau's partnership with dozens of community organizations and local businesses, and I encourage all of our constituents to follow her lead.

RECOGNIZING BILL SOLOWAY

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an individual in Bucks County, Pennsylvania, who embodies resilience, tenacity, and grit.

Last month, Lower Mayfield resident Bill Soloway took the gold medal in the 2018 Transplant Games of America, held in Salt Lake City, Utah. Open to individuals who have received organ, marrow, and tissue transplants, the Transplant Games offer competitions in a wide variety of sports, including basketball, track and field, and swimming.

Bill took the gold in badminton singles while earning bronze medals in

badminton doubles and cycling. Bill's successes are made even more remarkable due to the fact that he was the recipient of a heart transplant a mere 3 years ago.

After being diagnosed with congestive heart failure, it became evident that Bill needed a new heart. Despite such an intense medical procedure, Bill, who is an avid cyclist, was back on his bike only 10 weeks after receiving his new heart.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to call Bill my constituent, and I congratulate him on his success in the Transplant Games.

UNDERSTAND THE POWER A COURT CAN WIELD

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. GALLEGO) for 5 minutes.

Mr. GALLEGO. Mr. Speaker, earlier this year, tens of thousands of Arizona teachers took to the streets to demand that Governor Ducey and the Arizona State Legislature do right by Arizona students. It did so because Ducey and the State GOP have crippled the State's public education system.

Arizona spends the second lowest amount of money per student in the country, and Arizona's teachers are paid at the second lowest rate in the country. Students and teachers alike describe textbooks held together by tape, moldy ceilings leaking on students, and classes so overcrowded that kids have to sit on the floor.

Mr. Speaker, that is not what schools in the richest country in the world should look like. That is why Arizona's teachers championed the Invest in Ed proposition, to secure over \$600 million in annual education funds for Arizona after Governor Ducey failed to provide the resources our students so desperately needed.

Over a quarter of a million Arizonans signed their names to get the Invest in Ed proposal on Arizona's ballot this fall. That is democracy in action. But last week, the Arizona State Supreme Court ordered the removal of the Invest in Ed proposition from State ballots based on a small technicality.

This appalling ruling is an insult to Arizona students, teachers, families, and to democracy. It is a blow to Arizona's education system and our economy. It is a naked power grab by the GOP that undermines our democracy by removing the right of voters to choose what is best for their kids and their communities.

Invest in Ed wasn't defeated because a majority of Arizonans votes against it. It wasn't defeated because it was opposed by an elected politician who can be removed from office in the next election. It was killed by Doug Ducey's supreme court, a court that Ducey and the Arizona Republicans packed with conservatives.

Governor Ducey fully understood the power a court can wield when he ran through his court-packing plan in 2016