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The House met at noon and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. DENHAM).

DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
September 25, 2018.

I hereby appoint the Honorable JEFF DENHAM 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 1:50 p.m. Each Member, other than the majority and minority leaders and the minority whip, shall be limited to 5 minutes.

HONORING LIEUTENANT COLONEL ROBERT MILLER

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

Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Lieutenant Colonel Robert Miller, a veteran of the Marine Corps from Bogalusa, Louisiana, which I have the privilege to represent.

Colonel Miller went above and beyond to answer the call of service to our Nation. He fought in three wars be-

tween 1945 and 1973: World War II, the Korean war, and the Vietnam war.

He received three Purple Hearts during his time with the Marines, and some of his war experiences are quite impressive.

While in Korea, American forces suffered enormous casualties due to bitter cold and frostbite, yet Colonel Miller's platoon did not suffer a single casualty. He was asked later how he protected his men, and he shared with them a trick he learned from a gentleman, Delos Nobles, a homeless man from his home of Bogalusa.

Mr. Nobles would line his clothes and shoes with old newspapers to block the cold. Colonel Miller and his men asked friends and family to send them as many newspapers as they could get, and the results helped earn him a battlefield commission.

Maybe fittingly, Colonel Miller eventually earned a degree in journalism from the University of Maryland.

Colonel Miller also caught the eye of Marilyn Monroe while serving in Korea. His rifle platoon provided security to her while she visited the DMZ. She arranged a front row seat for him at her show.

She even gave him her phone number and told him to call her when he got home from the war. He did, and the two went on to become great friends.

Following his military service, Colonel Miller started what now is known as Venture Scout Crew 313, which specializes on learning survival skills and winning national white water canoe races.

That legacy includes 18 national championships in open cruisers, 27 national championships in advanced aluminums, and 26 national championships in the novice division.

His scouts also serve as stretcher bearers during medical emergencies at LSU football games. There is a reason that some of us joke that our Tigers are more like the Cardiac Cats.

His work with youth garnered him national and international leadership awards.

Colonel Miller has stayed active throughout his long life as a member of the local Lion's Club and chairman of the Christmas in Cassidy Park in Bogalusa.

He is certainly a shining example of public service, someone who puts community and country first. We could always use a few more Colonel Millers in whatever community we call home, and I thank him for everything and all he has done for Bogalusa and the United States of America.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until 2 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 4 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

□ 1400

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. DESJARLAIS) at 2 p.m.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer: Loving God, we give You thanks for giving us another day.

Bless the Members who are laboring through these challenging days with wisdom, magnanimity, and a shared desire to serve our Nation at a pivotal time for us all.

May their efforts bring results that rise above any sense of victory for one side or the other, but rather mutual benefit.

In the end, may we continue to trust that You would not abandon those who put their trust in You.

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May all that is done this day be for Your greater honor and glory.
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.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

Ms. NORTON 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.

CAMERAS IN THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT

(Mr. POE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, it is time to remove the veil of secrecy from the hallowed halls of the Supreme Court.

Americans have the right to watch the proceedings in person, but only 50 members of the public can get into the small courtroom at a time.

Technology allows discreet videoing, but for some reason, there are those who want to keep these proceedings hidden from the American public.

We have the best judicial system ever created. We should not hide it.

Cameras should be allowed in the most important court in the world.

I know cameras can be placed in a courtroom without disruption or distraction, because I did it. For 22 years, I served as a felony court judge in Houston, Texas. I heard over 25,000 criminal cases and nearly 1,000 jury trials, and many of those were filmed by the television media.

Justice would be better served if the black robe of secrecy was removed from the United States Supreme Court and the proceedings were filmed. Because justice is the one thing we should always find in America.

And that is just the way it is.

WHY HAS JUDGE KAVANAUGH NOT REQUESTED AN FBI INVESTIGATION

(Ms. NORTON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, although the Republican Senate has refused the customary FBI investigation into alle-

gations against Judge Kavanaugh by Dr. Ford and others, there is evidence that should be weighed.

Dr. Ford is not only willing to offer sworn testimony at the hearing, she has requested an FBI investigation with the required FBI questioning under penalty of perjury.

Judge Kavanaugh is an expert on all our legal processes. Why hasn't he asked for the standard FBI investigation?

Moreover, apparently understanding the seriousness of her allegations, Dr. Ford has also taken the unusual step of being polygraphed. A lie detector test is not required, although law enforcement sometimes requests it.

It would be a fair question for Senators to ask Judge Kavanaugh why he did not request an FBI investigation and whether he would take a polygraph test, too.

CELEBRATING 100TH BIRTHDAY OF WALTER "STICKY" BURCH

(Mr. BUDD asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BUDD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Walter "Sticky" Burch, who is going to be 100 years old on October 21. And that is a great day, Mr. Speaker. It is also my birthday, although mine is just a few years after his.

Walter Burch was born in Asheville but grew up in Greensboro and spent much of his life serving in the Greensboro Police Department. His service to our Nation began just 9 days after the bombing of Pearl Harbor.

During the Second World War, he helped gather intelligence on enemy operations in Europe, but his service to his country did not end there.

Walter returned home and joined the police department, where he served for nearly 50 years.

He officially retired in 1981, but he ran for sheriff just a few years later. He went on to serve two terms as the sheriff of Guilford County.

Since retiring from law enforcement, Walter has remained deeply involved in our community, and the people of Guilford County are lucky to have him.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in celebrating the 100th birthday of Walter "Sticky" Burch and his lifelong commitment to public service.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Washington, DC, September 25, 2018.

Hon. PAUL D. RYAN,

The Speaker, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of

the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on September 25, 2018, at 11:49 a.m.:

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 2259.

With best wishes, I am,
Sincerely,

KAREN L. HAAS.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE DEMOCRATIC LEADER

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Honorable NANCY PELOSI, Democratic Leader:

SEPTEMBER 24, 2018.

Hon. PAUL D. RYAN,

Speaker of the House of Representatives, U.S. Capitol, Washington, DC.

DEAR SPEAKER RYAN: Pursuant to Section 1652(b) of the John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019 (Pub. L. 115-232), I am pleased to appoint the following Member to serve as a Commissioner to the Cyberspace Solarium Commission:

The Honorable James Langevin of Rhode Island

And from private life:

The Honorable Patrick Murphy of Bristol, Pennsylvania

Thank you for your attention to these recommendations.

Sincerely,

NANCY PELOSI,

Democratic Leader.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or votes objected to under clause 6 of rule XX.

The House will resume proceedings on postponed questions at a later time.

PUBLIC-PRIVATE CYBERSECURITY COOPERATION ACT

Mr. MCCAUL. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 6735) to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to establish a vulnerability disclosure policy for Department of Homeland Security internet websites, and for other purposes, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 6735

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Public-Private Cybersecurity Cooperation Act".

SEC. 2. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY DISCLOSURE OF SECURITY VULNERABILITIES.

(a) VULNERABILITY DISCLOSURE POLICY.—The Secretary of Homeland Security shall establish a policy applicable to individuals, organizations, and companies that report security vulnerabilities on appropriate information systems of Department of Homeland Security. Such policy shall include each of the following: