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Senate

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

House of Representatives

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The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker.

PRAYER

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

In the waning days of this 115th Congress, we ask Your blessing, O Lord, upon the Members of this people's House, and most especially upon the leadership. It is on their shoulders the most important negotiations of this Congress have been placed.

They have been entrusted by their fellow Americans with the awesome privilege and responsibility of sustaining the great experiment of democratic self-government. Give them wisdom, grace, insight, and courage to finish the work that might benefit all Americans.

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

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. 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. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to clause 1, rule I, I demand a vote on agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

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

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

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the grounds that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER. 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The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.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. Will the gentleman from Montana (Mr. GIANFORTE) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. GIANFORTE 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.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will entertain up to five requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

URGING ACTION TO REDUCE SEVERITY OF WILDFIRES

(Mr. GIANFORTE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. GIANFORTE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to urge farm bill negotiators to include critical forest management reforms in the new farm bill.

I am encouraged that the new farm bill is forthcoming, but it should include reforms on how we manage our forests.

Mr. Speaker, the Camp fire in California has tragically claimed the lives of 88 people and hundreds remain missing. It has left more than 13,000 families without homes.

Last year in Montana, more than 1.2 million acres burned, creating dangerous air quality. Congress must act now. Our communities can't afford to wait any longer.

Senate Democrats should put the health and safety of our communities first and include commonsense forest management reforms in the farm bill. Meaningful forest management reforms will reduce the severity of fires, improve air quality, boost the health of our forests and wildlife habitats, as well as create good-paying jobs.

Mr. Speaker, with devastating wildfire seasons over the last couple of years, it is urgent that Congress act now.

FAILED TAX POLICY IS COMING TO AN END

(Mr. BLUMENAUER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, no wonder Republicans are afraid to even debate their latest tax bill. As their 8-year grip on tax policy comes to an end, it is a story of failure, missed opportunities, and making a broken tax system worse.

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