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The House met at noon and was called to order by the Speaker.

PRAYER

Dr. Bruce Hargrave, Bruce Hargrave Ministries and Charities, Rowlett, Texas, offered the following prayer:

Almighty God, thank You for Your many blessings upon our country and this House.

Even in the midst of great challenges, bitterness, joys, grief, and victories, You are ever present and ever mindful of all that we do.

Forgive us where we get in the way of ourselves.

Give us Your wisdom and grace.

Bless the workings of this House for the goodwill, peace, and justice of the American people.

We pray this in the name of Jesus.

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.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN 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.

FURTHER CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2019

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Com-

mittee on Appropriations be discharged from further consideration of the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 143) making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2019, and for other purposes, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the joint resolution.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New Jersey?

There was no objection.

The text of the joint resolution is as follows:

H.J. RES. 143

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That division C of Public Law 115-245 is amended—

(1) by striking the date specified in section 105(3) and inserting "December 21, 2018"; and (2) by adding at the end (before the short title) the following:

"SEC. 136. Sections 1309(a) and 1319 of the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 4016(a) and 4026) shall be applied by substituting the date specified in section 105(3) of this Act for 'December 7, 2018'."

The joint resolution was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, was read the third time, and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

ADJOURNMENT FROM THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2018, TO MONDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2018

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at noon on Monday, December 10, 2018, for morning-hour debate and 2 p.m. for legislative business.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New Jersey?

There was no objection.

APPOINTMENT OF INDIVIDUAL TO SYRIA STUDY GROUP

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN). The Chair appoints, pursuant to section 1501(c) of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018, Public Law 115-254, and the order of the House of January 3, 2017, the following individual on the part of the House to the Syria Study Group:

Dr. Kimberly E. Kagan, Washington, D.C.

FAREWELL SPEECH

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

Mr. POLIS. Mr. Speaker, it has been the honor of my life to have served 10 years in this body, and I want to take this occasion to thank the amazing and talented staff that has worked both in our congressional office here in Washington as well as in Ft. Collins and Boulder and in Adams and Summit Counties.

I want to thank all of the interns who have lent their services over the last decade, on behalf of the people of the Second Congressional District, hopefully providing them with a great experience that furthers their interest in public affairs.

And, of course, I want to thank my colleagues on both sides of the aisle. The men and women I have come to know and have worked with in the last decade have been some of the most important relationships of my life. I truly believe that there is no problem so large that the deliberative and thoughtful minds in this body can't rise to the occasion and solve all the pressing issues.

It has been sad to see that, all too often, things stand in the way of that progress, whether it is partisanship, yes, but not only partisanship, the role of the special interests, and the increasingly divided electorate that we have nationally.

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