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## Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, February 11, 2019, at 3 p.m.

## House of Representatives

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2019

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: God of all creation, we give You thanks for giving us another day.

Be mindful of Your people, especially the Members of this people's House as the next funding deadline nears. Inspire those who are in negotiations so that next Friday would bring moments of celebration and not consternation.

Lord, You are ever present, especially to those most in need. Show Your mercy to the weakest among us: the children, the poor, the elderly, the homeless.

Send Your spirit upon all Members that they might be inspired to do what they are able, to care for those whom You have favored from Biblical times—the powerless and most vulnerable.

Bless us this day and every day. May all that is done 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 her approval thereof.

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

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from California (Mr. HARDER) come for-

ward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. HARDER of California 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.

### AMENDMENT TO THE VETERANS' CHILD CARE ACT

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

Mr. HARDER of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of my bipartisan amendment to the Veterans' Access to Child Care Act, which I sponsored with my colleagues from New York, ANTONIO DELGADO and ELISE STEFANIK.

Our amendment guarantees that if our veterans suffer a mental health crisis, such as one caused by PTSD or depression, childcare for their kids is covered during the crisis.

Let me tell you why this is so important to me and the veterans in our community.

A few weeks ago, I visited the Stanislaus County Veterans Service Office and I spoke to multiple veterans suffering with mental health problems.

A veteran in my district told me PTSD was his invisible injury.

Roughly 20 percent of our veterans who served in Iraq or Afghanistan suffer from depression, PTSD, or traumatic brain injury. That is triple the national average, and it affects our communities in numerous ways. For example, in my district we struggle with veteran homelessness.

So, today, we are doing something about it. This bipartisan amendment helps ease the pain of mental health emergencies for our veterans and makes sure their kids are taken care of.

By passing this amendment, we can show our veterans, whether they are from Stanislaus County, Essex County, or Ulster County, that we can actually work together in a bipartisan manner to give them the respect and honor they have earned.

### HOUSE MUST VOTE ON BORN-ALIVE ABORTION SURVIVORS PROTECTION ACT

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

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act.

I applaud my colleague Congresswoman ANN WAGNER for reintroducing this bill, and I am proud to be a co-sponsor.

This bill penalizes the intentional killing of a child who is born alive. To be clear, I cannot believe I even have to state those words.

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