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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mrs. BUSTOS).

DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
March 6, 2019.

I hereby appoint the Honorable CHERI BUSTOS to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

MORNING-HOUR DEBATE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of January 3, 2019, 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.

IMPEACHMENT IS NOT DEAD

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

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Madam Speaker, and still I rise, with love of country in my heart.

And still I rise, as I did some 659 days ago, more than 21 months, when I first stood on the floor of the House of Representatives and called for the impeachment of the President. In so doing, I had to fend off the multitudes who wanted to know what crime the President had committed, what law did he break.

We had to fight that fight, and we won, because it is now generally perceived and believed that the President does not have to commit a crime to be impeached.

In fact, Article II, Section 4 of the Constitution of the United States of America addresses that question when it deals with high crimes and misdemeanors as misdemeanors or misdeeds, pursuant to the understanding that we have of the Constitution of the United States of America.

And still I rise now, understanding that we have had to fend off those who have said: You have to wait for the Mueller report. You have to wait. Why not wait?

Here is why you don't have to wait: Because the Mueller report is dealing with violations of the law. Misdeeds don't necessarily require a violation of the law.

If you are corrupting society, if you are creating harm to society, if you are causing things to happen in society that are unacceptable to the people in the United States of America, an unfit President can be impeached for those misdeeds that corrupt and harm society.

We are winning that fight. This fight is one that is easily won because, as we proceed, it is going to become intuitively obvious that these misdeeds are the problems, and the misdeeds are creating the concerns in society.

It is my belief that we have a duty, a responsibility, and an obligation under the Constitution to deal with an unfit President.

There are those who would want me to withhold my thoughts until after there has been an investigation, when we have clear and convincing evidence before our very eyes of the misdeeds: separating babies from their mothers, who happen to be of color, I might add; talking about s-hole countries that happen to be where people of color live, I might add; talking about good people,

or very fine people, in Charlottesville, among those who are bigots, racists, xenophobes, homophobes, and Islamophobes.

Yes, the evidence is there, because the President was putting in his policies these bigoted statements. These statements went beyond his words. They became a part of his policies. For this, he can be impeached.

I stand where I stood 659 days ago, and I will continue to stand until this President is removed from office.

We can investigate to the extent that we engage in what Dr. King called the paralysis of analysis, just investigate until it is time for another election, and then the election becomes the focal point.

My dear friends, my dear brothers and sisters, those who desire to wait may do so. I will not wait. Impeachment is not dead.

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. CICILLINE). The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Kansas (Mr. MARSHALL) for 5 minutes.

Mr. MARSHALL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the many women who have shaped our country's successes and are inspiring our future.

This month, we celebrate Women's History Month and recognize the women who have fought for equality and positively impacted their communities. The courage and resolve of our women must not go unnoticed.

In Kansas, we are always quick to highlight the great Amelia Earhart, our hometown aviation pioneer. But today, I want to highlight the millions of women around the world who have made and continue to make significant impacts on their families, communities, and workplaces through meaningful, everyday contributions.

My own mother, Nancy, taught me many family values that continue to

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