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

DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
March 26, 2019.

I hereby appoint the Honorable SCOTT H. PETERS 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.

HONORING CAPTAIN ADAM CHAMIE'S TWO YEARS AS THE COAST GUARD'S LIAISON TO HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from California (Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD) for 5 minutes.

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Mr. Speaker, I have the honor of serving as chairwoman of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Homeland Security. The subcommittee is charged with overseeing the funding of our Nation's longest continuous seagoing service, the United States Coast Guard.

Since the Coast Guard's founding in 1790 by Alexander Hamilton, Americans have relied on this service to protect our maritime interests. The Coast Guard has secured our sovereignty in times of war and peace and safeguarded the American public during times of national catastrophe.

As one of the five branches of the U.S. Armed Forces, the Coast Guard serves as a critical link between the Department of Defense and the Department of Homeland Security.

My role as chairwoman of the DHS Appropriations Subcommittee and previously as the subcommittee's ranking member has afforded me the opportunity to more fully appreciate the challenging work of the men and women of the Coast Guard. This includes saving more than 11,000 lives after the devastating impacts of Hurricanes Maria, Irma, Harvey, Florence, and Michael, to the cumulative interdiction of 432 tons of cocaine over the past 2 years.

One of the greatest exemplars of Coastie dedication and effectiveness is Captain Adam Chamie, who has served as the Coast Guard liaison to the House of Representatives for the past 2 years.

Adam has consistently demonstrated an ability to effectively convey the critical needs of the Coast Guard to both Members of Congress and staff, while also supporting the Coast Guard's responses to the needs of States and congressional districts across the country.

Over his 2-year tenure as liaison, he has helped facilitate the Coast Guard's two largest annual funding levels in the service's history.

On April 18, 2019, Adam will take command of Coast Guard Sector Key West, an area from the Bahamas to Cuba encompassing 55,000 square nautical miles.

While his departure is a loss to the House, the men and women of the Coast Guard serving along the Florida

Keys will greatly benefit from his leadership and his commitment to the Coast Guard's core values of honor, respect, and devotion to duty.

I wish Captain Chamie fair winds and following seas as he starts a new chapter in his career.

Today, I ask my colleagues to please join me in recognizing this great American and Coast Guardsman for his selfless service to our Nation.

CALLING FOR DEBATE ON THE GREEN NEW DEAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from North Carolina (Ms. FOXX) for 5 minutes.

Ms. FOXX of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise to call for debate in this Chamber on H. Res. 109, referred to as the Green New Deal.

This resolution lays out an agenda that is, frankly, anti-American and goes against everything our Constitution is all about.

The resolution states: "It is the duty of the Federal Government to create a Green New Deal."

The main components of this deal include: net-zero greenhouse gas emissions; creating millions of good, high-wage jobs; and upgrading all existing buildings and building new buildings to achieve maximum energy efficiency, water efficiency, safety, affordability, comfort, and durability. All of this is to be accomplished in 10 years' time.

Among the things the Federal Government has meddled in beyond the scope of its limited powers, completely overhauling every building and method of transportation in the country would be, by far, its most egregious transgression to date.

However, the Green New Deal certainly will require Congress' constitutional authority to levy taxes and borrow money to pay for it.

This so-called "deal" would come at the cost of trillions to the middle class

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