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The House met at 11 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. MCGOVERN).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
May 24, 2019.

I hereby appoint the Honorable JAMES P. MCGOVERN to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

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

The Members of this people's House have left for the Memorial Day recess. As they meet with their respective constituents, give them the gifts of wisdom and discernment that in their words and actions they will do justice, love with mercy, and walk humbly with You.

May they also have the attentiveness that is called for to hear the concerns of those whom they represent.

On this weekend, especially, we remember those men and women who have given their lives in service to our country.

Bless them with everlasting peace, and give consolation and peace to those who mourn them.

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

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 3(a) of House Resolution 389, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentlewoman from Florida (Ms. SHALALA) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. SHALALA 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.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, May 23, 2019.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
The Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on May 23, 2019, at 5:31 p.m.:

That the Senate passed S. 151.
That the Senate passed with an amendment H.R. 2157.

With best wishes, I am
Sincerely,

CHERYL L. JOHNSON.

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2019

Ms. SHALALA. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to take from the Speaker's table the bill (H.R. 2157) making supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, and for other purposes, with the Senate amendment thereto, and concur in the Senate amendment.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.
The SPEAKER pro tempore. For what purpose does the gentleman from Texas seek recognition?

Mr. ROY. Mr. Speaker, reserving the right to object, I am here today primarily because if I do not object, Congress will have passed into law a bill that spends \$19 billion of taxpayer money without Members of Congress being present here in our Nation's Capitol to vote on it.

Secondly, it is a bill that includes nothing to address the clear national emergency and humanitarian crisis we face at our southern border.

There is no reason this disaster supplemental should not have included the quite modest \$4.4 billion that Director of OMB Vought sent to Capitol Hill to ensure DHS and HHS do not run out of money—which they are slated to do—while managing the over 100,000 illegal aliens crossing our border being apprehended, and the unaccompanied alien minor children being unable to be housed appropriately.

And, finally, this is a \$19 billion bill that is not paid for when we are racking up \$100 million of debt per hour. And this is a bipartisan problem, to be honest, and it is a problem that we should solve in Congress rather than ignore.

Our Nation is strong enough and compassionate enough to have a responsive and fiscally responsive approach to help people who are hurting in the wake of natural disasters.

We have had months to figure this out and to do our job to secure our border. And we now are expected to let the swamp continue to mortgage the future of our children and grandchildren, making it less likely they will inherit a stronger and better country with a government capable of defending the Nation in responding to disasters such as these.

Mr. Speaker, with that, I respectfully object.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Objection is heard.

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