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Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Friday, May 31, 2019, at 10:30 a.m.

House of Representatives

THURSDAY, MAY 30, 2019

The House met at 4:30 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. RASKIN).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
May 30, 2019.

I hereby appoint the Honorable JAMIE RASKIN to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

Reverend Benjamin Hogue, Lutheran Church of the Reformation, Washington, D.C., offered the following prayer:

God of mercy and love, You have journeyed with us this day and called us to be a people of grace and peace. The greatness of Your power transcends all human authority.

Give to us a spirit of repentance and wisdom, leading us in Your ways of humility and service. Grant strength to this body and shape their work to be bold and courageous in ensuring liberty and justice for all.

Protect those who give voice to the voiceless, and accompany those neighbors most forgotten and pushed aside. Hold close those who mourn, those who hurt, and those seeking relief, refuge, and rest. In sighs too deep for words, intercede with Your comfort and care.

As Your love shows up continually in our lives and in our world, give us the courage to share Your compassion with others in thought, word, and deed. Guide us on paths of reconciliation and unity, mending our hearts with Your hope for a better world.

We pray all this, trusting that You are near and knowing that You are listening.

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 gentleman from Kentucky (Mr. MASSIE) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. MASSIE 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.

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2019

Mr. EVANS. 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 Tennessee seek recognition?

Mr. JOHN W. ROSE of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, reserving the right to object.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman is recognized on his reservation.

Mr. JOHN W. ROSE of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, I am standing in a House chamber that is virtually empty. Nearly all of my 431 colleagues are absent as the Speaker of the House seeks to pass a \$19 billion spending bill.

Our Nation is \$22 trillion in debt. Trying to pass nearly \$20 billion in new spending while the majority of Congress is not even in Washington reflects another act of irresponsible big government.

This is absolutely, without a doubt, wrong. It is no surprise that public confidence in Congress is at historic lows.

Every single Member could board a plane today, and this issue could be voted on in the next 12 hours.

We are each accountable to the American people, who entrusted us with their votes and sent us here to work on their behalf. I am accountable to the people of Tennessee, and I can say with confidence: Tennesseans deserve better than what is being attempted here today.

I never expected, when I came to Washington, that I would be asked to stay home while \$19 billion is spent without my vote.

I urge the Speaker of the House, who is also not here today, to return to her

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