

## RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until noon today.

Accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 35 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess.

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## AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. BLUMENAUER) at noon.

## PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer: God, Father of us all, thank You for giving us another day.

All the world, and certainly all Americans, know that this is a time of rare historic significance here in the Capital.

Bless Your children, the men and women of the peoples' House, with grace, patience, good judgment, and honesty in the deliberations of this day and the many to come.

Lord, have mercy on us all. May all that is done be for Your greater honor and glory.

Amen.

## THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

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

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentlewoman from California (Mrs. NAPOLITANO) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. NAPOLITANO 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 PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain up to 15 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

## HONORING THE LIFE OF JOSE J. GONZALEZ

(Mrs. NAPOLITANO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. NAPOLITANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Master Sergeant Jose J. Gonzalez of La Puente, California, from my district,

who died on August 21 during combat operations in Faryab province in Afghanistan.

Master Sergeant Gonzalez was a Green Beret who served with distinction in the military for 17 years and deployed seven times during his career as a marine, Army infantryman, and special forces engineering sergeant.

He was recently assigned to the 1st Battalion, 7th Special Forces Group, Eglin Air Force Base, Florida.

Master Sergeant Gonzalez served with incredible courage and bravery and was awarded the Bronze Star Medal with Valor, the Purple Heart Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal, and many other high honors.

Mr. Speaker, I intend to recognize and extend my deepest sympathy to Master Sergeant Gonzalez' wife, his children, his mother, his father, family, friends, and his fellow soldiers in the 1st Battalion, 7th Special Forces Group, Eglin Air Force Base, Florida.

Mr. Speaker, to the Gonzalez family, please know that the Congress of the United States grieves with you. The courage, character and sacrifice that he has made to our country will never be forgotten.

God bless the Gonzalez family. God bless America.

## SUPPORT CLEAN ENERGY

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

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, as part of National Clean Energy Week, I am grateful for clean energy and its advances in South Carolina.

The success of President Donald Trump has been the achievement of energy independence for America.

South Carolina is home to seven nuclear power reactors that produce 95 percent of the State's emission-free electricity. In addition, nuclear energy facilities in South Carolina employ over 2,800 South Carolinians. Nuclear energy is a reliable source, providing over half of the State's electricity.

Solar energy is also a reliable form of clean energy. Currently, there is enough solar installed in South Carolina to power over 90,000 homes.

I have been impressed by visiting Cypress Creek Renewables, a solar farm in Gaston-Swansea, Lexington County, welcomed by Wannelle Lefkowitz; NARENCO solar farm in Orangeburg County, welcomed by Michael Cox; and Green Energy Biofuel in Aiken County, reprocessing cooking oil, welcomed by Joe Renwick; along with Ameresco, clearing woody debris at the Savannah River Site.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September the 11th in the global war on terrorism.

## NEGOTIATED DRUG PRICING SHOULD BE ENACTED NOW

(Mr. HIGGINS of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Mr. Speaker, this week, the Committee on Ways and Means released a report highlighting the disparities between the cost of prescription drugs in the United States and other developed nations.

This report found that on average, drug prices in the United States were nearly four times higher than prices in similar countries.

The sky-high cost of prescription drugs affects all of our communities, and too many Americans cannot afford the medications they need. The Medicare Program alone last year spent \$135 for prescription drugs.

It is a lot of money, but it is also a lot of leverage, a lot of leverage that should be used to negotiate lower drug prices for Medicare and for the American people.

Negotiated drug pricing should be enacted now.

## NATIONAL LITERACY MONTH

(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 to recognize September as National Literacy Month.

Reading is a fundamental part of learning and expanding our knowledge of the world around us. It is especially important to form strong reading habits in childhood that we can carry with us throughout our adult lives.

Parents, educators, and the local community can all play a role in encouraging young people to pick up a book and to exercise their imaginations.

A great resource that schools, museums, and public libraries can take advantage of is the Library of Congress' Surplus Book Program. This initiative offers surplus books of all kinds and for all ages to organizations and institutions nationwide to help build their book collections, and I encourage those interested to visit the library's website for more information.

Mr. Speaker, reading at a young age is important, but a passion for books can form at any stage of life.

During National Literacy Month, let's all pick up a new book and share the reading experience with the children in our lives.

## WHISTLEBLOWER

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

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, a whistleblower brought a complaint to the DNI, who sent it to the inspector general—

that they found to be a credible person and a credible complaint threatening the security of our country—that a phone conversation had taken place between our President and the President of Ukraine suggesting that he should, the President of Ukraine, go into a criminal investigation that would affect the election of 2020, and conditioned it through actions on military aid to Ukraine.

This is suborning the Constitution and threatening our national security.

Mr. Speaker, I commend Speaker PELOSI for calling for an impeachment inquiry. It is the right time. It is the right issue. This is an egregious subversion of our Constitution.

Long may the United States survive and live as a true democracy.

#### HONORING SERGEANT VERNON JUDD

(Mr. GIBBS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. GIBBS. Mr. Speaker, like more than a million Americans, Vernon Judd was drafted into service during the Korean war. Leaving his hometown in Stark County, Ohio, to serve in the Army, Vernon Judd was one of ten children, with whom he left behind fond memories.

His younger brother, Ken, recalled fireworks shows Vernon would put on for the community.

Sergeant Judd was just 6 weeks away from being relieved of duty when he went missing in action in 1950.

Being taken to a Korean prisoner of war camp, Judd survived just a few months before succumbing to starvation, dysentery, and exposure to the elements, according to a fellow POW military doctor. It was not until 1954 that Judd's family learned of his death.

Nearly 70 years after his death, Sergeant Vernon Judd was identified and returned home to Ohio.

On Tuesday, he was laid to rest at Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery, and the homecoming celebration attracted thousands.

Vernon Judd is one of many Americans who lost their life in service to our Nation. His homecoming may be delayed, but it was welcomed. It brings peace, relief, and comfort to the Judd family.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House to join me in celebrating and honoring Sergeant Vernon Judd and pray the families of the remaining servicemembers missing in action find the same peace.

#### NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH

(Mr. DELGADO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. DELGADO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to highlight National Recovery Month.

The opioid crisis is deeply prevalent in upstate New York, and my district is home to some of the highest over-

dose rates in the State. Overdose deaths have increased by 83 percent from 2016 in my home county, Dutchess.

Combating this crisis must include addressing the prevalence of opioids, holding Big Pharma accountable, and treating addiction like the disease that it is.

Earlier this year, I introduced the bipartisan Mainstreaming Addiction Treatment Act.

This act does away with seeking special waivers as a requirement for providers to prescribe buprenorphine, a proven treatment for addiction. Making this medication more accessible will save lives and destigmatize addiction so folks will see it for what it is: a disease that requires treatment.

As we recognize National Recovery Month, let us honor those we have lost with action on bipartisan legislation to help those suffering with this disease.

Inaction costs us lives every day. Let's pass H.R. 2482.

#### HELP FOR OUR DAIRY INDUSTRY

(Mr. KELLER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. KELLER. Mr. Speaker, while our Nation's farmers continue to bear the brunt of the obstruction stopping passage of the USMCA, there is a lot we can do to help our struggling dairy industry.

Currently, I am a proud cosponsor of three bills that would do just that and implement the priorities of not just farmers in Pennsylvania's 12th Congressional District, but farmers across our Nation.

The bipartisan Dairy Pride Act would provide truth in labeling by preventing nondairy products made from nuts, algae, seeds, and plants from using dairy terms.

The Whole Milk for Healthy Kids Act of 2019, introduced by Pennsylvania's own G.T. THOMPSON, would increase consumption of whole milk in our schools, allowing children to reap the taste and nutritional benefits of whole milk, and is a win-win for both children and dairy producers alike.

In addition, the School Milk Nutrition Act of 2019, also sponsored by Congressman THOMPSON, would roll back another bad policy from the Obama years and would codify that schools may offer flavored low-fat milk in the National School Lunch Program.

Mr. Speaker, if Democrat leaders will not bring up the USMCA for a vote and help our dairy farmers by doing things like eliminating Canada's Class 7 milk, then we should act to find other ways to solve these problems for our dairy farmers. These are three bills that are a great start.

#### END THE RECKLESS TRADE WAR

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

Mr. CISNEROS. Mr. Speaker, the President continues to talk about how the tariffs are working, how China is struggling, their economy is hurting, and they are ready to make a deal.

The reality is American businesses are suffering. The trade tariffs have had a negative impact on small businesses and consumers in my district.

I recently met with SEMA, the Specialty Equipment Market Association, an organization that represents nearly 8,000 businesses across the country, 1 million workers, and revenue of over \$45 billion. Seventy-five of those businesses are in California's 39th Congressional District.

The ongoing uncertainty and threats of new tariffs create an atmosphere of unpredictability and uncertainty that can inhibit growth and innovation.

Mr. Speaker, while businesses want to address unfair trade practices, they disagree with the administration's reckless approach to impose tariffs. These tariffs have increased prices for American consumers, hurt businesses, and harmed American families, not foreign countries.

China is no closer to making a deal than it was 6 months ago.

Let's end this reckless trade war for the sake of our consumers, our businesses in California's 39th, and across the country.

#### HONORING CAPTAIN JASON JONES

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

Mr. MEUSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Captain Jason Jones from Orwigsburg, Pennsylvania.

Captain Jones graduated at the top of his class from the United States Military Academy at West Point. After graduating, he served as team leader for the U.S. Army's 1st Battalion, 3rd Group Special Forces.

While deployed overseas, he was tragically killed in action on June 2, 2014, in Afghanistan.

Jason is survived by his wife, Dr. Amy Jones; parents, Jay and Suzy Jones; and sister and brother-in-law, Drs. Elizabeth and Alex Gambogi.

I recently attended an event that raised funds to honor Jason's service and ultimate sacrifice. The fundraiser was attended by hundreds of family and friends. The event raises money for scholarships, benefiting those in the community who are interested in following Jason's patriotic pursuit of military service.

Mr. Speaker, let us never forget and always support those, like Captain Jason Jones, who made the ultimate sacrifice to safeguard our freedoms.

Jason is so lovingly remembered by his family and his community. He has left behind a great legacy and a proud and grateful community and country.