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The House met at noon and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Ms. MCCOLLUM).

DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
December 16, 2019.

I hereby appoint the Honorable BETTY MCCOLLUM 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 would now recognize Members from lists submitted by the majority and minority leaders for morning-hour debate.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until 2 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at noon), the House stood in recess.

□ 1400

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Ms. SCHAKOWSKY) at 2 p.m.

PRAYER

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

In Your Word, You have implored us to have no fear, for You are with us.

Help us to put our trust in You and thus live up to our motto, which faces this assembly as a constant call to us. Bless all the peacemakers of our world. May Your eternal spirit be with them and with us always.

May Your special blessings be upon the Members of this assembly, in the important and difficult work they are given to do. Give them wisdom and charity, that they might work together for the common good.

May all that is done this day in the people's House be for Your greater honor and glory.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 7(a) of House Resolution 758, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Florida (Mr. DUNN) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. DUNN 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.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JAMES MONTGOMERY

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

Mr. DUNN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. James Horace Montgomery of Lake City, Florida, who I am sad to say recently passed away at the age of 86.

Mr. Montgomery, affectionately known as "Mr. Mont," graduated from

Columbia High School in 1951 and would later teach at several schools in Lake City, including the high school he graduated from and Florida Gateway College. He dedicated 60 years in all to educating our youth and was a role model to every student with whom he crossed paths.

Mr. Montgomery also devoted much of his life to the First Presbyterian Church, singing in the choir for over 50 years. He was an Eagle Scout, served as a county commissioner for 28 years, and was on the North Florida Regional Council for 27 years.

Mr. Mont will be missed by his entire community, but his legacy and the impact that he made will never be forgotten.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing and honoring the life of Mr. Montgomery.

MAKING IN ORDER AT ANY TIME CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 5430, UNITED STATES-MEXICO-CANADA AGREEMENT IMPLEMENTATION ACT

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that it be in order at any time without intervention of any point of order to consider in the House the bill (H.R. 5430); that the bill be considered as read; that the bill be debatable for 2 hours equally divided and controlled by the majority leader and the minority leader or their respective designees; and that, pursuant to section 151 of the Trade Act of 1974, the previous question be considered as ordered on the bill to final passage without intervening motion.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Minnesota?

There was no objection.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair

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