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Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York changed her vote from "yea" to "nay."

So the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Madam Speaker, with respect to the vote on H.R. 5377, I was unavoidably delayed. I was in the Speaker's lobby at the time of the vote, and when I entered the Chamber, the vote had concluded.

Had I been on the floor, Madam Speaker, I would have voted "aye."

FURTHER MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Ms. Byrd, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate agrees to the House amendment to the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 1865) "An Act to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint a coin in commemoration of the opening of the National Law Enforcement Museum in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes.".

The message also announced that the Senate has passed a bill of the following title in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 1822. An Act to require the Federal Communications Commission to issue rules relating to the collection of data with respect to the availability of broadband services, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the Senate agrees to the amendment of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 151) "An Act to deter criminal robocall violations and improve enforcement of section 227(b) of the Communications Act of 1934, and for other purposes.".

OF RESIGNATION ASMEMBER PERMANENT SELECT COM-MITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following resignation as a member of the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:

Congress of the United States.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. Washington, DC, December 19, 2019.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI.

Speaker, House of Representatives,

Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: I hereby resign from the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, effective today. Sincerely.

JIM JORDAN.

Member of Congress. The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the resignation is accepted. There was no objection.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER TO SELECT COM-PERMANENT MITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces the Speaker's appointment, pursuant to clause 11 of rule X, clause 11 of rule I, and the order of the House of January 3, 2019, of the following Member of the House to the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:

Mr. CRAWFORD, Arkansas, to rank after Mr. STEWART of Utah.

PROTECTING HAWAII'S UNIQUE AND FRAGILE ENVIRONMENT

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

Mr. CASE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce my bill to protect one of the most unique and fragile environments on Earth, my Hawaii, from devastating invasive species.

Isolated Hawaii has one of the highest number and rate of endemic species anywhere. Invasive species have wreaked havoc on our natural environment as well as Hawaii agriculture.

In the last 200 years alone, countless plant and animal species have gone extinct, in because of large part invasives.

Leading countries have required strict invasive prevention measures. Even the continental United States requires inspections of goods from Hawaii to prevent the introduction of species that may damage mainland crops.

Yet, Hawaii's prevention regime is weak. My bill simply says that if these invasive species prevention requirements are good enough for the rest of the country and much of the world, then they are good enough for Hawaii.

INDICTING CONGRESS FOR ABUSE OF POWER

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

Mr. MASSIE. Madam Speaker, just a few hours ago, this body voted for impeachment, so I rise today to speak about an abuse of power.

Congress has the sole power to declare war and the awesome responsibility to decide when, where, and for what purposes our soldiers will be asked to give their lives. Eighteen years ago, this body misappropriated that power by issuing an open-ended authorization to commit our soldiers to fight anywhere on the globe.

The so-called war on terror has claimed the lives of more American soldiers than lives of civilians who were lost on 9/11, not to mention over 100,000 lives of foreigners not associated with terror.

In the last week, this Chamber has passed over 6,000 pages of legislation, and it spent over a trillion dollars. Tragically, we just funded the 19th year of the war in Afghanistan, without changing or even defining a strategy for winning or ending that war.

So I close by indicting this very body for an abuse of power: abuse of our war powers and abuse of our power of the purse.

USMCA FAILS TO ADDRESS CLIMATE CRISIS

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

Mr. TONKO. Madam Speaker, I rise today in opposition to the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement.

While I am grateful that congressional Democrats worked very hard to improve the initial agreement, it still falls short in some critical areas. Let me address one.

There is an undeniable and unbreakable link between trade and climate pollution. Unfortunately, this agreement does not adequately address the ongoing and immediate climate crisis that we face.

For 25 years, we have watched as NAFTA painfully outsourced American jobs. Under this agreement, we will see the continued outsourcing of pollution, undermining our domestic and international efforts to address climate change.

The United States must get serious about this challenge and build international cooperation and commitments through all vehicles available to us. including our trade agreements.

Trade negotiations do not happen frequently, but their impact is felt for generations. I cannot support a deal which fails to even acknowledge the global climate crisis that future generations will be left to bear.

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CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND MILITARY LEGACY OF MORTON "SHEA" LANDY

(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. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life and the incredible military legacy of Morton "Shea" Landy.

Morton passed away on November 25 at the age of 90 in Curwensville, Pennsylvania.

Morton was a longtime resident of Clearfield County, Pennsylvania, although his military service took him across the world throughout his career.

After enlisting in the Marine Corps in 1946, Morton would go on to serve in Japan shortly after World War II, in the Caribbean during the Cuban Missile Crisis, and in Vietnam during the height of the Vietnam war, to name a few.

After 32 years of faithfully serving our Nation both domestically and abroad, Morton retired from the Marine Corps. He would finish his military career with not only the highest enlisted rank possible, but as the second highest sergeant major in the Marines.

Even still, Morton's service did not stop there. In retirement, he spent much of his time volunteering on behalf of the Clearfield County Historical Society, his local VFW, and the Marine Corps League.

The passing of Morton Landy is a profound loss, and I offer my sincerest condolences to Morton's family and to those who were forever touched by his commitment to service.

PRAISING THE IMPEACHMENT VOTE

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

Mr. PAYNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to praise my House colleagues for their votes to impeach President Donald Trump last night. I know it was not easy for many of them, but when called to make the tough choice, they proved themselves true patriots: They chose to protect and defend our country and our Constitution from a President who has little regard for either.

Foreign influence in American affairs was the Founding Fathers' biggest fear. That is why Presidents must be natural-born citizens.

But now we have a President who profits from foreign officials staying at his hotels, who solicits foreign interference in our elections, and who attacks everything American, including our courts, FBI, veterans, Gold Star families, and even our citizens. The Founding Fathers would have been extremely proud of what we did last night. That is why I am proud to be a Member of a Congress that fights for the public good and not personal profit.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to refrain from engaging in personalities toward the President.

APPRECIATING INDIA

(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. Madam Speaker, as we, today, close this year's legislative session, I am grateful to reflect on significant opportunities experienced in 2019.

My highlight was my continued association with India as former co-chair of the Congressional Caucus on India and Indian Americans, continuing my family's 75-year appreciation of India.

In August, I visited Mumbai to pay respects at the locations of the Islamic extremist attacks of November 26, 2018, the Indian equivalent of the 9/11 mass murder.

The Independence Day address by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in New Delhi was inspiring on August 15.

In September, it was extraordinary to be present in Houston for the Howdy Modi welcome of Prime Minister Modi by President Donald Trump. With 52,000 persons attending, it was the largest welcome event in American history for a head of state.

At the same time, the Indian Parliament, with multiparty support, voided the constitutional autonomy of Kashmir, supporting the Prime Minister's efforts to boost economic development, fight corruption, and end gender, cast, and religious discrimination.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September the 11th in the global war on terrorism with the leadership of President Donald Trump.

Americans are grateful, as the world's oldest democracy, to see India succeed as the world's largest democracy.

CONGRATULATING JONAS ON HIS GRADUATION FROM COLLEGE

(Ms. CRAIG asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. CRAIG. Mr. Speaker, today I congratulate my son Jonas, who graduates tomorrow from North Dakota State University's College of Agriculture and Applied Science.

When Jonas was in high school, he took postsecondary education classes at Inver Hills Community College, allowing him to graduate with a degree in natural resources management from NDSU in 3¹/₂ years.

I have four sons, and Jonas has always been the peacekeeper. He got into less—well, actually, no trouble that I know of in high school, and he is such a loyal friend that he went to college with his three best friends.

Of course, I didn't want Jonas to leave Minnesota for college, but he decided that Minnesota just wasn't cold enough for him, so he moved to Fargo. Now that he is done tomorrow, I couldn't be happier to welcome him back home to Minnesota.

Congratulations, Jonas.

IMPEACHMENT WAS A SHAM

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

Mr. BYRNE. Mr. Speaker, for weeks, we were told that we couldn't wait, we had to go forward with impeachment before Christmas, that the Republic was at stake. And then this House passed a purely partisan impeachment yesterday, and the Speaker has decided to hold the Articles of Impeachment.

That underscores the word "sham." That puts an exclamation point after the word "sham." That shows what a ridiculous exercise we just went through.

We can't dictate to the Senate how they handle their trial. They get to pick that.

This shows that they got cold feet on the other side. They don't have a case. They can't win a fair trial in the Senate, and they know it, and they are afraid to send the articles over there where it will get the fair trial and not the kangaroo court we had here.

THERE IS STILL TIME TO DE-LIVER THE AMERICAN FAMILY'S HOLIDAY WISH LIST

(Ms. WEXTON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. WEXTON. Mr. Speaker, when the American people sent us to Congress, they sent us here with policies they wished us to act upon—a wish list, if you will. And now, in the holiday season, let's reflect on what we have delivered for the American people from that wish list.

Federal workers will receive a 3.1 percent pay increase and, for the first time ever, 12 weeks of paid parental leave—two important priorities that I have fought for since I was sworn into office.

Just last week, we passed sweeping legislation that would help lower the skyrocketing cost of prescription drugs.

We also voted for universal background checks, equal pay for equal work, a living wage for hardworking Americans, equal protections for LGBTQ Americans, action on climate change, protection for Dreamers and TPS recipients, reauthorizing the Violence Against Women Act, and hundreds of other bipartisan bills.