

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. TAKANO. Madam Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8, rule XX, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

Ms. BROWNLEY of California 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.

#### PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRIES

Mr. GRIFFITH. Madam Speaker, I rise for a parliamentary inquiry or a series thereof.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will state his parliamentary inquiry.

Mr. GRIFFITH. Madam Speaker, am I correct that H. Res. 755 was passed by vote of the House on December 18, 2019?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will not verify the status of a measure not currently pending.

Mr. GRIFFITH. A measure not currently pending.

Additional parliamentary inquiry, please.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will state his parliamentary inquiry.

Mr. GRIFFITH. Madam Speaker, since H. Res. 755 passed on December 18, 2019, and the motion to reconsider H. Res. 755 was laid on the table on that same date, December 18, 2019, is there any action the House of Representatives can now take on H. Res. 755?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair does not respond to hypothetical questions.

Mr. GRIFFITH. It is not a hypothetical.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair does not respond to hypothetical questions.

Mr. GRIFFITH. Additional parliamentary inquiry.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will state his parliamentary inquiry.

Mr. GRIFFITH. I am not inquiring hypothetically. I may wish to take action. Is there any action currently available to a Member of the House in regard to H. Res. 755?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair does not issue advisory opinions.

Mr. GRIFFITH. All right. Further parliamentary inquiry.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will state his parliamentary inquiry.

Mr. GRIFFITH. Is H. Res. 755 currently within the bosom of the U.S. House?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman is inquiring about the status of a measure not currently pending on the House floor.

Mr. GRIFFITH. I thank the Speaker. Additional parliamentary inquiry.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will state his parliamentary inquiry.

Mr. GRIFFITH. Since 21 calendar days, 12 working days, and seven legislative days have gone by since H. Res. 755 passed the House and the Speaker of the House has not been physically able to deliver H. Res. 755 to the United States Senate, does clause 8(b)(3)(C) of rule I of the House rules automatically cause a vacancy in the Office of the Speaker, or what action does the House need to take since the Speaker has not been able to physically do an essential part of her administrative duties as the Speaker of the House?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman has stated the form of clause 8(b)(3) of rule I. However, the gentleman is not stating a parliamentary question within the purview of the Chair at this point. The gentleman is free to consult the rule and its accompanying legislative history for further clarification.

Mr. GRIFFITH. I thank the Chair.

Additional parliamentary inquiry.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will state his parliamentary inquiry.

Mr. GRIFFITH. Reviewing its parliamentary history, I would ask the Chair, is there any precedent, other than incapacity, of a Speaker not timely transmitting action of the House to the United States Senate?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will not issue an advisory opinion. The Chair is prepared to entertain one more parliamentary inquiry.

Mr. GRIFFITH. Additional parliamentary inquiry.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will state his parliamentary inquiry.

Mr. GRIFFITH. Madam Speaker, clause 8(b)(3)(C) says that a physical incapacity to do the job of Speaker causes or may cause a vacancy. I am asking if there is any precedent related to that rule that the Chair can direct me to, having found none on my own?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will again respond that she will not issue an advisory opinion.

Mr. GRIFFITH. I respectfully disagree that it is an advisory opinion and thank the Chair for her indulgence.

#### 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.

#### TAKE ACTION ON PFAS

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

Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN. Madam Speaker, I come to the well of the House today to call on my colleagues to support the PFAS Action Act. This bill, like so many that have come to the floor under Democratic leadership, is about taking action for the people; in this case, ensuring access to clean and safe water.

PFAS, so-called forever chemicals that have leached into water supplies for decades, are hazardous to human health. Their presence is linked with reduced kidney function, reduced immune system function, and increased risk for diseases like diabetes and cancer.

These chemicals are in our water because of corporate negligence, and like in many other cases, our working families trying to make ends meet are hit the hardest. That is why it is critical that Congress step up and take action, and that is why this legislation is so important and what it is about.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to stand up for the people and vote for the PFAS Action Act.

#### FORT JACKSON EXPANSION

(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, I am grateful for the addition of the Civil Affairs and Psychological Operations Advanced Individual Training courses at Fort Jackson, South Carolina, which is one of the most military friendly communities in America.

Civil affairs and psychological operation soldiers bring unique skill sets. The relocation of Fort Jackson, where over half of all soldiers attend basic training, effectively organizes courses in the Army Training and Doctrine Command environment.

Through job growth at Fort Jackson, the local economy of Columbia will benefit with nearly \$5 million in initial establishment, and \$3.5 annually.

Congratulations to Commanding General Milford Beagle, Jr., of Fort Jackson on this expansion. I appreciate his extraordinary leadership.

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

Our sympathy goes out to the family of Nawres Hamid, an Iraqi American Muslim from California who was murdered by the Soleimani-financed terrorists on December 27.

#### SALUTING JACK YATES HIGH SCHOOL

(Ms. JACKSON LEE asked and was given permission to address the House