Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, March 16, 2020, at 3 p.m.

House of Representatives

FRIDAY, MARCH 13, 2020

The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Ms. DELBENE).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
March 13, 2020.

I hereby appoint the Honorable SUZAN K. DELBENE to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer:

God of mercy, thank You for giving us another day.

Bless the Members of the people's House today, a legislative day in response to the growing impact of the coronavirus. As our leaders near an agreement on an economic stimulus package to combat the effects of the pandemic, send Your comforting and encouraging spirit to each one.

May they, united in their resolve to serve all Your people, put aside the divisions that exist to find an effective response that benefits all, but most especially those who are one or two paychecks removed from long-lasting negative impacts beyond the presence of the disease itself.

We thank You, as well, for those men and women in the private sector whose generosity and sensitivity to the vulnerable have emerged to the edification of all who have eyes to see. Bless them for their response in the current environment.

Finally, continue to bless those who suffer with the virus infection and those whose labor is in treating this illness and finding an effective cure.

May all that is done be for Your greater honor and glory.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 7(a) of House Resolution 891, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

Mr. NEWHOUSE 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 five requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

PROMPT ACTION NEEDED TO ADDRESS CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

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

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of the Families First Coronavirus Response Act.

Our Nation is confronting an unprecedented pandemic, unlike what any of us can remember.

Our role in the Congress is to be proactive and ensure public health officials have the resources and tools that they need to keep our communities safe in the coming weeks and months.

Prompt action is needed to address this extraordinary situation, and the Families First Coronavirus Response Act begins to meet the needs of many people in our communities.

The legislation ensures testing is 100 percent covered and paid sick leave. It ensures that food and economic assistance goes directly to hardworking men, women, and families deeply affected by the outbreak.

It also provides much-needed financial assistance to the States to meet this critical public health challenge that they are facing right now.

Leaders must lead. People are legitimately afraid, but we have to work together to address this issue.

EXTEND CHEMICAL FACILITY ANTI-TERRORISM STANDARDS PROGRAM

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

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