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Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Thursday, April 9, 2020, at 10 a.m.

House of Representatives

TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 2020

The House met at 11:30 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. SHERMAN).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
April 7, 2020.

I hereby appoint the Honorable BRAD SHERMAN 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.

Your desire is for our wholeness and well-being. We implore You to be with us through the collective suffering of our world at this time.

We grieve precious lives lost and vulnerable lives threatened, and ache for ourselves and our neighbors, standing before an uncertain future. May love, not fear, go viral.

Inspire the Members of this people's House to discern and choose wisely, under conditions which render good function of government even more difficult. May their efforts be aligned with the common good.

Help us to practice social distancing and all other methods of safe interaction, while we strive to find new and creative ways to come together in spirit and in solidarity.

In such a difficult time, help us to put our trust in You.

May everything done this day 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. The Chair will lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The SPEAKER pro tempore 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 would take this occasion to announce a temporary change to the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2019, regarding the introduction of bills and resolutions. The Chair advises Members that, notwithstanding such announced policy, bills and resolutions may be introduced in an electronic format, in accordance with the specifications detailed by the Speaker in her Dear Colleague letter of April 6, 2020, subject to any subsequent direction from the Speaker.

The Chair further announces the Speaker's direction to the official re-

porters, pursuant to clause 1 of rule VI, that extensions of remarks and other submissions to the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD by Members be accepted in an electronic format, in accordance with the Dear Colleague letter and any subsequent direction from the Speaker as earlier referenced.

These policies will be effective through April 19, and the Chair further advises that the policies may be extended if continued disruption of House operations remains necessary due to the coronavirus pandemic.

BILL PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Cheryl L. Johnson, Clerk of the House, reported that on April 3, 2020, she presented to the President of the United States, for his approval, the following bill:

H.R. 4771. To amend title 38, United States Code, to permit appellants to appear in cases before the Board of Veterans' Appeals by picture and voice transmission from locations other than facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 7(b) of House Resolution 891, the House stands adjourned until 9 a.m. on Friday, April 10, 2020.

Thereupon (at 11 o'clock and 36 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Friday, April 10, 2020, at 9 a.m.

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