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The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. CARSON of Indiana).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
May 28, 2020.

I hereby appoint the Honorable ANDRÉ CARSON 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 the universe, thank You for giving us another day.

Throughout the country, people mourn those whom they have lost; people lament the loss of businesses, of normalcy.

100,000 have now died of COVID-19. They were Democrats and Republicans. They lived in urban areas, and now, more and more, in rural areas. They were the descendants of men and women who were colonists, or Founding Fathers, and immigrants who had recently become citizens. They were disproportionately people of color, but not only of color, and of every religion and culture in this Nation.

When, O Lord, will we come to understand that we are all in this together, that if we do not stand together, we risk falling together? Heal the divisions within our body politic, within this Chamber, so that Your healing power, through our actions and goodwill, can be manifest in our United States.

May everything done this day, and in the days and weeks to come, be for Your greater honor and glory.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 4(a) of House Resolution 967, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

Mr. LAMALFA 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.

BLACK LIVES MATTER

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

Mr. KENNEDY. "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness."

Tell me, where was the right to life for Breonna Taylor, who was killed in her own bed by police and her boyfriend arrested for trying to protect her?

Where is the liberty for Ahmaud Arbery, killed for going for a jog, or Eric Garner, killed while begging for

his breath, or George Floyd, killed while under the knee of an officer uttering those same words, "I can't breathe"?

Where is the pursuit of happiness for Christian Cooper, who couldn't go bird watching without having the cops called on him?

Where is the equality in a nation where we proclaim that Black lives matter, yet we see our own neighbors' humanity stolen and still fail to provide justice?

250 years after our Nation wrote those words, those rights are not unalienable. If you are Black in America today, they do not exist.

All of us, any of us—with power and privilege—are accountable. We owe them better.

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE NEEDS TO GET IT TOGETHER

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

Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota. Mr. Speaker, last I knew, 20 million American had not received their stimulus checks.

In the 3 months since the CARES Act, I have been patient; South Dakotans have been patient as they wait for help some of them truly need.

Mr. Speaker, my patience has run low, especially since Americans are also waiting months for their tax returns.

Ben, from Marshall County, filed his in February. He is \$400 short on rent. He has been counting on his tax return. It is his money. But the IRS has not returned his phone calls, and they have not returned the phone calls or emails of congressional offices.

Workers in hospitals and in factories and in packing plants and in banks are working overtime to meet the needs of this Nation. I do not see that same

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