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Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, July 27, 2020, at 4 p.m.

House of Representatives

FRIDAY, JULY 24, 2020

The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer: God of all creation, thank You for giving us another day.

Continue to bless the Members of this people's House as they move through the appropriations process here on the Hill.

Amid the influences causing uncertainty about the future, may they be filled with Your spirit of wisdom and understanding in the forming of legislation to address the demands of our time.

Bless the men and women who attend to those who are sick and those men and women responsible for the safety and security of our communities throughout the country.

May all Americans live and act wisely, being sensitive to the dangers of group dynamics that can override personal good sense in times of high emotion and turmoil.

Dear God, call us back to Your message to be not afraid and to receive the peace You offer in nonviolence as it was lived and modeled by our good friend John Lewis.

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

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to section 4(a) of House Resolution 967, the Jour-

nal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Utah (Mr. MCADAMS) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. MCADAMS 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.

MOMENT OF SILENCE HONORING OFFICER JACOB J. CHESTNUT AND DETECTIVE JOHN M. GIBSON, UNITED STATES CAPITOL POLICE OFFICERS KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY

The SPEAKER. The Chair asks all Members in the Chamber, as well as Members and staff throughout the Capitol and the Capitol complex, to observe a moment of silence in memory of Officer Jacob J. Chestnut and Detective John M. Gibson of the United States Capitol Police, who were killed in the line of duty defending the Capitol on July 24, 1998.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will entertain up to five requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

HONORING JUDGE MICHAEL W. KWAN

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

Mr. MCADAMS. Madam Speaker, today I wish to recognize the treasured life and significant contributions of Judge Michael W. Kwan, a pillar of our community, who passed away on July 21, 2020.

Judge Kwan was a trailblazer in my State, known for leading on innovative judicial programs that respect the rights of the accused and improve public safety for Utahns.

A pioneer in his field through offering a drug court, Judge Kwan's forward-thinking approach emphasized rehabilitation. This has served as a model for other courts across the United States.

Judge Kwan stood as an example to many of those dedicated to public service, holding fast to our common ideal of justice for all.

Judge Kwan was a stalwart voice in Utah's Asian-American community, fighting for the full story and to recognize the significant contribution of Chinese workers to the completion of the transcontinental railroad over 150 years ago.

As the great-grandson of one of those workers, Judge Kwan helped found the Chinese Railroad Workers Descendants Association.

I was privileged to have known Judge Kwan. I mourn the loss of this extraordinary public servant together with his

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family, loved ones, and our entire community. I am certain that his impact will be felt for decades to come.

SOUND MONEY CAUCUS IS FORMED

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

Mr. DAVIDSON of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to announce the formation of the Sound Money Caucus. Together, we will study and highlight the impact of monetary and fiscal policy on the United States dollar as a store of value and a means of exchange.

As you can see, the supply of dollars has gone up dramatically, really since the gold standard ended in 1971. It is a gradual slope. But if you see since the recession, it has been aggressive. And then, obviously, here, this year, it has been nearly vertical.

The value of the dollar is critical. That is the store of value for all Americans.

I am pleased to be joined by Co-Chairman ANDY BARR, and Members like BRADY, BUDD, and ZELDIN. We look forward to working with everyone to highlight the importance of sound money.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 7183

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that I be removed as a cosponsor of H.R. 7183.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BLUMENAUER). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Virginia?

There was no objection.

NATION'S DEFENSE WORKERS DESERVE OUR SUPPORT

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

Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the National Defense Authorization Act.

The heart of our Nation's defense capabilities runs right through the congressional district that I serve, from the Rock Island Arsenal to aerospace manufacturing in Rockford, to the Peoria Air National Guard Base.

Because of COVID-19, the last several months have relied on the service of our National Guard in new ways.

The Peoria Air National Guard set up health clinics and testing centers in Bloomington, Illinois. They built a field hospital when Chicago needed it most. They have protected and served us throughout this pandemic. They deserve our support, and the National Defense Authorization Act will do just that.

I was proud to help secure provisions that protect the benefits of our National Guard members that they have

earned, expand student loan benefits to make sure that they have a bright future ahead, and to give our men in uniform a much-earned pay raise.

The district I represent is steeped in rich tradition of service to our Nation. The bipartisan defense package that we passed this week honors and upholds that tradition.

RECOGNIZING E. SHAVER

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

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Savannah's E. Shaver, Bookseller, which was voted the South's Best Bookstore 2020 by the readers of Southern Living magazine.

This cherished bookstore is Savannah's oldest independent bookstore, and it makes its home in a building erected in the 1840s by Eliza Jewett, one of the few female builders in the city at the time.

Ed and Esther Shaver turned this space into a bookstore in 1975, after selling antiques for a short time, and it has been thriving for over 40 years.

In 2015, Jessica Osborne took the helm in leading this special bookstore to make it the success that it is today.

This bookstore is more than just a store. It is an important part of downtown Savannah's character and charm.

I am thankful for Mrs. Osborne's commitment to keeping reading alive and well and for putting a smile on all faces that enter.

During difficult times like these, it is imperative we support small businesses like E. Shaver now more than ever.

ECONOMIC IMPACT PAYMENT DELAYS

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

Mr. RUIZ. Mr. Speaker, I am outraged that the CARES Act stimulus checks, the economic impact payments, have not arrived to many of my constituents months after being signed into law.

The stimulus checks provide timely and critical relief to families and individuals across our country who are struggling because of the coronavirus pandemic, but many constituents have told me they were forced to wait months for their stimulus checks or have yet to receive them at all.

To make matters worse, when my office has contacted the IRS on their behalf, the responses have been wholly inadequate, merely quoting what is on their website or failing to answer questions altogether.

This is unacceptable.

Families are unable to make ends meet, workers are choosing between keeping the lights on and buying groceries, and people have been laid off and are wondering where their next meal will come from.

My constituents are in dire need of urgent assistance.

The IRS must act immediately to expedite these stimulus checks so the American people can get through this tumultuous time.

BUST OF JUSTICE THURGOOD MARSHALL

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

Mr. GROTHMAN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to address what I guess I will refer to as the statue bill that we passed a couple days ago in this House.

It was well known all the statues that were supposed to be removed there. And to be honest, I always bristle a little bit when I hear Mr. Stephens from Georgia, the former vice president of the Confederacy, getting a statue in this building.

However, I don't think enough people knew that in that bill, we are also going to require a statue or bust of Thurgood Marshall.

In 1973, during *Roe v. Wade*, Justice Marshall was one of seven Justices who found a right to abortion, after it was illegal in this country for years and years, found a right to abortion in the Constitution put together by Alexander Hamilton and James Madison.

Worse, in the deliberations, there originally was going to be abortion allowed in the first 3 months. Justice Marshall, along with Justice Brennan, weighed in to make it until viability. So the United States is, right now, one of only seven countries in the world to allow abortions this late, which is really just a horrific thing.

I will say, if his bust is ever put in the Capitol, or a statue, I will always remember in 1973 when Justice Marshall was one of the ones who weighed in to legalize abortion in the country as well as weighed in to make sure we were one of seven countries to allow abortion up to viability.

WAGE-GRADE WORKERS IN THE CIVIL DEFENSE INDUSTRY WILL BE PAID FAIRLY

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

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, I rise this morning to congratulate the House for passing the NDAA, National Defense Authorization Act.

It is a win for Pennsylvania, and it is a win for civil defense workers all over this country.

Namely, Tobyhanna Army Depot in my district is a winner here, because this fixes a problem.

There is a wage and salary disparity between the maps. There is a map mismatch that has been going on that I have been fighting ever since I got to Congress.

This year, my bill, the Locality Pay Equity Act, got in the NDAA.