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Senate

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

House of Representatives

FRIDAY, JULY 31, 2020

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

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
July 31, 2020.

I hereby appoint the Honorable DIANA DEGETTE 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: Loving God, thank You for giving us another day.

We turn to You, much as the Psalmist did of old:

“Though we walk in the midst of dangers, You guard our lives when our enemies rage. You stretch out Your hand. Your right hand saves us.”

And, again: “We are surrounded by enemies, who are like lions hungry for human flesh. . . . Show Your greatness in the sky, O God, and Your glory over all of the Earth.”

And yet again: “Look! Your enemies are in an uproar, and those who hate You have raised their head. Against Your people they devise deceptive schemes, and they plot together against the people You treasure.”

We say, “In God We Trust,” and claim to be Your special blessing so

many times. Your people turn to You now, as the enemies of coronavirus and a brutal economy besiege us.

Show Your greatness, O God, and bless the Members of Congress with the wisdom and courage to address with authority these dangers.

With Your grace, give us reason to proclaim Your presence and protection in our time of need.

May all that is done 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 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.

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.

HONORING UTAH FIREFIGHTERS’ BATTLE AGAINST KNOLLS FIRE

(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, Utah’s hot, dry summers bring with them risks to lives and property due to wildfires.

Our first and last line of defense against this risk is the skill, dedication, and courage of firefighters from across our State. Sometimes we may take their efforts for granted until we hear about a particular act of valor, as in Utah’s firefighters’ recent battle against the Knolls fire in Saratoga Springs.

So far this season, Utah communities have seen 650 fires, which have forced evacuations across the State. The city of Saratoga Springs and other surrounding communities faced some of the worst of it so far, with 13,000 residents forced to evacuate their homes due to the Knolls fire.

For 7 days and nights, in extreme temperatures and erratic winds, 200 firefighters worked tirelessly to protect the community and our residents. The fire consumed over 13,000 acres of land, but due to their extraordinary efforts, only one home was lost to the flames.

Wildfire season continues, but what we have shown with the Knolls fire is that local, State, and Federal resources in coordination can minimize damage and save lives.

I am grateful to the brave men and women who suit up for these dangerous

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