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Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 25, 2020, at 2:30 p.m.

House of Representatives

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22, 2020

The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mrs. LAWRENCE).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
August 22, 2020.

I hereby appoint the Honorable BRENDA L. LAWRENCE 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 us all, we thank You for giving us another day.

Bless the Members of the people's House gathered here at the Capitol for an extraordinary session in extraordinary times.

Inspire them with wisdom as they hope to address the needs of our Nation in such a difficult period of our shared history.

Continue to bless those who labor to attend to the sick among our citizens, and those also who strive to find effective treatments and vaccines. Keep us all safe, in Your divine mercy.

May all that is done this day 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 Pennsylvania (Mr. THOMPSON) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania 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.

UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE

(Ms. PLASKETT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. PLASKETT. Madam Speaker, first, I thank the Postal workers across this Nation who work so tirelessly to ensure we receive our mail in a timely fashion and are now doing it under tremendous difficulty. Almost every business, from the largest corporation to the smallest hometown operation, relies on the Postal Service.

But for those businesses, those families—medicine, food, and goods are in jeopardy, not from a foreign adversary and not from war, but from attack within our borders, from those in charge, from the Postmaster General.

Why?

What is the primary purpose?

It is to subvert an election.

Today and Monday we will combat that attack. We will give the funding and the procedures necessary to restore and support the U.S. Post Office.

We have also responded to the unanimous request of the Trump-appointed Postal Board of Governors for \$25 billion in much-needed emergency operational relief.

For over 200 years, neither snow nor rain nor heat nor gloom of night has stayed these couriers from the swift completion of their appointed rounds. Let it not be on our watch that this legacy ends.

THE BLUFFS RESTAURANT

(Ms. FOXX of North Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. FOXX of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, 10 years ago, the Bluffs Restaurant, a wonderfully historic establishment on the Blue Ridge Parkway in the Fifth District, closed its doors. Today it is reopening thanks to over 500 donors who contributed more than \$1 million for repairs.

In 1949 the Bluffs was the first restaurant to open on the Blue Ridge Parkway, and it served customers for more than 61 years. Generations of families have passed through its doors, and they have returned time and again. For them it is not just about the food, it is also about the countless memories that have been made there.

My plan was to attend the reopening event today. Unfortunately, I could

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