



United States
of America

Congressional Record

PROCEEDINGS AND DEBATES OF THE 116th CONGRESS, SECOND SESSION

Vol. 166

WASHINGTON, MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2020

No. 163

House of Representatives

The House met at noon and was called to order by the Speaker.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer: Lord, merciful God, we give You thanks for giving us another day.

We give You thanks for the life and work of Justice Ruth Ginsburg. May all Americans be inspired to be their best selves because of her example. May she rest in peace.

Bless those throughout our Nation who are suffering from the pandemic, fires, hurricanes, and flooding. Their needs continue. Impel our political leaders to tend to those needs with speed and wisdom.

Help us to be people of faith and hope. Lord, have mercy.

May all that is done in the days to come be for Your greater honor and glory.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentlewoman from Wyoming (Ms. CHENEY) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. CHENEY 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.

EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON THE DEATH OF THE HONORABLE RUTH BADER GINSBURG

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I offer a privileged resolution and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 1128

Resolved, That the House has heard with profound sorrow of the death of the Honorable Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States.

Resolved, That the House tenders its deep sympathy to the members of the family of the late Associate Justice in their bereavement.

Resolved, That the Clerk communicate these resolutions to the Senate and to the Supreme Court and transmit a copy of the same to the family of the late Associate Justice.

Resolved, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late Associate Justice.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will entertain up to 15 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

CONFIRMING JULIE FISHER TO BE AMBASSADOR TO REPUBLIC OF BELARUS

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

Mr. SHIMKUS. Madam Speaker, Ms. Julie Fisher is our nominee to be the U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of Belarus. A confirmation vote is scheduled for tomorrow in the committee. Once confirmed, she leaves for her post.

Upon arrival, she is to present her credentials to the duly elected President of the Republic of Belarus.

Today, I am calling upon President Trump and Secretary of State Mike Pompeo to ensure that these credentials be presented to the duly elected President of the Republic of Belarus, Svetlana Tikhonovskaya.

A republic is a government having a chief of state who is not a monarch or a dictator and who, in modern times, is a president duly elected by the people. Svetlana clearly won the election, and her massive support continues to show itself by the peaceful protests numbering over 100,000 citizens.

Another option would be for her to present her credentials to the governing council, which will help transition the country to fair and free elections within 6 months.

Madam Speaker, I call upon all of our democratic allies to do the same.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. DINGELL). Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

The House will resume proceedings on postponed questions at a later time.

PRACTICAL REFORMS AND OTHER GOALS TO REINFORCE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF SELF-GOVERNANCE AND SELF-DETERMINATION FOR INDIAN TRIBES ACT OF 2019

Ms. HAALAND. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (S. 209) to amend the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act to provide further self-governance by Indian Tribes, and for other purposes.

□ This symbol represents the time of day during the House proceedings, e.g., □ 1407 is 2:07 p.m.

Matter set in this typeface indicates words inserted or appended, rather than spoken, by a Member of the House on the floor.



Printed on recycled paper.

H4549