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The House met at 11:30 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mrs. DINGELL).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,

August 31, 2021. I hereby appoint the Honorable DEBBIE DINGELL to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

Holy and eternal God, in whose care time finds its meaning and life its boundaries, we pray for this moment in time when our adversaries have proven callous in their understanding of the sanctity of human life and their actions have betrayed their hubris by inciting violence and inflaming fear and panic.

We pray Your intercession on behalf of all those who face the harsh cruelty of terrorism, who cling desperately for a chance at freedom, and those who can but only watch their friends and family fall prey to the inhumanity that threatens to extinguish all hope of reunion.

We pray Your protection over those who, this day, give selflessly of their efforts and even their lives that this kind of savagery would not win, who believe that an act of kindness, a commitment to service, and a resolute purpose, can hold back the tides of hatred and heartlessness.

And to those who grieve of loss of precious life and longed-for liberty, we pray Your tender mercies. Because of Your great love, which transcends all measure of malice, may they not be consumed. May Your compassion never fail them. Be their portion as they await Your salvation. We offer these prayers in Your merciful name. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 11(a) of House Resolution 188, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The SPEAKER pro tempore 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 IN REMEM-BRANCE OF SERVICEMEMBERS KILLED IN AFGHANISTAN ON AU-GUST 26, 2021

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair asks all Members in the Chamber, as well as Members and staff throughout the Capitol, to rise for a moment of silence in remembrance of the 13 servicemembers who were killed during the terrorist bombing in Kabul, Afghanistan, on August 26, 2021.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 11(b) of House Resolution 188, the House stands adjourned until noon on Friday, September 3, 2021.

Thereupon (at 11 o'clock and 34 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Friday, September 3, 2021, at noon.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

EC-2057. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting a letter reporting violations of the Antideficiency Act, by the United States Coast Guard, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1351; Public Law 97-258; (96 Stat. 926); to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-2058. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting a letter reporting violations of the Antideficiency Act, by the Department of Homeland Security, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1351; Public Law 97-258; (96 Stat. 926); to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-2059. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting a letter reporting violations of the Antideficiency Act, by the Department of Homeland Security involving a negative cash balance with Treasury, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1351; Public Law 97-258; (96 Stat. 926); to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-2060. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting a letter reporting violations of the Antideficiency Act, by the Citizenship and Assimilation Grant program, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1517(b); Public Law 110-161, Sec. 1517(b); (121 Stat. 2285); to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-2061. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting a letter reporting violations of the Antideficiency Act, by the Department of Homeland Security U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1351; Public Law 97-258; (96 Stat. 926); to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-2062. A letter from the Acting President and Chairman, Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting a statement with respect to a transaction involving exports to various countries, pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 635(b)(3); July 31, 1945, ch. 341, Sec. 2 (as added by Public Law 102-266, Sec. 102); (106 Stat. 95); to the Committee on Financial Services.

EC-2063. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule —

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