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Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Friday, January 15, 2016, at 11 a.m.

House of Representatives

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2016

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: We give You thanks, merciful God, for giving us another day.

As You make available to Your people the grace and knowledge to meet the needs of the day, we pray that Your spirit will be upon the Members of this people's House, giving them the richness of Your wisdom.

Bless the Members of the majority party as they gather these next days. May they, with those who accompany them, travel safely and meet in peace.

Bless also the minority party as they prepare for their own gathering. May these days be filled with hopeful anticipation.

May the power of Your truth and our faith in Your providence give them all the confidence they must have to do the good work required for service to our Nation. Give all Members the strength of purpose and clarity of mind to do those things that bring justice and mercy to people, and maintain freedom and liberty for our land.

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

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from North Carolina (Ms. FOXX) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. FOXX 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

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

MORE EMPTY WORDS AT STATE OF THE UNION

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

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, for the past 7 years, President Obama has given us 47,625 words of meaningless rhetoric. Last night's State of the Union address was more of the same empty words.

President Obama has never adequately focused on what really matters in this country: keeping America safe and defending our cherished freedoms.

Instead, he wants to maintain the status quo and continues to promote top-down, one-size-fits-all Federal dictates that stymie economic growth. It is clear he doesn't understand the solu-

tions that will get our Nation back on track with the American people, not Washington bureaucrats.

President Obama promised hope and change, but his failed agenda has brought the wrong kind of change, and many North Carolinians are losing hope.

Fortunately, Republicans are committed to restoring confidence in America and empowering her people to make their own decisions and pursue their own dreams.

HONORING KOREAN AMERICAN DAY

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

Mr. HONDA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Korean American Day and to honor the 2 million Korean Americans across this country. January 13 is a day of celebration not just for the Korean Americans across this country; it is a celebration of America.

113 years ago, 102 men, women, and children traveled from the Korean Peninsula and landed in Hawaii. Since their arrival, the Korean American community has enriched and strengthened our Nation's society, culture, Armed Forces, economy, politics, education, and arts.

From serving in high-level posts in our government to making strides in entrepreneurship and medicine, Korean Americans continue to leave an indelible mark in our Nation's history and makeup. So to the Korean Americans

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