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

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
September 6, 2017.

I hereby appoint the Honorable DENNIS A. ROSS to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

PAUL D. RYAN,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer: Dear Lord, thank You for giving us another day.

These are energized days when Americans are being challenged to consider who we are as a people. Please bless all our citizens—and those who would be citizens—with generosity and discernment, that the national discourse would be a wonder for the world to see, and not a time of ever-widening divisions.

For the Members of this people's House, we ask a surfeit of wisdom and patience that they might work together, and through the differences that are all too familiar to a new vision of those qualities that might bring us together as one people.

Finally, we ask Your blessing of the people of Texas, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, California, Oregon, Washington, and Montana, all who suffer the ravages of extreme natural disasters. Comfort them, and strengthen those who labor to bring relief to their hardships.

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

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. 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.

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to clause 1, rule I, I demand a vote on agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8, rule XX, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. SIREs) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. SIREs 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 15 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

LET'S PASS BILL TO HELP DREAMERS

(Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN asked and was given permission to address the House

for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, as early as March 6, 2018, hundreds of thousands of young immigrants, who are as American as you, could be forced to leave our great country.

The United States is their home, and the DACA program has afforded these DREAMers the opportunity to come out of the shadows, work legally, and pursue their educational goals. They are buying homes, creating businesses, working in our schools and hospitals, and contributing to our economy. Simply put, they are active members of our community.

Mr. Speaker, Congress can save these young Americans from deportations. I have introduced, along with my friend, Congresswoman LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD, legislation that will ensure DREAMers can continue to fully participate in the American way of life and one day even become proud American citizens. The love for this country is already embedded in their hearts.

There are other alternatives that we can pass, such as the RAC Act, sponsored by my good friend and Florida colleague, Congressman CURBELO; and the BRIDGE Act, sponsored by my friend, Congressman COFFMAN, that gives DREAMers a chance to continue to build their future.

Congress has less than 6 months to act. The clock is ticking, Mr. Speaker. Let's do what is right and vote on these bills.

TERMINATION OF DACA

(Mr. SIREs asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. SIREs. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to condemn the cruel and indefensible termination of the DACA program.

Since its launch in 2012, DACA has helped hundreds of thousands of young people come out of the shadows without the fear of being separated from

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