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Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, September 23, 2019, at 3 p.m.

House of Representatives

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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: God of all creation, thank You for giving us another day. At the end of a very busy week, we ask Your blessing upon the Members of this people's House. As they face a rare short week-end, may they be refreshed so as to return for a busy week to address the salient issues of these days.

We ask Your blessing today for the people in and around Houston, who again find themselves dealing with serious damages due to flooding. May they and those many first responders be safe as they begin the recovery of their community.

May all that is done 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 her approval thereof.

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

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Madam Speaker, pursuant to clause 1, rule I, I demand a vote on agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

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

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

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Madam Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

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

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. CHABOT) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. CHABOT 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.

HONORING RICHARD SWANN

(Mrs. MURPHY of Florida asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. MURPHY of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the extraordinary life and enduring legacy of Richard Swann, a constituent of mine who recently passed away.

Richard's life was overflowing with action and accomplishment, trial and

triumph, and above all, family and friendship. Richard lost his childhood sweetheart and beloved wife, Doris, too young, but he poured his energy into his work, into his 4 children and 12 grandchildren, and into his large and loyal network of friends.

Richard was a wise lawyer, a far-sighted businessman, a real estate developer, and an influential player at the highest levels of American and Florida politics. Richard was a proud Orlando native and foresaw the city's potential before nearly anybody else. Richard did as much as any man to transform Orlando into the wonderful place it is today.

Richard was best known as a champion of the political causes and candidates he cared about. He was committed to the concept of responsible and engaged citizenship.

At the service celebrating Richard's life, his granddaughter Caroline read an excerpt from Teddy Roosevelt's speech, "The Man in the Arena." Richard never sat on the sidelines. He was always in the arena, striving valiantly and daring greatly.

Richard was a pillar of our central Florida community. He will be deeply missed by all of us who had the honor to call him a friend.

CONGRATULATING CINCINNATI STATE TECHNICAL AND COMMUNITY COLLEGE ON ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY

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

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