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Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, October 21, 2019, at 3 p.m.

House of Representatives

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2019

The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. NEGUSE).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
October 18, 2019.

I hereby appoint the Honorable JOE NEGUSE to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

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

As the House comes to the end of an emotional week, we ask that You give all Members Your calming and comforting spirit.

We mourn the loss of a colleague, and implore Your healing presence in this Chamber, in the Cummings family, and in the hearts of all who have labored in these Halls, especially in the Oversight Committee in these most recent years.

We continue to rely upon Your wisdom and understanding, and ask Your favor for us and for our Nation.

May all that is done 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.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentlewoman from Indiana (Mrs. WALORSKI) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. WALORSKI 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 five requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

UAW STRIKE

(Mrs. DINGELL asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, for the last month, my brothers and sisters in the UAW have been standing up for their livelihoods, their families, and their future. When home, I have joined them at all hours and all shifts just to listen, to support, and to understand.

Being on a picket line is hard work, but UAW workers are committed workers who are a crucial component of building America's auto industry and driving our Nation's economy.

This strike has been about the collective community and workers across America being treated fairly, with dignity and respect. Many UAW members are newer hires and temporaries, workers who are paid less than their colleagues whom they work side by side with. Many temps work 7 days a week, get no overtime, have no sick pay, and can't take time for a family emergency.

The good news for the country is that a tentative agreement between the UAW and GM is now going for ratification.

All workers need to recognize they benefit from the courage, commitment, and caring of these UAW workers. We need their jobs here; we need manufacturing here in this country; but we need fair pay, fair benefits, and commitment to produce here in the United States of America. Their fight is the fight of all workers.

ABANDONED COAL MINES

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

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to draw attention to our Nation's abandoned coal mines.

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