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## Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Thursday, February 27, 2020, at 9:30 a.m.

## House of Representatives

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2020

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

### DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,  
February 26, 2020.

I hereby appoint the Honorable SEAN CASTEN to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,  
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

### MORNING-HOUR DEBATE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of January 7, 2020, the Chair will now recognize Members from lists submitted by the majority and minority leaders for morning-hour debate.

The Chair will alternate recognition between the parties, with time equally allocated between the parties and each Member other than the majority and minority leaders and the minority whip limited to 5 minutes, but in no event shall debate continue beyond 11:50 a.m.

### INVIDIOUS DISCRIMINATION SHOULD NOT EXIST IN THIS COUNTRY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Texas (Mr. GREEN) for 5 minutes.

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, and still I rise a proud American, proud to be a citizen of the greatest country in the world, proud to proclaim that I am a liberated Democrat, speak truth to power, truth about power, unbought and unbossed.

I am also proud to be aided today with my mnemonic notes. I would like to talk to you about invidious discrimination in the United States of America, the greatest country in the world.

I know of no one in this House who believes that invidious discrimination is appropriate. I believe that every Member of this House will go on record indicating that invidious discrimination should not exist in this, the greatest country in the world.

But what I would like to do is give some empirical evidence of the existence of this invidious discrimination and then say a word or two about possible remedies.

Newsday had a testing investigation. On November 17, 2019, Newsday released a scathing report detailing an investigation into the nature and extent of real estate sales practices on Long Island in New York.

Now, do not confuse the fact that this was in New York on Long Island with the notion that it doesn't happen in other places. It could have happened in my city, Houston, Texas, and my belief is it happens every day in a good many places around this country.

The evidence continues with this. The report, titled, "Long Island Divided," was the culmination of a 3½ year comprehensive investigation en-

tailing 240 hours of secretly recorded meetings with real estate agents and analysis of 5,764 house listings.

It appears that the Newsday report revealed a 19 percent rate of discrimination against Asian Americans, 39 percent rate of discrimination against Latinos, and 49 percent rate of discrimination against African Americans.

It appears that the persons who were the agents, the agents who were the persons being spoken to by persons seeking opportunities, it appears that these agents refused to provide service to customers of color—some of them, not all of them.

They showed borrowers of color far fewer homes than their White counterparts, provided inaccurate information to borrowers of color, made inappropriate statements based on race, placed higher requirements on borrowers of color, and steered potential customers based on race.

Nobody in this House would agree to this as appropriate. Everybody in this House, I believe, would condemn this. But here is where the rubber meets the road.

It is one thing to condemn it and to say that it is wrong. That is a talking point. We can have the greatest talking points in the world, but this will continue until we make those talking points an action item.

There are things that we can do to prevent this level of invidious discrimination. The question is not whether there is a way. The question is: Do we have the will to challenge and take on this level of invidious discrimination?

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