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

DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
November 14, 2012.

I hereby appoint the Honorable DANIEL WEBSTER to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

JOHN A. BOEHNER,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

MORNING-HOUR DEBATE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of January 17, 2012, 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 each party limited to 1 hour and each Member other than the majority and minority leaders and the minority whip limited to 5 minutes each, but in no event shall debate continue beyond 11:50 a.m.

DANNY DID FOUNDATION

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

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Speaker, an estimated 50,000 people die every year as a result of seizures. Some of these victims are youngsters like Danny Stanton. Chicagoans Mike and Mariann Stanton founded the Danny Did Foundation after their 4-year-old son, Danny, died from a seizure while he was sleeping. The foundation is dedicated to preventing deaths caused by seizures and raising epilepsy awareness among the public and medical commu-

nity. That's no small task, but one brave 7-year-old is taking a courageous step to help raise awareness of epilepsy's dangers.

Nick Curley never met Danny, but Nick's cousin Jenny suffers from seizures. Nick has always helped out epilepsy charities in small ways, but felt the need to do something bigger. As an enthusiastic hockey player, he decided to combine his love for the sport and passion for charity to create "100 Miles for Danny."

The 7-year-old athlete visited 20 different hockey rinks in the Chicago area and skated 5 miles, or 50 laps, at each rink. His goal has been to raise money and awareness for epilepsy, as well as the Danny Did Foundation. I had the honor and pleasure to skate with Nick on two separate occasions. Not only is he an impressive skater, but his dedication to educating the public about the perils of epilepsy is extraordinary. Nick's determination and warm heart set a powerful example for all of us—one that I will not soon forget.

On Danny's first day of preschool, he told his teacher, I just want to learn. Like Danny, the foundation aims to educate the general public and the medical community about this misunderstood disease.

I admire the efforts of the Danny Did Foundation and heroes like Nick Curley, who truly enjoys life, just like Danny did.

AFGHANISTAN

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. JONES) for 5 minutes.

Mr. JONES. Mr. Speaker, while we were home for the district work period in October, 18 American troops died in Afghanistan. In my home county of Pitt in North Carolina, Army Specialist Joshua Nelson was killed by the

very Afghans he was sent to train. He is just one of the 60 killed by these insider attacks.

My adviser, a former United States Marine Corps commandant, recently said to me, I am more convinced than ever that we need to get out of Afghanistan. When our friends turn out to be our enemy, it is time to pull the plug.

It is such a tragedy when American servicemembers are sent to Afghanistan to train police and military and end up being killed by their own trainees.

Mr. Speaker, the whole war in Afghanistan is a tragedy. On October 7, there was a national article titled, "A Mother Mourns a Grim Milestone," referring to the 2,000 American casualties from the war in Afghanistan.

Lisa Freeman, who was interviewed in the article, lost her son, Captain Mathew Freeman, in 2009 in Afghanistan. Ms. Freeman said:

I just sat here, reliving the pain and wondering: Where is America's outrage? Where is America's concern that we're still at war?

My question is, Mr. Speaker, why is the House of Representatives still supporting a war that costs \$10 billion a month? This money is borrowed primarily from the Chinese. All we hear about is the financial cliff, this crisis that is facing America. My question is, after 11 years, where is the outrage from Congress for our men and women in uniform dying in Afghanistan?

2014 is the date that the President has said that we will start bringing the troops out. That is 25 more months. Why do we have to wait until the end of 2014 to start bringing our troops home? How many more have to die at the hands of the very Afghans they are training?

An October 14 New York City Times editorial title "Time to Pack Up" has a subtitle that says it best: "It should not take 2 more years for the United States to leave Afghanistan."

Mr. Speaker, I have a petition on my Web site, Jones.House.gov. I'm asking

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