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Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 19, 2016, at 1 p.m.

House of Representatives

MONDAY, JULY 18, 2016

The House met at 2:30 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. MESSER).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
July 18, 2016.

I hereby appoint the Honorable LUKE MESSER to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

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

PRAYER

Rabbi Arnold E. Resnicoff, Retired Chaplain, United States Navy, Washington, D.C., offered the following prayer:

O Lord who said "Let there be light," we have reason still to fear the dark, the dark of senseless death, of murder, terror, fear, and strife, testing faith in a future warm and bright.

This day, 18 July, almost 250 years ago, the Gazette in Boston published a patriotic hymn, "The Liberty Song":

Join hand in hand, brave Americans all;
By uniting, we stand; by dividing, we fall.

I was in a Beirut foxhole, 1983, religious war, but U.S. foxholes were unique: interfaith. Side by side, some sought you through different religious faith traditions; others—not religious—found faith and common cause in freedom's call, in freedom's holy light.

Help us, we pray, learn the truth.

I learned that day that if more foxholes, if more people made room for others' faiths, we would need far fewer foxholes and have more cause for faith.

So give us strength to pray. Join hand in hand, brave Americans all. By uniting, we stand; by dividing, we fall. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 8(a) of House Resolution 820, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The SPEAKER pro tempore 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.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE DEMOCRATIC LEADER

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Honorable NANCY PELOSI, Democratic Leader:

JULY 14, 2016.

Hon. PAUL D. RYAN,
Speaker of the House,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to section 409(b) of the Puerto Rico Oversight, Management and Economic Stability Act

(PROMESA), I hereby appoint the following Members to the Congressional Task Force on Economic Growth in Puerto Rico:

Representative Nydia Velázquez of New York

Representative Pedro Pierluisi, Resident Commissioner of Puerto Rico

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Best regards,

NANCY PELOSI,
Democratic Leader.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, July 15, 2016.

Hon. PAUL D. RYAN,
The Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on July 15, 2016 at 9:57 a.m.:

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 4904.

That the Senate passed S. 1935.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

KAREN L. HAAS.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

This symbol represents the time of day during the House proceedings, e.g., 1407 is 2:07 p.m.

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