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The House met at noon and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mrs. LESKO).

DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
 July 23, 2018.

I hereby appoint the Honorable DEBBIE LESKO to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

PAUL D. RYAN,
Speaker of the House Representatives.

MORNING-HOUR DEBATE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of January 8, 2018, the Chair would now recognize Members from lists submitted by the majority and minority leaders for morning-hour debate.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until 2 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at noon), the House stood in recess.

□ 1400

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. HOLDING) at 2 p.m.

PRAYER

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

As we anticipate the 20th anniversary of that terrible day, we ask Your

blessing once again upon the families of Officer Jacob Chestnut and Detective John Gibson, who laid down their lives in defending the safety of the U.S. Capitol. We ask as well Your protection for the entire Capitol Police force, who mourns the loss of their brothers in uniform. Thank You for calling them all to their lives of service.

Please hear our prayers for the Members of this assembly, upon whom the authority of government is given. Help them to understand the tremendous responsibility they have to represent both their constituencies and the people of this great Nation of ours.

Give each Member peace and equanimity, and give all Americans generosity of heart, to understand that governance is not simple but difficult work, at times requiring sacrifice and forbearance.

May all that is done within the people's House this day 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 gentleman from Florida (Mr. BILIRAKIS) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. BILIRAKIS 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.

BUILDING CODES

(Mr. BILIRAKIS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, as we enter the hurricane season, I would like to recognize those within the building and code enforcement community for the work they do to maintain the resilience of our homes and commercial buildings.

The International Code Council has established a building safety campaign that is recognized annually by jurisdictions across the Nation. Its purpose is to reinforce the need for the adoption of modern building codes; a strong system of code compliance; and a well-trained, professional workforce to provide public safety.

In the 10 years since Florida adopted the statewide building code under Governor Bush—I was in the legislature at the time; he showed great leadership—the code's adoption and application reduced windstorm actual losses by as much as 72 percent.

Year after year, we see the type of devastation that Mother Nature can bring, and it is important we are doing all that we can to minimize its damage.

CONGRATULATING HERMAN BELL

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

Mr. DUNN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate an exceptional member of the Air Force on his retirement from government service: Mr. Herman Bell. Herman will retire this week as the chief of public affairs of Tyndall Air Force Base, capping a career of more than 46 years of government service.

Herman enlisted in the Air Force in 1972 and retired as a master sergeant in 1993. He has served in the 325th Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office since that time. His keen leadership over the last 25 years at Tyndall and the many years

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