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

DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
November 7, 2017.

I hereby appoint the Honorable RANDY K. WEBER, SR. to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

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

MORNING-HOUR DEBATE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of January 3, 2017, 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. All time shall be equally allocated between the parties, and in no event shall debate continue beyond 11:50 a.m. Each Member, other than the majority and minority leaders and the minority whip, shall be limited to 5 minutes.

PENN STATE TO CELEBRATE MILITARY APPRECIATION WEEK AND HOMECOMING

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

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, this week, Penn State University recognizes Military Appreciation Week, which is in conjunction with its homecoming celebration.

The Penn State Homecoming and Military Appreciation game will take place, and appropriately so, on Veterans

Day, Saturday, November 11, against the Rutgers Scarlet Knights in Beaver Stadium. This game will celebrate both Penn State and its commitment to alumni and others in the community who have served in our military.

I am so pleased to see the Penn State community honoring servicemembers, veterans, and their families, expressing appreciation to them and recognizing the sacrifices of Gold Star families.

Faculty, staff, and students from around the university and within the community are engaging in planning and recognizing Active-Duty and veteran military personnel and their families.

Mr. Speaker, the State College Borough and Centre County have also joined with University Park to present numerous events for veterans and their families during Military Appreciation Month. Events began on October 2 with the Penn State Veterans Career Fair and will continue through the end of this week.

The Vietnam Veterans Traveling Memorial Wall came to University Park during the month's events. I had the opportunity to participate in both the opening and closing ceremonies for the wall, and it was a moving tribute to all those who served during the Vietnam war.

The theme for the Centre County event was "Welcome Home." We all know that, in many instances, our Vietnam veterans did not receive a warm welcome home when they actually returned home from war. This is a scar on our history and one that we are working to heal. The Traveling Wall served as a reminder of the efforts to promote liberty and freedom that our Vietnam veterans put forth.

Military Appreciation events continue this week in conjunction with homecoming. There will be a Veterans Day ceremony in front of Old Main on Friday, a tailgate before the Military

Appreciation football game Saturday, and a Freedom 5K for post-traumatic stress disorder, to benefit those suffering with it, on Sunday.

The 6-week regional celebration culminates Sunday afternoon with Military Appreciation basketball games for both the Penn State men's and women's teams at Bryce Jordan Center.

Mr. Speaker, caring for our veterans and military has been one of my top priorities since beginning my congressional service. It has a special place in my heart, not just because of all our veterans have done, but because I have seen firsthand the magnitude of their sacrifice.

As a military father, I know that wearing the uniform is about service and sacrifice.

I thank all those who serve and have served this great Nation, and I look forward to honoring their service this week at Penn State and in every corner of our country.

May God bless our veterans, the United States of America, and the Nittany Lions for a homecoming win.

TAX BILL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Oregon (Ms. BONAMICI) for 5 minutes.

Ms. BONAMICI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong opposition to the dangerous tax plan that is currently being considered by the House Ways and Means Committee. House Republicans wrote this proposal behind closed doors and then presented it to Congress and the public just last week.

This is not the kind of bipartisan tax plan we need to help lift up working families, grow our economy, and lead to a better future for our constituents. In fact, under this proposed plan, about 80 percent of the benefits will go to the wealthiest 1 percent. While helping out wealthy individuals and corporations, the proposal hurts many working families by getting rid of deductions for

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