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Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, November 6, 2017, at 3 p.m.

House of Representatives

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2017

The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker.

PRAYER

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

We pray for the gift of wisdom to all with great responsibility in this people's House for the leadership of our Nation.

With the inception of debates and consideration of a tax bill, send Your spirit of honesty, clarity, and respect upon the Members of the people's House. The issue at hand is monumental, and the differences that are apparent will need addressing so that a bill that benefits the Nation might be produced.

May all Members, with Your grace, rise to the importance of this great challenge with integrity and professional excellence.

May all their efforts in the days and weeks to come redound to the benefit of all Americans, and inspire all to proclaim Your greater honor and glory.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. 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.

Mr. HULTGREN. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to clause 1, rule I, I demand a vote

on agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The SPEAKER. The question is on the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The question was taken; and the Speaker announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. HULTGREN. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to clause 8, rule XX, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentlewoman from Missouri (Mrs. HARTZLER) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. HARTZLER 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.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will entertain up to five requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF GIVING BACK TO McHENRY COUNTY

(Mr. HULTGREN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HULTGREN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate 50 years of community service rendered by the United Way of Greater McHenry County.

Members of the community came together in the fall of 1966, with the primary purpose of raising funds in order to help deserving organizations achieve their goals.

In that first year alone, United Way raised more than \$21,000. This money went to funding organizations such as the Salvation Army and the American Red Cross, which remain faithful partners today.

By 1977, the United Way's importance was rapidly increasing throughout the community, as they created new partnerships with several agencies.

In fact, the United Way of Greater McHenry County became the fastest growing United Way of its size in the country. During their 25th anniversary year, they delivered more than \$1.1 million to local organizations and have continued that record over the years.

I am grateful to celebrate this 50-year milestone with the people of United Way of Greater McHenry County as they continue to help our neighbors help each other.

TAX PLAN

(Mr. DEFAZIO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. DEFAZIO. Mr. Speaker, well, yesterday, the Republicans unveiled their tax cuts that they purport to benefit the middle class. Nothing could be further from the truth. Then again, I

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