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The House met at 10:30 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mrs. BIGGERT).

DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
October 17, 2000.

I hereby appoint the Honorable JUDY BIGGERT to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

MORNING HOUR DEBATES

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of January 19, 1999, the Chair will now recognize Members from lists submitted by the majority and minority leaders for morning hour debates. The Chair will alternate recognition between the parties, with each party limited to not to exceed 30 minutes, and each Member, except the majority leader, the minority leader, or the minority whip, limited to not to exceed 5 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. SKELTON) for 5 minutes.

THE TRAGIC DEATH OF MISSOURI GOVERNOR MEL CARNAHAN

Mr. SKELTON. Madam Speaker, it is my sad duty to announce to this body

the tragic death of Missouri's Governor, Mel Carnahan, who died along with his son Randy and an advisor, Chris Sifford, yesterday evening.

Needless to say, I am heartbroken today. The sudden loss of a friend and Missouri's Governor, Mel Carnahan, pales in comparison to the loss being felt by his wife, Jean, and the rest of the family. Our sympathy and prayers go out to the families of both the Carnahans and the Siffords.

Mel Carnahan was a public servant of the best sort. He was devoted to his family and he unselfishly gave his same devotion to the people of Missouri. All Missourians are fortunate that someone of Mel Carnahan's caliber and stature dedicated his life and career to making our State and our Nation a better place.

Madam Speaker, Mel Carnahan was my friend for many, many years, and I can hardly measure right now how much I will miss him. As a model of friendship and service, however, he will always be with us.

In an interview that was relayed on the radio earlier today, I heard Governor Carnahan say how proud he was of all he had accomplished as an elected official, but that he felt he had more to contribute. This kind of sentiment is an inspiration to those of us in public life today and those who will serve in the future.

My wife, Suzie, joins me and I know all Members of this body join me in expressing deep sympathy to Jean

Carnahan, to the Carnahan family, as well as to the Sifford family.

CONGRESS SHOULD ACT TO REDUCE GUN VIOLENCE IN AMERICA

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 19, 1999, the gentleman from Oregon (Mr. BLUMENAUER) is recognized during morning hour debates for 5 minutes.

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Madam Speaker, my goal in coming to Congress was to help make the Federal Government a better partner in making communities more livable, our families safer, healthier, and more economically secure.

Clearly, safety from the threat of gun violence is one critical element in a livable community. Since I started my public service career, over 1 million Americans have lost their lives to gun violence. That is more than all the United States citizens who have lost their lives in battle from the Civil War through last week to the 17 who were tragically killed in Yemen.

Part of the solution to this epidemic of gun violence is to put a name to those faces, to make them real. One of those faces belongs to a woman named Candice DuBoff Jones, who was a bright, caring 26-year-old attorney who

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