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Senate

The Senate was not in session today. It's next meeting will be held on Monday, March 18, 2013, at 2 p.m.

House of Representatives

FRIDAY, MARCH 15, 2013

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: Eternal God, through Whom we see what we could be and what we can become, thank You for giving us another day.

Send Your Spirit among the Members of this people's House to encourage them in their official tasks. Be with them and with all who labor here to serve this great Nation and its people.

Assure them that whatever their responsibilities, You provide the grace to enable them to be faithful in their duties and the wisdom to be conscious of their obligations and fulfill them with integrity.

Remind us all of the dignity of work and teach us to use our talents and abilities in ways that are honorable and just and are of benefit to those we serve.

May all that is done this day be done for 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. FITZPATRICK. 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. FITZPATRICK. 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The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.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 gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. FITZPATRICK) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. FITZPATRICK 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 5 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

HONORING THE LIFE OF HARRY W. FAWKES

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

Mr. FITZPATRICK. I rise to honor the lifetime of service of Harry W.

Fawkes, who passed away in Pennsylvania this week.

I am fortunate and honored to have known Harry Fawkes and benefited from his leadership. On a personal level, his friendship and advice made me a stronger public servant and a better person. In his role as Republican chairman, Harry was selfless and magnanimous. Everything he did was to the benefit of Bucks County, where he was born, married, raised his family, started his business, and served his community in elected office.

Harry was recognized as an effective leader and decisionmaker because he led the party based on principles and worked tirelessly to find common ground. His only request of me as a public servant was to take care of Bucks County. We will never see another like Harry again. Our community has lost a giant of a man—strong in stature, in principle, and humility and graciousness.

May he be granted the eternal peace he so rightly earned.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JACK CONNELL

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

Mr. BARROW of Georgia. Madam Speaker, it's with great sadness that I rise to honor the life of Jack Connell, who passed away last month at the age of 93.

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