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The House met at 2 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Ms. FOXX).

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,  
November 16, 2015.

I hereby appoint the Honorable VIRGINIA FOXX to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

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

### PRAYER

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

Help us this day to draw closer to You so that, with Your spirit, and aware of Your presence among us, we may all face the tasks of this day.

On this day, the House returns when the world is even more dramatically aware of the violence that marks these days worldwide. May all people of goodwill in every nation be inspired to beat back those who would visit death and destruction upon even the innocent, and may peace, which is so sorely longed for, break forth in our midst.

Bless the Members of the people's House. Help them to think clearly, speak confidently, and act courageously in the belief that all noble service is based upon patience, truth, and love.

May all that is done 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 her approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. KILDEE) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. KILDEE 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.

### CONTAINMENT OF ISIS IS NOT A STRATEGY

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

Mr. POE of Texas. Madam Speaker, Friday morning President Obama boastfully declared to the world that ISIS was contained.

Hours later, Paris was burning. ISIS fighters unleashed coordinated attacks all over the City of Lights, murdering 130 people and injuring hundreds of others. This, just weeks after ISIS blew up an airplane, killing over 200 people.

The President is wrong. ISIS is not contained. ISIS' homicidal aggression has spread from the Middle East to the sleeping West. This morning, the radical killers released a video threatening an attack on Washington, D.C.

Shall we dither until this Capital is bombed? I think not. This is our fight, but it is not our fight alone.

We should immediately invoke article 5 of the NATO agreement. This says an attack on one NATO nation—such as France is an attack on all NATO nations. This paves the way for a truly joint and international response to ISIS. The U.S. invoked this provision after the 9/11 attack.

All 28 NATO nations need to join the war against our common enemy because containment is not a strategy.

And that is just the way it is.

### A PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS IN FLINT, MICHIGAN

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

Mr. KILDEE. Madam Speaker, right now in my hometown of Flint, Michigan, there is a public health crisis. In the 21st century, in a city of 100,000 people, they cannot deliver safe drinking water. They can't guarantee safe drinking water because of high lead levels. As a result of a decision by a State-appointed financial receiver, the city now has water that is undrinkable.

I continue to pursue all avenues to provide relief to my hometown as they struggle with this crisis, to provide relief to the victims and support to that community as it now has to rebuild its water infrastructure.

The State of Michigan could act to forgive the city of its current debt to the Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund, and it should do that immediately. I am pushing for action to do that, and that requires not only the support of the State government but the Federal Government as well.

The State also must act to provide a health fund to provide monitoring, education in the short term, and assistance in the long term to individuals, especially children, who have been exposed to high levels of lead.

What is happening in Flint is a failure of government. It cannot be allowed, and the State and Federal Government need to act to help this poor city.

### SYRIAN REFUGEE CRISIS

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

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