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Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, September 13, 2021, at 3 p.m.

House of Representatives

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2021

The House met at 11:30 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker.

PRAYER

Rabbi Arnold E. Resnicoff, U.S. Navy, Retired, Washington, D.C., offered the following prayer:

Almighty God, 20 years ago today, an era ended: pre-9/11 world.

Twin Towers stood. No deadly Pentagon attack. No civilian airline passengers, crew had sacrificed their lives to protect the Capitol from attack.

Next day, our world forever changed.

High holy days now challenge Jews worldwide: assess, atone, improve.

But regardless of religion, Americans now share holy days, blessed by memories of the righteous who kept faith alive.

Terrorists did their worst. We responded with our best: heroes sacrificed, rescued, healed, then we united to rebuild, as we must unite today.

Where the Pentagon was struck, we built a chapel, interfaith. Our beliefs attacked, we celebrated unity, diversity, hope.

Day's end, leaders gathered on Capitol steps, Democrat, Republican, side-by-side. Silent prayer. Then "God Bless America," they sang.

May unity then inspire us now, heeding America's "Liberty Song": "Join hand-in-hand, brave Americans all, by uniting we stand, by dividing we fall."

And may we say:

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to section 11(a) of House Resolution 188, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

With best wishes, I am,
Sincerely,

CHERYL L. JOHNSON,
Clerk of the House.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. The Chair will lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The SPEAKER 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.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Washington, DC, September 10, 2021.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,

Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: Under Clause 2(g) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, I herewith designate Ms. Gloria J. Lett, Deputy Clerk, Mr. Kevin F. McCumber, Deputy Clerk, and Ms. Cheryl H. Muller, Director of Personnel, to sign any and all papers and perform all other acts for me under the name of the Clerk of the House for which they would be authorized to do by virtue of this designation, except such as are provided by statute, in case of my temporary absence or disability.

This designation shall remain in effect for the 117th Congress, or until modified by me.

EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES REGARDING THE TERRORIST ATTACKS LAUNCHED AGAINST THE UNITED STATES ON SEPTEMBER 11, 2001, ON THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THAT DATE

THE SPEAKER. Without objection, the Chair lays before the House the following resolution (H. Res. 626) expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the terrorist attacks launched against the United States on September 11, 2001, on the 20th anniversary of that date.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

There was no objection.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

H. RES. 626

Whereas, on September 11, 2001, while Americans were attending to their daily routines, terrorists hijacked four civilian aircraft, crashing two of them into the towers of the World Trade Center in New York City, a third into the Pentagon near Washington, DC, and a fourth was prevented from also being used as a weapon against America by brave passengers who placed their country above their own lives;

Whereas thousands of innocent Americans were killed and injured as a result of these attacks, including the passengers and crew of the four aircraft, workers in the World Trade Center and in the Pentagon, rescue workers, and bystanders;

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Whereas the crewmembers of United Flight 175, American Flight 11, American Flight 77, and United Flight 93 acted as first responders, reporting the first intelligence of a war the United States did not know it was fighting and sacrificing their own lives to protect the United States and the lives of countless others;

Whereas 20 years later the country continues to, and shall forever, mourn their tragic loss and honor their memory;

Whereas these attacks destroyed both towers of the World Trade Center, as well as adjacent buildings, and seriously damaged the Pentagon;

Whereas these attacks were by far the deadliest terrorist attacks ever launched against the United States, and, by targeting symbols of American strength and success, were intended to assail the principles, values, and freedoms of the United States and the American people, intimidate our Nation, and weaken its resolve;

Whereas memorials have been constructed to honor the victims of these attacks at the Pentagon, in Shanksville, Pennsylvania, and on the World Trade Center grounds, so that Americans and people from around the world can visit to mourn those lost and to pay tribute to the heroic action and sacrifice of those who have served our communities and our country in the years since the attacks;

Whereas 20 years after September 11, 2001, the United States continues to fight terrorists and other extremists who threaten America and her friends and allies;

Whereas successive Congresses and administrations have assisted victims of terrorism, protected our Nation, combated terrorism at home and abroad, and supported the members of the Armed Forces who courageously defend the United States;

Whereas by the tireless efforts of our intelligence, military, and law enforcement professionals, the United States has been able to significantly degrade the al Qaeda network, by taking into custody or killing senior al Qaeda leaders, operational managers, and key facilitators, and owes a debt of gratitude to the focused and persistent efforts of all those personnel involved in the removal of Osama bin Laden;

Whereas the terrorist attacks that have occurred around the world since September 11, 2001, remind us of the hateful inhumanity of terrorism and the ongoing threat it poses to freedom, justice, and the rule of law;

Whereas United States law enforcement and intelligence agencies and allies of the United States around the world have worked together to detect and disrupt terrorist networks and numerous terror plots since September 11, 2001;

Whereas the Nation is indebted to the brave military, intelligence, law enforcement, and civilian personnel serving around the world in advancement of United States national interests;

Whereas thousands of families have lost loved ones in the defense of freedom and liberty against the tyranny of terror; and

Whereas the passage of 20 years has not diminished the pain caused by the senseless loss of nearly 3,000 persons killed on September 11, 2001: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) recognizes September 11 as a day of solemn commemoration;

(2) extends again its deepest sympathies to the thousands of innocent victims of the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, and to their families, friends, and loved ones;

(3) honors the heroism and the sacrifices of United States military and civilian personnel and their families who have sacrificed much, including their lives and health, in defense of their country;

(4) credits the heroism of first responders, law enforcement personnel, State and local officials, volunteers, and others who aided the victims of these attacks and, in so doing, bravely risked their own lives and long-term health;

(5) expresses thanks and gratitude to the foreign leaders and citizens of all nations who have assisted and continue to stand in solidarity with the United States against terrorism in the aftermath of the attacks on September 11, 2001, and asks them to continue to stand with the United States against international terrorism;

(6) commends the military and intelligence personnel involved in the removal of Osama bin Laden;

(7) reasserts its commitment to opposing violent extremism arrayed against American interests and to providing the United States military, intelligence, and law enforcement communities with the resources and support to do so effectively and safely;

(8) vows that it will continue to identify, intercept, and disrupt terrorists and their activities;

(9) reaffirms that the American people will never forget the sacrifices made on September 11, 2001, and will never bow to terrorist demands; and

(10) declares that when Congress adjourns today, it stands adjourned out of respect to the victims of the terrorist attacks.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to section 11(b) of House Resolution 188 and House Resolution 626, the House stands adjourned until 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 14, 2021, as a further mark of respect for the victims of the terrorist attack.

Thereupon (at 11 o'clock and 35 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Tuesday, September 14, 2021, at 11 a.m. as a further mark of respect for the victims of the terrorist attack.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

EC-2117. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting notification that the national emergency with respect to the terrorist attacks on the United States of September 11, 2001, declared in Proclamation 7463, is to continue in effect for an additional year, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1622(d); Public Law 94-412, Sec. 202(d); (90 Stat. 1257) (H. Doc. No. 117-58); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed.

EC-2118. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting notification that the national emergency with respect to the threat of foreign interference in or undermining public confidence in United States elections declared in Executive Order 13848 of September 12, 2018, is to continue in effect beyond September 12, 2021, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1622(d); Public Law 94-412, Sec. 202(d); (90 Stat. 1257) (H. Doc. No. 117-59); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. SMITH of Washington: Committee on Armed Services. H.R. 4350. A bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2022 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; with amendments (Rept. 117-118). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of Union.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions of the following titles were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. BACON:

H.R. 5197. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to require the submission of an annual budget submission display for operation and maintenance accounts of the Department of Defense, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. BACON:

H.R. 5198. A bill to direct the Secretary of Defense to establish a working group to review and recommend improvements to the casualty assistance program of the Department of Defense, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. BACON:

H.R. 5199. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to provide for the treatment of notice of presumed risk issued by the Military Aviation and Installation Assurance Clearinghouse for review of mission obstructions; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. BACON:

H.R. 5200. A bill to direct the Department of Defense to designate an executive agent responsible for continuing education in strategic foreign languages, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. BACON:

H.R. 5201. A bill to direct the Secretary of Defense to establish and maintain a database that contains up-to-date contact information for the next of kin of members of the Armed Forces under the jurisdiction of the Secretaries of the military departments; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. BACON:

H.R. 5202. A bill to require the Department of Defense to revise the system used for categorizing unmanned aircraft systems, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. BEYER:

H.R. 5203. A bill to prohibit the sale or transport of ejiao made using donkey skin in interstate or foreign commerce; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. BEYER:

H.R. 5204. A bill to require certain passengers, employees, contractors, and subcontractors of Amtrak and air carriers to provide proof of vaccination against COVID-19 or a negative test for COVID-19 for certain transportation or employment, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. BEYER (for himself and Ms. DELBENE):

H.R. 5205. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and modify the credit for carbon oxide sequestration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.