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The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. CUELLAR).

DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
September 30, 2020.

I hereby appoint the Honorable HENRY CUELLAR to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

MORNING-HOUR DEBATE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of January 7, 2020, the Chair will now recognize Members from lists submitted by the majority and minority leaders for morning-hour debate.

The Chair will alternate recognition between the parties, with time equally allocated between the parties and each Member other than the majority and minority leaders and the minority whip limited to 5 minutes, but in no event shall debate continue beyond 10:50 a.m.

MADE IN AMERICA

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. BUDD) for 5 minutes.

Mr. BUDD. Mr. Speaker, one of the biggest lessons that the COVID–19 pandemic has taught us is the importance of the phrase ''Made in America.''

In my home State of North Carolina, we are a national leader in textile manufacturing, and we have a rich history of producing high-quality products. That is why North Carolina has been at the forefront of helping our first responders and frontline medical personnel get the protective equipment that they need to effectively battle the virus.

For these reasons, I want to see our protective equipment made in the United States and not in a country controlled by the Chinese Communist Party.

For the last two decades, most observers have predicted that either the United States or China will lead the world in the 21st century. In the early 2000s, we saw China as a friendly competitor that we could work with economically. However, in recent years, the actions of the Chinese Communist Party have revealed the true colors of an authoritarian force. They are not our friends, and they are not a force for good in this world.

Given the fact that it was China that mishandled the virus, and China that allowed it to spread, and China that lied to the world about it, how acceptable is it that the American people should be reliant on China for the essential personal protective equipment that we need to fight the virus? That would be like having to beg the arsonist to help you put out the fire that they started.

That is why I introduced the Make PPP in America Act, along with Congresswoman Jan Schakowsky. This bipartisan legislation requires the Defense Logistics Agency to issue longer term contracts to make personal protective equipment in the United States.

We have to boost our domestic supply chains and make sure our most important products come from our shores and not from our adversaries like Communist China.

Bottom line, we need to ensure that Made in America is more than just a slogan. Made in America needs to be a guiding principle as we move into the 2020s and beyond.

ESTABLISHING A DEPARTMENT OF RECONCILIATION

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Texas (Mr. GREEN) for 5 minutes.

Mr. GREEN of Texas. And still I rise, Mr. Speaker, in the name of liberty and justice for all. I rise to call to our attention that we saw last night evidence of what happens when one party comes to debate and another party comes to disrupt.

We saw a President who did any and everything that he could to avoid debating. And we saw a Vice President who did any and everything that he could to debate.

But something more important happened than the disruption. We saw a President who refused to denounce white supremacy and the supremacists. This is not the first time this has happened. A President who refuses to denounce white supremacy and white supremacists should not hold office.

Mr. Speaker, I was proud of the Vice President. He indicated that the President of the United States is a racist. Some things bear repeating: The Vice President, former Vice President, indicated that the current President is a racist.

By the way, he is not the first person to say so. Many members of the leadership of the House have said so. Other prominent Americans have said so. So it should not surprise anyone that the RECORD should reflect what has been said.

The Vice President went on to say that he wants to do something about racism in this country. That, if elected, he will convene a meeting of persons, prominent persons, law enforcement, and others, to do something about racism, and I am going to add systemic racism.

I believe that the Vice President's heart is in the right place, but I also know that convening is not enough.

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