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The House met at 2 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker.

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.

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.

You know well the pressing issues facing our Nation, most particularly the COVID pandemic. Local and State resources have been overwhelmed throughout. Grant our national leaders, especially, the wisdom and magnanimity to do what is best, and may we all join in a common will for the benefit of all constituencies, even though this will take some sacrifice.

May all that is done be for Your greater honor and glory.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to section 4(a) of House Resolution 967, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Nevada (Mr. HORSFORD) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. HORSFORD 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 15 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

EXPIRING UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE PROVISIONS

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

Mr. HORSFORD. Madam Speaker, this global pandemic has devastated Nevada's economy, forcing thousands of Nevadans to be laid off from work.

Nevada's unemployment rate was last reported to be 11.8 percent. My hometown of North Las Vegas reported the State's highest unemployment rate at 14.6 percent.

Nevada's families are hurting.

Constituents contact my office every single day about their unemployment insurance concerns, especially regarding the Federal unemployment compensation benefits which expire at the end of this month.

Now that this pandemic is ravaging our country again, many States and localities are considering more stay-at-home orders.

We in Congress must act to make sure Americans who are unable to work because of this virus receive the Federal unemployment compensation that they need to survive until we get a vaccine that is free and available to everyone.

It is my hope that any COVID relief package that becomes law provides extended unemployment insurance benefits, direct cash payments, and additional State and local funding so that we can provide support to people who need it the most.

TRUMP COATTAILS APPRECIATED

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

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, the defeated Democrat candidate for Senate acknowledged South Carolina Republicans swept to remarkable victories on the local, State, and Federal levels due to the coattails of President Donald Trump and Vice President MIKE PENCE, providing the largest Republican majorities at every level in 140 years.

Despite biased fake news, our citizens appreciate the lowest unemployment in history for African Americans, Hispanics, and Asian Americans, with the highest employment ever for women and youth.

Peace through strength has been maintained with rebuilding the military, and Promises Made Promises Kept, the American Embassy is now in Jerusalem.

Out-of-State contributions of unlimited millions to Democrats enriched political consultants as Democrats lost, while outspending every Republican.

Senator LINDSEY GRAHAM survived the over $150 million onslaught in America's most expensive Senate race.

The most expensive House race ever led to Congresswoman-elect Nancy Mace becoming the first female Republican Federal official in history.

My opponent spent 15 times more than my prior opponent to receive the exact vote of 42 percent.

We appreciate the voters.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September the 11th in the global war on terrorism.

HONORING LAVONNA LEMONS

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

Mr. WATKINS. Mr. Speaker, Kansas recently said good-bye to a very, very

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