

COMMUNICATION FROM THE
SPEAKER

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
March 30, 2023.

I hereby designate the period from Friday, March 31, 2023, through Sunday, April 16, 2023, as a “district work period” under section 3(z) of House Resolution 5.

KEVIN MCCARTHY,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

APPOINTMENT OF INDIVIDUAL TO
SMITHSONIAN AMERICAN WOMEN’S HISTORY MUSEUM COUNCIL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces the Speaker’s appointment, pursuant to section 104(c) of title I, division T of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021 (Public Law 116-260), and the order of the House of January 9, 2023, of the following individual on the part of the House to the Smithsonian American Women’s History Museum Council:

Mrs. Martha Hill, Little Rock, Arkansas

MOMENT OF SILENCE REMEMBERING VICTIMS OF THE COVENANT SCHOOL SHOOTING

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

Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, on Monday, the horror, the terror, and the insanity of mass shootings came to our capital city, Nashville, Tennessee—most directly, the Covenant Presbyterian School.

Six innocent victims passed.

Three were children: Evelyn Dieckhaus, William Kinney, and Hallie Scruggs. All were 9 years old. All were loving students, friends, brothers, sisters, and parents.

The three adults were Mike Hill, a beloved custodian of 14 years, a father, and a grandfather; Katherine Koonce, the headmaster referred to as a saint; and Cynthia Peak, a substitute teacher who had a light that shone wherever she appeared.

Madam Speaker, for all those victims and the other victims—the classmates, the friends, and the staff of Covington Presbyterian and the city of Nashville—I ask that we have a moment of silence in their memory and their honor.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Ms. Byrd, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has agreed to without amendment joint resolutions of the House of the following titles:

H.J. Res. 7. Joint Resolution relating to a national emergency declared by the President on March 13, 2020.

H.J. Res. 27. Joint Resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of

title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers, Department of Defense and the Environmental Protection Agency relating to “Revised Definition of ‘Waters of the United States’”.

The message also announced that the Senate has agreed to without amendment concurrent resolutions of the House of the following titles:

H. Con. Res. 15. Concurrent Resolution authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the National Peace Officers Memorial Service and the National Honor Guard and Pipe Band Exhibition.

H. Con. Res. 25. Concurrent Resolution authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for a ceremony as part of the commemoration of the days of remembrance of victims of the Holocaust.

The message also announced that the Senate has passed bills of the following titles in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 316. An act to repeal the authorizations for use of military force against Iraq.

S. 777. An act to increase, effective as of December 1, 2023, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that pursuant to Public Law 106-286, the Chair, on behalf of the President of the Senate, appoints the following Members to serve on the Congressional-Executive Commission on the People’s Republic of China:

The Senator from Maine (Mr. King).
The Senator from Illinois (Ms. Duckworth).

The message also announced that pursuant to Public Law 93-415, as amended by Public Law 102-586 and Public Law 111-211, the Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, and after consultation with the Republican Leader, announces the appointment of the following individual to the Coordinating Council on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention.

Lourdes Rosado of New York (2-year term).

The message also announced that pursuant to Section 1295b(h) of title 46 App., United States Code, as amended by Public Law 101-595, the Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, and upon the recommendation of the Chair of the Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation, appoints the following Senators to the Board of Visitors of the United States Merchant Marine Academy:

The Senator from Washington (Ms. Cantwell) (ex officio as Chair, Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation).
The Senator from Arizona (Mr. Kelly).

MASSACHUSETTS DELEGATION
MOMENT OF SILENCE TO REMEMBER FORMER MEMBERS
JOHN OLVER AND BRIAN DONNELLY

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

Mr. NEAL. Madam Speaker, I join with my Massachusetts colleagues to mourn the passing of two of our former colleagues, Congressman John Olver and Congressman Brian Donnelly.

John Olver, an MIT-trained chemist, dedicated his life to public service, working as an educator at the University of Massachusetts before beginning his political career. He spent 12 years in the Massachusetts Legislature prior to his election to Congress.

Over the course of his 22 years in the U.S. House of Representatives, John was an effective leader and a steadfast advocate for the people of western and central Massachusetts.

His approach to policymaking was a good lesson for all. It wasn’t about tweeting or texting or cable TV appearances. He lacked any malice whatsoever, and he always had the purest of intentions, focusing solely on delivering for the people he felt privileged to represent. In addition, I don’t know anybody who mastered the details of public life and complicated policy more than John Olver.

He was a devoted husband to his wife, Rose, of 55 years and a loving father to their children.

Madam Speaker, we send our best wishes to them at this difficult time.

Madam Speaker, I likewise rise to honor our former colleague Brian Donnelly, a close personal friend of mine for the years that we served together in this institution.

He was a steadfast public servant, a son of Massachusetts, and, perhaps more importantly, a son of Dorchester.

From his days in the Boston Public Schools to the State legislature to the hearing rooms of the Ways and Means Committee, Brian lived the American Dream.

I will forever be grateful to him for his retirement plan that opened up a seat on the Ways and Means Committee for me, understanding that for 70 years, Massachusetts, in straight order, has had a seat on the Ways and Means Committee.

He grew up in a working-class, Irish-American household. He never forgot his ancestral roots in Galway, and he used his time in Congress to advocate for Irish nationals both in Ireland and the United States.

Thousands of young immigrants secured visas through what is known as the Donnelly visa program, giving countless families the opportunity to live out the same American Dream that he knew so well.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the entire Donnelly family during this difficult time, and I appreciate, Madam Speaker, you providing us the time for a moment of silence.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF IRA
BRAHM BORN

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