House of Representatives

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 2012

The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. REED).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC, January 19, 2012.

I hereby appoint the Honorable Tom Reed to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

JOHN A. BOEHNER,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer:

We give You thanks, O God, for giving us another day.

As You make available to Your people the grace and knowledge to meet the needs of the day, we pray that Your spirit will be upon the Members of this people’s House, giving them the richness of Your wisdom.

Bless the Members of the majority party as they gather these next days. May they, with those who accompany them, travel safely and meet in peace.

Bless also the minority party as they prepare for their own gathering. May these days be filled with hopeful anticipation.

May the power of Your truth and our faith in Your providence give all Members the strength of purpose and clarity of mind to do those things that bring justice and mercy to people and maintain freedom and liberty for our land.

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 his approval thereof.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore 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 DEMOCRATIC LEADER

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Honorable Nancy Pelosi, Democratic Leader:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Hon. John Boehner,
Speaker of the House of Representatives, U.S. Capitol Building, Washington, DC.

DeAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to Section 218(a) of the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (42 U.S.C. 15344), I hereby appoint Mr. Gregory T. Moore of Washington, DC to the U.S. Election Assistance Commission Board of Advisors.

Thank you for your attention to his appointment.

Sincerely,

NANCY PELOSI,
House Democratic Leader.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the House stands adjourned until Monday next for morning-hour debate.

There was no objection.

Accordingly (at 10 o’clock and 4 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Monday, January 23, 2012, at noon for morning-hour debate.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

4618. A letter from the Secretary, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting the Commission’s “Major” final rule — Real-Time Public Reporting of Swap Transaction Data (RIN: 3822-AD08) received January 9, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

4619. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting notification that the national emergency regarding terrorists who threaten to disrupt the Middle East peace process is to continue in effect beyond January 23, 2012, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1622(a); (H. Doc. No. 112–82); to the

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Matter set in this typeface indicates words inserted or appended, rather than spoken, by a Member of the House on the floor.
4620. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Department's final rule — Updated States of Legal Authority To Reflect Continuation of Emergency Declared in Executive Order 12938 (Docket No.: 11031662-1691-01) (RIN: 0604-AF44) received December 9, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

4621. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting the Department’s final rule — Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Establishment of U.S. Munitions List Category XIX for Gas Turbine Engines (RIN: 1409-AC98) received December 19, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

4622. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Operations, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration’s final rule — Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod Allocations in the Gulf of Alaska; Amendment 83 (Docket No.: 10617/012-1689-83) (RIN: 0648-AV53) received December 29, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

4625. A letter from the Senior Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department’s “Major” final rule — Flightcrew Member Duty and Rest Requirements (Docket No.: FAA-2009-1063; Amtd. Nos. 117-1, 119-16, 121-357) (RIN: 2120-AJ58) received January 11, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY STATEMENT

Pursuant to clause 7 of rule XII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the following statements are submitted regarding the specific powers granted to Congress in the Constitution to enact the accompanying bill or joint resolution.

Mr. SENSENBERNEN: H.R. 3796.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I Section 8, Clause 1.

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

Under clause 7 of rule XII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions as follows:

H.R. 178: Mr. CRAVAACK.
H.R. 1200: Mr. MCGOVERN.
H.R. 3643: Mr. BOSWELL.
H.R. 3702: Mrs. NAPOLEONI and Mr. WILSON of Minnesota.
H.J. Res. 88: Ms. LEE of California.
H. Res. 516: Mr. TIBERI, Mrs. HARTZLER, and Mr. ROE of Tennessee.
RECOGNIZING JACQUELINE JACKS AS THE 2012 WASHINGTON COUNTY ROOKIE TEACHER OF THE YEAR

HON. JEFF MILLER OF FLORIDA IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, January 19, 2012

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, it is an honor for me to recognize Jacqueline Jacks as the 2012 Washington County Rookie Teacher of the Year.

Ms. Jacks has impacted the lives of many through her contributions as Educator of Students with Exceptionalities. Above all, she has earned the fondness and respect of her students and the school community. Driven by her passion for teaching and her love for children, Ms. Jacks is a positive force behind each student’s growth of mind, giving them the confidence, knowledge, and inspiration necessary for success.

Ms. Jack’s childhood dream was to teach and inspire others, and it was not until after raising her three children that this dream came to fruition. Her story demonstrates that it is never too late to pursue your dreams; it continues to inspire her pupils and her three children, Taryn, Clinton, and Ashton.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am proud to recognize Jacqueline Jacks on her achievement and contributions in the Washington County School District. My wife Vicki joins me in congratulating Ms. Jacks, and we wish her all the best.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN OF COLORADO IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, January 19, 2012

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, on January 26, 1995, when the last attempt at a balanced budget amendment passed the House by a bipartisan vote of 300–132, the national debt was $4,801,405,175,294.28. Today, it is $15,236,279,221,858.36. We have added $10,434,874,046,564.08 dollars to our debt in 16 years. This is $10 trillion in debt our Nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

DISAPPROVAL RESOLUTION RELATING TO DEBT LIMIT INCREASE

SPEECH OF
HON. TIMOTHY V. JOHNSON OF ILLINOIS IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, January 18, 2012

Mr. JOHNSON of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of H.J. Res. 98 disapproving of President Obama’s request to increase the statutory debt limit of the United States. Though, I voted against the original bill authorizing this request, the Budget Control Act, I stand firmly in opposition to any increase in the debt limit and have been opposed in increases since 2005.

Madam Speaker, mindless spending is crushing our economy. It must stop and we cannot continue to give a blank check with no strings attached to the powers that be. These powers, Republican and Democrat alike, have spent this country in to a fiscal catastrophe.

I look forward to working with my colleagues to eliminate duplicative programs, wasteful spending, and reforming the way Congress does business. For example, I have recently introduced the Citizen Legislator Act and the Biennial Budgeting Act. These bills are starting the dialogue to create the fundamental changes so desperately needed in Washington as demanded by our constituents. Congress must be honest with itself and honest with the American people when discussing the defining issue of our time.

HONORING VADM JAMES A. ZIMBLE
HON. JOE COURTNEY OF CONNECTICUT IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, January 19, 2012

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor VADM James A. Zimble, MC, USN, who passed away December 14, 2011 at age 78.

Throughout his career in the United States Navy, Admiral Zimble was unrelenting in his dedication to his country and fellow service members. After earning his degree from the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine, Dr. Zimble joined the Navy in 1955. Completing an internship at St. Albans Hospital, Dr. Zimble decided to pursue undersea medicine and spent a tour aboard the fleet ballistic missile submarine USS John Marshall. The valuable skills he acquired there paved the incredible career that followed.

Dr. Zimble served as the CO of the Naval Regional Medical Center in 1978 before becoming the Medical Officer of the Marine Corps in 1981 and then the Fleet Surgeon for Commander in Chief, U.S. Atlantic Fleet. Most notably, VADM Zimble served as the Surgeon General of the U.S. Navy from 1987 to 1991, where he presided over disestablishment of the Naval Medical Command and the return of the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery (BUMED). In addition, Dr. Zimble managed the deployment of the hospital ships Mercy and Comfort, the Fleet Hospitals, and Medical Department personnel for the Gulf War.

Upon his retirement in 2004, Dr. Zimble moved to New London, Connecticut, where he lived with his wife Mona. Admiral Zimble’s commitment to the health of the military and their families touched the lives of millions. Please join me in honoring this extraordinary man.

RECOGNIZING DELANIE PRITCHARD AS THE 2013 WASHINGTON COUNTY TEACHER OF THE YEAR

HON. TIMOTHY V. JOHNSON OF ILLINOIS IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, January 19, 2012

Mr. JOHNSON of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Delanie Pritchard as the 2013 Washington County, Florida Teacher of the Year.

Benjamin Franklin once said, “Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn.” It is with great honor that I recognize Delanie Pritchard for her ability to not only teach, but to involve and engage those around her. The best teachers are those who not only educate, but those who strive every day to actively engage their pupils. Mrs. Pritchard embodies this spirit. She is an educator, a mentor, and a role model to those she serves.

Her greatness extends well beyond her title as Teacher of the Year—it lies in the hearts and minds of the students who have been deeply affected. Through her passion and dedication, Mrs. Pritchard has proven herself to be among Northwest Florida’s finest teachers. The Washington County School District is honored to have her as one of its own.

Throughout her career, Mrs. Pritchard has taught in various capacities. Whether she was teaching in the classroom at Arthur G. Dozier School for Boys and Vernon Place juvenile facilities; teaching on the field as Physical Education Instructor at Hutchinson Beach Elementary, Surfside Middle School, and Roulhac Middle School; or teaching from behind a desk as Guidance Counselor at Roulhac Middle School, Mrs. Pritchard’s impact in molding the minds of her students has been felt, not only by the educational system, but also by the entire community. Since 2004, Mrs. Pritchard has counseled and advised the students of Roulhac Middle School, and it is in this role that the Washington County School Board recognizes her for her outstanding contributions.

Mrs. Pritchard is also a proud wife and mother. She has been happily married for almost 25 years to Ross Pritchard, and they have two daughters, Meredith and Michelle. Her dedication to Northwest Florida and her family is commendable.
Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am proud to recognize Delanie Pritchard on her achievement and her exemplary service in the Washington County School District. My wife Vicki joins me in congratulating Mrs. Pritchard, and we wish her and her family all the best.

HONORING UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS’ WOMEN’S VOLLEYBALL TEAM

HON. TIMOTHY V. JOHNSON
OF ILLINOIS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 19, 2012

Mr. JOHNSON of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 2011 University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Women’s Volleyball Team.

This talented group of young women truly represents the epitome of athleticism, dedication, and perseverance as the team placed 2nd in the country in the Division I NCAA Tournament. This marked the first time in history that this Illini organization has made it to the finals of this competition.

I would like to also congratulate Kevin Hambly, the head coach, as well as his fellow coaches and staff members who helped guide the 2011 Women’s Volleyball Team to accomplish greatness. Mr. Hambly was recently named the National Coach of the Year by Volleyball Magazine. In addition, this publication named Michelle Bartsch as a first-team All-American and Colleen Ward as a second-team All-American. I would also like to note that 11 of the young women on the 2011 Women’s Volleyball Team placed among the top 60 in each of their recruiting classes.

It is undeniable that the women on this team all serve as role models for community that I represent, and it is honors such as these that make me incredibly proud to call the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign my alma mater.

BLACK JANUARY IN AZERBAIJAN

HON. BILL SHUSTER
OF PENNSYLVANIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 19, 2012

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, as the Co-Chairman of the Congressional Azerbaijan Caucus, I rise today to join with the people of Azerbaijan to commemorate the tragic events of “Black January.”

On January 19, 1990, approximately 26,000 Soviet troops stormed Azerbaijan’s capital city of Baku in tanks and armored vehicles. That night, the Soviet military bulldozed innocent Azeris and opened indiscriminate fire on peaceful demonstrators, including women and children. According to Azerbaijani sources, as a result of these merciless acts 131 people were killed, 611 were injured, 841 were arrested, and 5 went missing.

The Human Rights Watch report “Black January in Azerbaijan” states that “among the most heinous violations of human rights during the Baku incursion were the numerous attacks on medical personnel, ambulances, and even hospitals.” The report concludes that the violence used by the Soviet Army constituted an exercise in collective punishment and that the punishment inflicted on Baku by Soviet soldiers may have been intended as a warning to nationalists, not only in Azerbaijan, but in other Republics of the Soviet Union.

In their honor, today, 20,000 gather in Martyr’s Cemetery in Baku to honor the dead and the nation’s commitment to independence and freedom. In doing so, it is clear the victims of “Black January” did not perish in vain.

Far from crushing the spirit of Azeris, the atrocities of Black January instead consolidated the rising independence movements in the country and united the Azerbaijani nation in its quest for freedom. Today, Azerbaijan is a critical and strategic ally of the United States and is preparing to celebrate 20 years of diplomatic relations with the United States.

It is my honor to thank the Azerbaijani people for their friendship and to offer my thoughts and prayers to the families of those who gave their lives for the independence of Azerbaijan. I encourage my colleagues to visit the very moving memorial to Black January in Baku that honors the memories of those killed in these attacks by the Soviet military and to join with me today in standing with Azerbaijan as they commemorate this tragedy.

RECOGNIZING CHRISTY PIPPIN AS THE 2012 WASHINGTON COUNTY SCHOOL RELATED EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

HON. JEFF MILLER
OF FLORIDA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 19, 2012

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Chrissy Pippin as the 2012 Washington County School District Related Employee of the Year. Chrissy Pippin is a Teacher’s Aide for Kate M. Smith Elementary School in Washington County, where she has proudly served since 2000.

Mrs. Pippin’s childhood dream was to teach, and at the early age of fifteen her passion was further ignited when she began work at daycare. She continued inspiring and educating others throughout high school and college. In 2000, her dream to become a full time paraprofessional came to fruition as she began her work at Kate M. Smith Elementary School.

Chrissy Pippin’s passion for and dedication to the students has impacted the lives of many. My wife Vicki joins me in congratulating Mrs. Pippin, and we wish her, her husband Chris, and their two children, Sarah-Grace and Riley, all of the best.

DISAPPROVAL RESOLUTION RELATING TO DEBT LIMIT INCREASE

SPEECH OF HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY
OF NEW YORK
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 18, 2012

Mrs. MALONEY. Madam Speaker, it comes as no surprise that my colleagues on the other side of the aisle are opening the second session of the 112th Congress by once again driving us to the brink of default. By voting to disapprove of the debt limit increase, the Majority is ignoring essential actions like extending the Payroll Tax Cut and unemployment benefits. The American people have called on Congress to create jobs, reduce the deficit, and grow the economy. Today’s resolution does none of these and hurts the American economy by politicizing the debt limit increase.

Now is the time for the House Majority to bring to the floor critical pieces of the President’s American Jobs Act that will drive our small business growth, rebuild our school and transportation infrastructure, and prevent layoffs in crucial jobs like teachers, firefighters, and police officers.

Vote “no” on this irresponsible legislation.

THE PULMONARY FIBROSIS RESEARCH ENHANCEMENT ACT

HON. JASON ALTMIRE
OF PENNSYLVANIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 19, 2012

Mr. ALTMIRE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to bring attention to a cause of great importance, the fight against Pulmonary fibrosis. Pulmonary fibrosis is a disorder of the lungs that, over time, deprives its victims of their ability to breathe normally. An estimated 200,000 Americans currently suffer from Pulmonary fibrosis, and 48,000 additional cases are diagnosed each year. Sadly, the disease claims 40,000 lives every year, yet there is no known cause, and even worse, no cure. Despite the prevalence of Pulmonary fibrosis, it remains virtually unknown to the public.

That is why I am proud to cosponsor the Pulmonary Fibrosis Research Enhancement Act in the past, and why I believe it is important to do so again in the 112th Congress. This bill would require the creation of a National Pulmonary Fibrosis Registry to collect data, expand research for prevention, and generate much needed awareness for the individuals who suffer from Pulmonary fibrosis,
and the loved ones who care for them. It would also create a national advisory board that would report to Congress, convene a national summit, and foster greater coordination among federal agencies to better facilitate information in an effort to better understand the disease.

The Coalition for Pulmonary Fibrosis is a group of dedicated individuals who together are working to raise awareness in the hopes that one day we can discover the cause of Pulmonary Fibrosis, as well as a treatment and cure. In August 2011, the Coalition held an inaugural walk/run to raise money for Pulmonary Fibrosis in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The event was a great success. Over 270 people participated, and they raised over $28,000.

The Pulmonary Fibrosis Research Enhancement Act is a crucial step in the fight towards increasing public awareness and understanding of the disease. I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this worthy cause, and this important piece of legislation.
Thursday, January 19, 2012

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action
The Senate was not in session and stands adjourned until 2:00 p.m., on Friday, January 20, 2012.

Committee Meetings
No committee meetings were held.

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House of Representatives

Chamber Action
Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 1 public bill, H.R. 3796 was introduced.

Additional Cosponsors:

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Reed to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

U.S. Election Assistance Commission Board of Advisors—Appointment: Read a letter from Representative Pelosi, Minority Leader, in which she appointed Mr. Gregory T. Moore of Washington, DC to the U.S. Election Assistance Commission Board of Advisors.

Quorum Calls—Votes: There were no yea-and-nay votes, and there were no recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 10:04 a.m.

Committee Meetings
No hearings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, JANUARY 20, 2012
(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate
No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House
No hearings are scheduled.
Next Meeting of the SENSENE
2 p.m., Friday, January 20

Senate Chamber

Program for Friday: Senate will meet in a pro forma session.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
12 p.m., Monday, January 23

House Chamber

Program for Monday: To be announced.

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