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House of Representatives

The House met at 1 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. MESSER).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
January 2, 2015.

I hereby appoint the Honorable LUKE MESSER 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: God of the universe, we give You thanks for giving us another day.

In the final hour of the 113th Congress, we give You thanks for Your faithfulness to our Nation. There have been many struggles, many sorrows; and yet we are still here and able to give You thanks that millions of our citizens live free.

May the work of the 113th issue forth to the benefit of our Nation and its citizens. Where the efforts of this Congress have fallen short, we ask Your forgiveness and the forgiveness of all Americans.

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

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 3(a) of House Resolution 775, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is 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 CLERK OF THE HOUSE

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

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, December 17, 2014.

Hon. JOHN A. BOEHNER,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on December 17, 2014 at 9:43 a.m.:

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 5771.

That the Senate passed without amendment H. Con. Res. 124.

With best wishes, I am
Sincerely,

KAREN L. HAAS.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

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OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, December 17, 2014.

Hon. JOHN A. BOEHNER,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on December 17, 2014 at 10:41 a.m.:

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 3608.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 4030.

That the Senate passed without amendment H. Con. Res. 125.

That the Senate passed S. 1800.

That the Senate passed S. 684.

Appointment: United States-China Economic Security Review Commission.

With best wishes, I am
Sincerely,

KAREN L. HAAS.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 4 of rule I, the following enrolled bills were signed by Speaker pro tempore HARRIS on Tuesday, December 16, 2014:

H.R. 83, making consolidated appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for other purposes;

H.R. 2591, to amend certain provisions of the FAA Modernization and Reform Act of 2012;

H.R. 5859, to impose sanctions with respect to the Russian Federation, to provide additional assistance to Ukraine, and for other purposes;

S. 2338, to reauthorize the United States Anti-Doping Agency, and for other purposes;

S. 3008, to extend temporarily the extended period of protection for members of uniformed services relating to mortgages, mortgage foreclosure, and eviction, and for other purposes.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 4 of rule I, the following enrolled bills were signed by Speaker pro tempore HARRIS on Wednesday, December 17, 2014:

H.R. 1206, to grant the Secretary of the Interior permanent authority to authorize States to issue electronic duck stamps, and for other purposes;

☐ This symbol represents the time of day during the House proceedings, e.g., ☐ 1407 is 2:07 p.m.

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