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House of Representatives

The House met at 11 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. HARRIS).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
November 21, 2017.

I hereby appoint the Honorable ANDY HARRIS to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

PAUL D. RYAN,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

Reverend Dr. Scott Wilson, Capitol Hill Presbyterian Church, Washington, D.C., offered the following prayer:

Our loving God, we pause this morning to give You thanks for the many blessings that we have received. We are thankful for this land where we can freely worship and speak Your truth and seek Your justice.

We pray today for a spirit of unity. You have blessed us with a country, a nation, of magnificent diversity, yet our oneness is that which we celebrate. Each person is a separate treasure, unique, from different backgrounds, but each of us share in our humanity a common need for the essentials of life. We recognize and even rejoice in the ways we differ as we seek to be one people.

We pray today for all Representatives, staff and their families, that they may enjoy safe travel, a blessed rest, and renewal on this Thanksgiving holiday. May all feel Your presence and Your peace in this season.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 3(a) of House Resolution

619, 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 DEMOCRATIC LEADER

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

NOVEMBER 21, 2017.

Hon. PAUL D. RYAN,
Speaker of the House of Representatives, U.S. Capitol, Washington, DC.

DEAR SPEAKER RYAN: Pursuant to Section 4(b) of the World War I Centennial Commission Act (Pub. L. 112-272), I am pleased to appoint Ms. Maria Zoe Dunning of San Francisco, California to the World War I Centennial Commission. Ms. Maria Zoe Dunning would replace Mr. Robert Dalessandro, my previous recommendation to the commission, appointed in 2014 and who has resigned from the commission.

Thank you for your attention to this recommendation.

Sincerely,

NANCY PELOSI,
Democratic Leader.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 3(b) of House Resolution 619, the House stands adjourned until 9 a.m. on Friday, November, 24, 2017.

Thereupon (at 11 o'clock and 3 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Friday, November 24, 2017, at 9 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

3192. A letter from the Secretary of Labor and Director, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's FY 2017 Annual Report, including: Annual Performance Report, Financial Statements and Notes, Report of Independent Auditor, and other documentation in conformance with OMB Circulars A-11 and A-136, pursuant to 29 U.S.C. 1308; Public Law 93-406, Sec. 4008 (as amended by Public Law 109-280, Sec. 412); (120 Stat. 936); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

3193. A letter from the Senior Counsel for Regulatory Affairs, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's final rule — Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Age in Programs and Activities Receiving Federal Financial Assistance From the Department of the Treasury (RIN: 1505-AC51) received November 15, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

3194. A letter from the Deputy Director, Directorate of Construction, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting the Department's final rule — Cranes and Derricks in Construction: Operator Certification Extension [Docket ID-OSHA-2007-0066] (RIN: 1218-AC96) received November 16, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

3195. A letter from the Deputy Chief, Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Rules and Policies Regarding Calling Number Identification Service — Caller ID [CC Docket No.: 91-281] Waiver of Federal Communications Commission Regulations at 47 C.F.R. Sec. 64.1601(b) on Behalf of Jewish Community Centers received November 16, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

3196. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental

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Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's withdrawal of direct final rule — Approval of Kansas Air Quality State Implementation Plans; Construction Permits and Approvals Program [EPA-R07-OAR-2017-0512; FRL-9971-00-Region 7] received November 15, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

3197. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's withdrawal of direct final rule — Air Quality Implementation Plans; Nebraska; Infrastructure SIP Requirements for the 2010 Nitrogen Dioxide and Sulfur Dioxide and the 2012 Fine Particulate Matter National Ambient Air Quality Standards [EPA-R07-OAR-2017-0477; FRL-9970-97-Region 7] received November 15, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

3198. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Tebufenozide; Pesticide Tolerance Actions [EPA-HQ-OPP-2008-0824; FRL-9966-10] (RIN: 2070-ZA16) received November 15, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

3199. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's withdrawal of direct final rule — State of Iowa; Elements of the Infrastructure SIP Requirements for the 2012 Annual Fine Particulate Matter (PM_{2.5}) National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) [EPA-R07-OAR-2017-0517; FRL-9971-05-Region 7] received November 15, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

3200. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's withdrawal of direct final rule — State of Iowa; Elements of the Infrastructure SIP Requirements for the 2010 Nitrogen Dioxide National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) [EPA-R07-OAR-2017-0208; FRL-9970-99-Region 7] received November 15, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

3201. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's withdrawal of direct final rule — Approval of Implementation Plans; State of Iowa; Elements of the Infrastructure SIP Requirements for the 2010 Sulfur Dioxide National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) [EPA-R07-OAR-2017-0267; FRL-9970-98-Region 7] received November 15, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

3202. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's withdrawal of direct final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Virginia; Removal of Clean Air Interstate Rule (CAIR) Trading Programs [EPA-R03-OAR-2017-0215; FRL-9970-80-Region 3] received November 15, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

3203. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's withdrawal of direct final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Maryland; Direct Final

Rule for the Approval of an Alternative Volatile Organic Compound Emission Standard [EPA-R03-OAR-2017-0394; FRL-9970-69-Region 3] received November 15, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

3204. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's withdrawal of direct final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Maryland; 2011 Base Year Inventory for the 2008 8-Hour Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard for the Maryland Portion of the Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City Nonattainment Area [EPA-R03-OAR-2017-0149; FRL-9970-82-Region 3] received November 15, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

3205. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's withdrawal of direct final rule — Air Plan Approval; Delaware; State Implementation Plan for Interstate Transport for the 2008 Ozone Standard [EPA-R03-OAR-2013-0408; FRL-9970-83-Region 3] received November 15, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

3206. A letter from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Amendment of Section 73.622(i), Post-Transition Table of DTV Allotments, Television Broadcast Stations (Anchorage, Alaska) [MB Docket No.: 17-187] (RM-11792) received November 16, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

3207. A letter from the Acting Chief Financial Officer, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's FY 2017 Agency Financial Report, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 3515(a)(1); Public Law 101-576, Sec. 303(a)(1) (as amended by Public Law 107-289, Sec. 2(a)); (116 Stat. 2049); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

3208. A letter from the Senior Counsel for Regulatory Affairs, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's final rule — Department of the Treasury Employee Rules of Conduct (RIN: 1505-AB89) received November 15, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

3209. A letter from the President and CEO, Inter-American Foundation, transmitting the Foundation's FY 2017 Annual Management Report, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 9106(a)(1); Public Law 97-258 (as amended by Public Law 101-576, Sec. 306(a)) (104 Stat. 2854); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

3210. A letter from the Acting Director and General Counsel, Office of Government Ethics, transmitting the Office's Annual Financial Report for FY 2017 including the Management Discussion and Analysis of Results and Management Assurances and Audited Financial Statements, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 3515(a)(1); Public Law 101-576, Sec. 303(a)(1) (as amended by Public Law 107-289, Sec. 2(a)); (116 Stat. 2049); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

3211. A letter from the Chairman, United States International Trade Commission, transmitting the Commission's Agency Financial Report of FY 2017, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 3515(a)(1); Public Law 101-576, Sec. 303(a)(1) (as amended by Public Law 107-289, Sec. 2(a)); (116 Stat. 2049); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

3212. A letter from the Administrator, FEMA, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting a report advising that the cost of response and recovery efforts for FEMA-3391-EM in the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico has exceeded the limit for single emergency declaration, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 5193(b)(3); Public Law 93-288, Sec. 503(b)(3) (as amended by Public Law 100-707, Sec. 107(a)); (102 Stat. 4707); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

3213. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's IRB only rule — Treatment of Amounts Paid to Section 170(c) Organizations under Employer Leave-Based Donation Programs to Aid Victims of the California Wildfires that Began on October 8, 2017 [Notice 2017-70] received November 15, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

3214. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's IRB only rule — Update to Rev. Proc. 2015-13 (Rev. Proc. 2017-59) received November 15, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. HENSARLING: Committee on Financial Services. H.R. 1699. A bill to amend the Truth in Lending Act to modify the definitions of a mortgage originator and a high-cost mortgage, to amend the Secure and Fair Enforcement for Mortgage Licensing Act of 2008 to modify the definition of a loan originator, and for other purposes (Rept. 115-416). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. SHUSTER: Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. H.R. 1735. A bill to direct the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to issue guidance regarding implementation of certain buy-outs or the acquisition of property for open space as a flood mitigation measure, and for other purposes; with amendments (Rept. 115-417). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. SHUSTER: Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. H.R. 3176. A bill to prohibit the Federal Emergency Management Agency from recouping certain assistance, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 115-418). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. SHUSTER: Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. H.R. 1758. A bill to amend the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 to modify provisions relating to brownfield remediation grants, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 115-419, Pt. 1). Ordered to be printed.

Mr. HENSARLING: Committee on Financial Services. H.R. 3702. A bill to increase from \$10,000,000,000 to \$50,000,000,000 the threshold figure at which regulated depository institutions are subject to direct examination and reporting requirements of the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, and for other purposes (Rept. 115-420). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. BISHOP of Utah: Committee on Natural Resources. H.R. 3469. A bill to designate

the bridge located in Blount County, Tennessee, on the Foothills Parkway (commonly known as "Bridge 2") as the "Dean Stone Bridge" (Rept. 115-421). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. BISHOP of Utah: Committee on Natural Resources. H.R. 3905. A bill to require congressional approval of any mineral withdrawal or monument designation involving the National Forest System lands in the State of Minnesota, to provide for the renewal of certain mineral leases in such lands, and for other purposes (Rept. 115-422). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions of the following titles were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. KIND (for himself and Mr. SENBRENNER):

H.R. 4454. A bill to support State and tribal efforts to develop and implement management strategies to address chronic wasting disease among deer, elk, and moose populations, to support applied research regarding the causes of chronic wasting disease and methods to control the further spread of the disease, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, and in addition to the Committee on Natural Resources, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. DENHAM (for himself and Mr. CAPUANO):

H.R. 4455. A bill to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to improve mitigation assistance, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. BABIN:

H.R. 4456. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a deduction for amounts paid for medical expenses to a health care sharing ministry, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. LAMBORN (for himself, Mr. MEADOWS, and Mr. FRANKS of Arizona):

H.R. 4457. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish the Veterans Accountable Care Organization and to provide veterans access to private health insurance plans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, Oversight and Government Reform, Energy and Commerce, and Armed Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

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.

By Mr. KIND:

H.R. 4454.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 3

By Mr. DENHAM:

H.R. 4455.

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

Article I, Section 8 of the United States Constitution, specifically Clause 1 (relating to providing for the common defense and general welfare of the United States) and Clause 18 (relating to the power to make all laws necessary and proper for carrying out the powers vested in Congress) and Article I, Section 10, Clause 3 (relating to interstate compacts).

By Mr. BABIN:

H.R. 4456.

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

Article I Section 8 of the United States Constitution

By Mr. LAMBORN:

H.R. 4457.

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

Article I, Section 8

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

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

H.R. 113: Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania.

H.R. 176: Mr. JODY B. HICE of Georgia, Mr. ROE of Tennessee, Mr. CHABOT, Mr. POSEY, and Mr. PITTENGER.

H.R. 303: Ms. FUDGE, Ms. BONAMICI, and Mr. STIVERS.

H.R. 592: Ms. CASTOR of Florida and Mrs. NOEM.

H.R. 632: Ms. JACKSON LEE.

H.R. 785: Mr. BLUM.

H.R. 807: Mr. SMITH of Washington.

H.R. 936: Mr. DUNN and Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas.

H.R. 1090: Mr. PETERS.

H.R. 1158: Ms. ESTY of Connecticut.

H.R. 1164: Mr. DEUTCH, Ms. FRANKEL of Florida, and Mr. SUOZZI.

H.R. 1243: Mr. YOUNG of Iowa, Mr. DEFAZIO, and Mr. HIGGINS of New York.

H.R. 1374: Mr. JEFFRIES and Ms. KAPTUR.

H.R. 1444: Mr. BEN RAY LUJÁN of New Mexico.

H.R. 1453: Mr. CARSON of Indiana.

H.R. 1478: Ms. BONAMICI.

H.R. 1566: Mr. GUTIÉRREZ and Mr. HIGGINS of New York.

H.R. 1580: Mr. MITCHELL.

H.R. 1810: Mr. MOULTON.

H.R. 1907: Mr. POLIS and Mr. KHANNA.

H.R. 1955: Mr. VALADAO and Mr. JOHNSON of Louisiana.

H.R. 1993: Mr. JONES.

H.R. 2147: Mr. TURNER.

H.R. 2401: Ms. ROSEN.

H.R. 2405: Ms. MCSALLY.

H.R. 2550: Mr. KILMER.

H.R. 2719: Mr. POLIQUIN.

H.R. 2740: Ms. JACKSON LEE, Mr. YARMUTH, Ms. SINEMA, and Ms. KELLY of Illinois.

H.R. 3132: Mr. CONYERS.

H.R. 3273: Mr. MCEACHIN.

H.R. 3287: Mr. TED LIEU of California.

H.R. 3397: Mr. FOSTER.

H.R. 3591: Mr. LARSON of Connecticut.

H.R. 3596: Mr. ARRINGTON, Mr. BILIRAKIS, and Ms. MENG.

H.R. 3605: Mr. CRAMER.

H.R. 3637: Mr. WELCH.

H.R. 3642: Ms. ADAMS.

H.R. 3711: Mr. STIVERS.

H.R. 3768: Mr. LOWENTHAL and Mr. TED LIEU of California.

H.R. 3854: Ms. JAYAPAL.

H.R. 3871: Ms. LOFGREN.

H.R. 3875: Ms. NORTON.

H.R. 3881: Mr. HECK and Mr. CARBAJAL.

H.R. 3882: Ms. NORTON.

H.R. 3913: Mr. KHANNA.

H.R. 3979: Mr. GOSAR and Mr. JOHNSON of Louisiana.

H.R. 4030: Mr. PERLMUTTER.

H.R. 4121: Mr. KINZINGER.

H.R. 4131: Mr. SMITH of Missouri.

H.R. 4135: Mr. KILMER.

H.R. 4143: Mr. BLUM, Mr. GUTHRIE, Mr. HARPER, and Mr. CARBAJAL.

H.R. 4222: Miss RICE of New York.

H.R. 4227: Mr. BARLETTA.

H.R. 4232: Mr. POLIS.

H.R. 4240: Ms. NORTON, Mr. CARTWRIGHT, Mr. CÁRDENAS, Mr. KILMER, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. LOWENTHAL, and Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire.

H.R. 4253: Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. GUTIÉRREZ, Ms. HANABUSA, and Mrs. LOWEY.

H.R. 4281: Ms. VELÁZQUEZ.

H.R. 4306: Mr. DEFAZIO.

H.R. 4311: Ms. STEFANIK.

H.R. 4392: Ms. MOORE, Ms. NORTON, Mr. KILDEE, Mrs. DEMINGS, Mr. BYRNE, Ms. TENNEY, Mr. CARTWRIGHT, Mr. COHEN, Mr. MOONEY of West Virginia, Mr. PETERSON, Mrs. DINGELL, Mr. CAPUANO, Mr. JENKINS of West Virginia, Mr. LANGEVIN, and Mr. MOOLENAAR.

H.R. 4396: Mr. LANCE, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. CURBELO of Florida, Mr. MOULTON, Miss GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN of Puerto Rico, and Ms. GABBARD.

H.R. 4404: Ms. MCCOLLUM.

H.R. 4427: Mr. MCCLINTOCK.

H. Con. Res. 21: Mr. PERLMUTTER.

H. Con. Res. 94: Mr. FARENTHOLD.

H. Res. 603: Ms. SHEA-PORTER, Ms. BORDALLO, Mr. BRENDAN F. BOYLE of Pennsylvania, Mr. GOODLATTE, Mr. LOEBSACK, and Mr. ISSA.

H. Res. 604: Mr. CURBELO of Florida and Mr. PANETTA.



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Senate

The Senate met at 11 and 1 second a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable LUTHER STRANGE, a Senator from the State of Alabama.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. HATCH).

The assistant bill clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, November 21, 2017.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable LUTHER STRANGE, a Senator from the State of Alabama, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ORRIN G. HATCH,
President pro tempore.

Mr. STRANGE thereupon assumed the Chair as Acting President pro tempore.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL FRIDAY,
NOVEMBER 24, 2017, AT 11 A.M.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate stands adjourned until Friday, November 24, 2017, at 11 a.m.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 11 and 32 seconds a.m., adjourned until Friday, November 24, 2017, at 11 a.m.

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EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

PASSING OF DAVID S.
CUNNINGHAM, JR.

HON. KAREN BASS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 21, 2017

Ms. BASS. Mr. Speaker, Los Angeles has lost a great leader, a champion for accessible, affordable housing and a true community visionary: David Surmier Cunningham, Jr. Dave Cunningham made major contributions to our city, including serving on the Los Angeles City Council with distinction, honor and dignity from 1973 to 1986, succeeding Tom Bradley when he became Mayor. Dave Cunningham and Tom Bradley would remain close allies throughout their lives.

Among the first African American elected leaders in the city, Mr. Cunningham represented a district that included Koreatown, the Latino neighborhood of Pico-Union, the heavily Jewish district of Fairfax, and the majority African American community of West Adams. I was proud to be a constituent, and later to represent many of the same diverse communities that he served.

Mr. Cunningham had a remarkable and widely varied career. He served in the U.S. Air Force as a cartographer until 1960, the same year he says he was bitten by the political bug, when he attended the historic Democratic National Convention in Los Angeles and saw John Kennedy win the nomination for president.

He earned a Bachelor's degree in economics and political science at the University of California, Riverside in 1962, and then was selected for a Coro Foundation Public Affairs internship with Assemblyman Charles Warren. The next year he moved to the private sector and spent three years in Lagos, Nigeria as West Africa regional manager for the Dukane Corporation.

On return to the U.S., he managed community relations for Hughes Aircraft for a year before forming a government consulting partnership in 1968 that would be his focus for the next five years, along with earning a Master's degree in Urban Studies from Occidental College. In 1973 he won the responsibility of representing Los Angeles' 10th City Council District.

As a City Councilmember, Mr. Cunningham took on pressing issues from opposing drilling in Santa Monica Bay to leading a campaign to divest the city's holdings in apartheid-era South Africa. He is perhaps best known for his fierce advocacy for improving the education of African American students in the Los Angeles Unified School District, and for pioneering policies that significantly increased affordable housing in the city, including for seniors and citizens returning after incarceration.

He chaired the committee focused on housing and community development, and he called on federal housing officials to put thousands of boarded-up homes owned by the government back into use. He also used his

committee role to encourage minority hiring at investment banks that sought work with the city. In the early 1980s, he was a key ally in Councilman Zev Yaroslavsky's crusade to shut down the Los Angeles Police Department's infamous Public Disorder Intelligence Division, which kept files on civil rights organizations and other activist and civic groups.

After his city council service, he continued his housing focus, both in the private sector as an investment banker, and through a leadership position with the Community Housing Equity Corporation. Mr. Cunningham cultivated strong relationships with constituents, in particular asking his Chief of Staff MAXINE WATERS and aide Geneva Cox to work with the women of the district to develop leadership skills and harness the considerable energy and creativity of those women to improve the lives of people living in the district. The 10th Council District Women's Steering Committee continues its service to this day.

In 1988 he formed the government relations consulting firm, Dave Cunningham and Associates, that would be his focus for the next three decades, serving clients from small entrepreneurs and giant corporations like Hertz. His devotion to service later in his life included his role as state president of the Black American Public Affairs Committee (BAPAC), continuing his advocacy for equity, civil rights, economic development and community empowerment.

A man for all seasons, Mr. Cunningham was an accomplished jazz musician who played bass in a band, and he even appeared in a Chris Rock movie.

My thoughts are with Mr. Cunningham's son, my friend Judge David S. Cunningham, III, and the rest of his loving family and friends. To those of us who were fortunate enough to cross Dave's path, he offered guidance, wisdom and insight. He will be sorely missed.

TRIBUTE TO KIEU-CHINH

HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 21, 2017

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Kieu-Chinh, a legendary Vietnamese-American actress and a philanthropist, who has contributed six decades of her life to the motion picture industry worldwide, including Vietnam, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, China, India, Australia, Canada, and Hollywood.

Kieu-Chinh was born in 1937 in Hanoi, North Vietnam. She moved to the South Vietnam as a refugee in her own motherland at the age of 17, and started her acting career at the age of 19. Since then, she has appeared in over 100 movies and television shows including "M.A.S.H" and "The Joy Luck Club."

Throughout her acting career, she has received numerous accolades and awards: Best

Actress Award of South Vietnam—Arts and Cinema Prize (1969), Best Leading Actress at the Asian Film Festival in Taipei (1973), Emmy Award for her documentary—"Kieu-Chinh: A Journey Home" produced by FOX Television (1996), Special Acting Award at the Cinema Delle Donne Film Festival in Italy (2003), and Lifetime Achievement Awards at the Vietnamese International Film Festival (2003), at the San Diego Film Festival (2006) and at the San Francisco Movie Festival-Festival of Globe (2015).

In addition to her acting success, she was honored as "Refugee of the Year" by the United States Congress in 1990 and was invited to be the first Vietnamese woman to speak at the 10th Anniversary of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall Groundbreaking Anniversary in Washington, D.C. in 1992.

In 1993, together with Lewis Puller—an American veteran and Terry Anderson—a journalist, Kieu-Chinh co-founded the Vietnam Children's Fund (VCF). Since its establishment, the VCF has built 51 schools in Vietnam to provide safe and high-quality education for more than 30,000 students annually. In the same year, she became a lecturer for the Greater Talent Network, Inc. in New York and has made multiple appearances at different conventions, academic conferences, and universities around the country for over two decades.

On the 60th Anniversary of Kieu-Chinh Cinema, Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize Kieu-Chinh and her invaluable contributions to the motion picture industry and the communities worldwide.

HONORING MICHAEL "MIKE"
FISHER

HON. MICHAEL T. McCAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 21, 2017

Mr. McCAUL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of one of the finest and most dedicated members of the Office of Emergency Management: Michael "Mike" Fisher of Bastrop, Texas. He was one of the most respected individuals in not only Bastrop County, but throughout our great state.

For 11 years, Mike served as Deputy Director of Emergency Management for Bastrop County. He was considered a "man of vision and an innovator of Emergency Management." He had an uncanny ability to foresee the future of disasters and stay ahead of the diverse emergencies in our state and Bastrop County. These skills enabled him to succeed on many levels within his position.

Mike managed the emergency response for our local disasters, including the 2009 Wilderness Ridge Fire and the Hidden Pines Fire of October 2015, as well as coordinated the county's response to the major flooding events we've experienced in more recent years.

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His leadership, knowledge, and dedication to the challenges he was given were so extensive that he was often sought out to help surrounding counties and jurisdictions. Mike was always looking to help others.

To his friends and colleagues, Mike was known as a trusted counselor, a good listener, and a peacemaker. Yet, when he spoke, all listened.

Above all, his most important accomplishment was his family. To Mike's wife, Bonnie, his entire family, and the good people of Bastrop County, you have the gratitude of the nation and we join you in mourning the loss of this great public servant.

RECOGNIZING ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF WATERLOO, NY

HON. TOM REED

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 21, 2017

Mr. REED. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize St. Paul's Episcopal Church on its bicentennial, and to congratulate its clergy, staff, and members, as they celebrate this remarkable milestone.

St. Paul's was incorporated on November 17, 1817, in Waterloo, New York, and has ministered to the spiritual and physical needs of its surrounding community without ceasing in the two-hundred years since.

From its inception, St. Paul's has practiced the traditional Christian values of inclusion, hospitality, caring for the poor and others who are struggling. St. Paul's also strives to provide a welcoming environment for all individuals, regardless of where they are in their respective faith journeys.

I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing St. Paul's Episcopal Church as it celebrates two centuries of spiritual ministry and service to the community of Waterloo, New York.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 21, 2017

Mr. CUELLAR. Mr. Speaker, on Wednesday, November 8, 2017, I requested and was granted a leave of absence for the rest of the week to visit the community of Sutherland Springs following the recent shooting.

For the information of our colleagues and my constituents, below is how I would have voted on the following votes I missed during this time period.

Had I been present, I would have voted:

NAY on Roll Call 617, on rule providing for consideration of H.R. 2201, Micro Offering Safe Harbor Act;

YEA on Roll Call 618, on passage of the Veterans Crisis Line Study Act of 2017;

YEA on Roll Call 619, on the passage of the Rush Amendment;

YEA on Roll Call 620, on passage of H.R. 3043, Hydropower Policy Modernization Act of 2017;

YEA on Roll Call 621, on passage of Veterans Fair Debt Notice Act of 2016; and

NAY on Roll Call 622, on passage of H.R. 2201, Micro Offering Safe Harbor Act.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MARK POCAN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 21, 2017

Mr. POCAN. Mr. Speaker, during my medical recovery, I missed the following roll call votes. Had I been present, I would have voted:

October 31, 2017

Yea on Roll Call No. 591

November 1, 2017

No on Roll Call No. 592

No on Roll Call No. 593

Yea on Roll Call No. 594

Yea on Roll Call No. 595

Yea on Roll Call No. 596

Yea on Roll Call No. 597

No on Roll Call No. 598

Yea on Roll Call No. 599

November 2, 2017

No on Roll Call No. 600

No on Roll Call No. 601

No on Roll Call No. 602

No on Roll Call No. 603

Yea on Roll Call No. 604

November 3, 2017

Yea on Roll Call No. 605

No on Roll Call No. 606

November 6, 2017

Yea on Roll Call No. 607

Yea on Roll Call No. 608

Yea on Roll Call No. 609

November 7, 2017

No on Roll Call No. 610

No on Roll Call No. 611

Yea on Roll Call No. 612

Yea on Roll Call No. 613

No on Roll Call No. 614

November 8, 2017

No on Roll Call No. 616

No on Roll Call No. 617

Yea on Roll Call No. 618

Yea on Roll Call No. 619

No on Roll Call No. 620

Yea on Roll Call No. 621

November 9, 2017

No on Roll Call No. 622

November 13, 2017

Yea on Roll Call No. 623

Yea on Roll Call No. 624

Yea on Roll Call No. 625

November 14, 2017

No on Roll Call No. 626

No on Roll Call No. 627

Yea on Roll Call No. 628

Yea on Roll Call No. 629

No on Roll Call No. 630

No on Roll Call No. 631

November 15, 2017

No on Roll Call No. 632

No on Roll Call No. 633

Yea on Roll Call No. 634

Yea on Roll Call No. 635

Yea on Roll Call No. 636

November 16, 2017

No on Roll Call No. 637

HONORING VICTOR DE LOS SANTOS

HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 21, 2017

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take some time today to honor one of my constituents, Mr. Victor de los Santos, for his immense dedication to serving Santa Ana's youth.

Mr. Santos is a music educator who was first hired as the Santa Ana High School Band Director in 2007. In his time there, Mr. Santos has worked tirelessly to expand the breadth of the program as well as increase enrollment from 80 to 170 students.

Mr. Santos has created a safe harbor for students who are from broken homes and high crime neighborhoods. He works to create a positive environment for his students and for some, he has been the only father figure they have known. Two years ago, he became foster father to a student who would have otherwise gone to a group home. Now that student has graduated from Santa Ana High School and is attending Santa Ana City College to one day become a teacher too.

I am pleased to say that Mr. Santos has been nominated, along with 24 other semifinalists from across the country, for the Grammy Music Educator Award, which will be presented next year.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Santos is an example to us of the value of investing in education of the arts. I am honored to congratulate Mr. Santos for his nomination, and thank him for the positive impact he has made on the Santa Ana community.

HONORING MIRIAM STEINBERG

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 21, 2017

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an exceptional member of the Scarsdale community, Miriam Steinberg, for her tireless dedication and selflessness to the Coachman Family Center Shelter. Miriam has donated over \$50,000 worth of food and supplies for the homeless and deserves a great deal of recognition for her efforts.

A lifetime resident of Scarsdale, Miriam is the President of Our Coupon Cares, a non-profit committed to providing supplies to homeless shelters through clipping coupons. Miriam's monthly visits to the shelter have led her to be one of the largest individual donors in the area. Each month, Miriam brings 15 grocery bags filled with cereal, snacks, juice, body wash, notebooks, board game and other supplies, totaling over 700 grocery bags since she became President. Currently, she is preparing for the Thanksgiving holiday and hopes to provide those with a memorable holiday.

Miriam's altruism is a model for others to look upon, Mr. Speaker, she has given so much back to her community and her efforts have been beyond exemplary. I want to congratulate Miriam on all she has done and thank her for her remarkable work.

IN RECOGNITION OF COMMANDER
PAT SLACK

HON. RICK LARSEN

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 21, 2017

Mr. LARSEN of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the distinguished career of Commander Pat Slack of the Snohomish Regional Drug & Gang Task Force, who will be retiring at the end of this year.

Commander Slack is an army veteran who received the Bronze Star for his service in Vietnam. Following his service, he spent 25 years with the Snohomish County Sheriff's office and five years as a Deputy Chief with the Everett Police Department.

In 2000, he became the Commander of the Snohomish Regional Drug & Gang Task Force, which has become the largest of its kind in the state under his leadership. The task force targets drug trafficking organizations and street gangs involved in drug activity to reduce availability and trafficking of drugs in the state and county. This is with the ultimate goal of improving the quality of life in our communities.

Commander Slack was instrumental in starting the drug take back program in Snohomish County and he has been a member of a number of national and local teams and organizations focused on drugs and public health.

I would like to recognize Commander Slack for his excellent leadership and his commitment to fighting the opioid epidemic in my district.

HONORING THE LIFE OF BRASHER-
WINTHROP VOLUNTEER FIRE-
FIGHTER DAVID CARR

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 21, 2017

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of David Carr, a firefighter in the Brasher-Winthrop Volunteer Fire Department who died in the line of duty on November 4, 2017.

David dedicated his life to serving others. After joining the Winthrop Volunteer Fire De-

partment in 1979, he became Fire Chief of the department and maintained an active membership after his department merged with the firefighters of Brasher. David was also a member of the Tri-Town Volunteer Rescue Squad for 17 years, and served as chief for four years. In 2016, he was recognized for responding to the most calls of any EMT in his department. David was known by his colleagues as a trusted mentor and dedicated volunteer to the Tri-Town Community.

I would like to offer my deepest condolences to David's family and friends, particularly his wife, Lisa. David was an exemplary member of the community and his countless sacrifices made on behalf of the 21st District will not be forgotten.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 100TH
BIRTHDAY OF JOSEPHINE R.
(ARENA) DRISCOLL

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 21, 2017

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Josephine R. (Arena) Driscoll, a resident of Rockland, Massachusetts, who is celebrating her 100th birthday.

Josephine was born on November 27, 1917 to Harry L. and Rose (Galbo) Arena, who emigrated from Italy through Ellis Island. Growing up she was very active in her community as the captain of her drill and bowling teams and in the Holy Family Church in Rockland. In 1939 she won an award for her poem at the World's Fair Anthology of Verse. Josephine also spent time traveling across the country and to Mexico with her parents.

As a young woman Josephine worked in the Commonwealth Shoe Factory in Whitman. After the factory closed, Josephine, who did not have the opportunity to finish high school, went back and earned her degree. She then worked in the Electro Signal Lab in Rockland, the town where she lives to this day.

In 1957 she married Charles A. Driscoll, a U.S. Navy veteran from World War II. Continuing her love for travel, she made many cross-country road trips with her husband until he passed away in 1968. Josephine continued to be involved in her community and is a lifelong member of the Republican Town Committee. Today Josephine lives with her niece

Rosemarie and her husband Edward, a veteran of the U.S. Navy.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor Josephine R. Driscoll on this joyous occasion of her 100th birthday. I ask that my colleagues join me in wishing her many more years of health and happiness.

HONORING FIRST LIEUTENANT
JOHN H. LIEKHUS

HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 21, 2017

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take some time today to honor the memory of First Lieutenant John H. Liekhus of Anaheim, for his immense dedication to serving our country.

A member of Anaheim High's 1934 graduating class, First Lt. Liekhus was a flyer with the 323rd Bombardment Squadron, the 91st Bombardment Group and Eighth Air Force. On November 2, 1944, First Lt. Liekhus and his crew were on a bombing mission to Merseburg, Germany when their plane was hit by a flak. When he realized his plane was going down, First Lt. Liekhus ordered his nine-member crew to bail. Three survived and became prisoners of war, the navigator died, and First Lt. Liekhus and the others were declared missing in action. It was his great nephew, Dr. Michael Cushing, who led the search for answers about his great uncle's plane crash. First Lt. Liekhus was 29 years old at the time of his death, but his body was not recovered to be returned home until 73 years after his death. Dr. Cushing, and First Lt. Liekhus' last living sister, Trudy, were finally able to receive answers.

First Lt. John H. Liekhus embodied the selflessness and courage of servicemembers. He paid the ultimate price by putting the lives of his crew before his own, and his efforts towards the mission to bomb Merseburg oil refineries were instrumental in ending Hitler's reign.

Mr. Speaker, First Lt. Liekhus is an example to us all of us of the incredible sacrifice of our servicemembers. I am honored to recognize First Lt. Liekhus for going above and beyond for American freedom and thank him for his service.

Tuesday, November 21, 2017

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate met at 11:00:01 a.m. in pro forma session, and adjourned at 11:00:32 a.m. until 11 a.m., on Friday, November 24, 2017.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 4 public bills, H.R. 4454–4457, were introduced. **Page H9433**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H9433**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 1699, to amend the Truth in Lending Act to modify the definitions of a mortgage originator and a high-cost mortgage, to amend the Secure and Fair Enforcement for Mortgage Licensing Act of 2008 to modify the definition of a loan originator, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 115–416);

H.R. 1735, to direct the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to issue guidance regarding implementation of certain buy-outs or the acquisition of property for open space as a flood mitigation measure, and for other purposes, with amendments (H. Rept. 115–417);

H.R. 3176, to prohibit the Federal Emergency Management Agency from recouping certain assistance, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–418);

H.R. 1758, to amend the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 to modify provisions relating to brownfield remediation grants, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–419, Part 1);

H.R. 3072, to increase from \$10,000,000,000 to \$50,000,000,000 the threshold figure at which regulated depository institutions are subject to direct examination and reporting requirements of the Bureau

of Consumer Financial Protection, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 115–420);

H.R. 3469, to designate the bridge located in Blount County, Tennessee, on the Foothills Parkway (commonly known as “Bridge 2”) as the “Dean Stone Bridge” (H. Rept. 115–421); and

H.R. 3905, to require congressional approval of any mineral withdrawal or monument designation involving the National Forest System lands in the State of Minnesota, to provide for the renewal of certain mineral leases in such lands, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 115–422). **Pages H9432–33**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Harris to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H9431**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Rev. Dr. Scott W. Wilson, Capitol Hill Presbyterian Church, Washington, DC. **Page H9431**

World War I Centennial Commission—Appointment: Read a letter from Representative Pelosi, Minority Leader, in which she appointed Ms. Maria Zoe Dunning of San Francisco, California, after the resignation of Mr. Robert Dalessandro, to the World War I Centennial Commission. **Page H9431**

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 11 a.m. and adjourned at 11:03 a.m.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY,
NOVEMBER 24, 2017

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

11 a.m., Friday, November 24

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

9 a.m., Friday, November 24

Senate Chamber

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

House Chamber

Program for Friday: House will meet in Pro Forma session at 9 a.m.

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