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Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Saturday, December 23, 2017, at 11 a.m.

House of Representatives

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2017

The House met at 2 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. GALLAGHER).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
December 22, 2017.

I hereby appoint the Honorable MIKE GALLAGHER to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

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

PRAYER

Reverend Paul D. Holland, S.J., Jesuit Conference, Washington, D.C., offered the following prayer:

Gracious God, winter has come, with its long nights and cold days.

The holidays bring both hectic demands and the promise of reunions and recreation.

War and dissension continue to plague our world and our own hearts, even as heavenly voices cry out for peace on Earth; so we pause and seek Your presence, Your light, Your peace.

Bless each Member of Congress. Through their faithful service to our Nation, make them witnesses to hope in the midst of confusion, beacons of light in the midst of the dark, and channels of peace amidst turmoil.

Give them safe journeys home, joyful family gatherings, and renewal of strength in body, mind, and spirit.

And most of all, fill their hearts with gratitude and humble recognition that You are the source of all hope, all light, and all peace.

We pray this in Your most holy name.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 3(a) of House Resolution 670, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Texas (Mr. CULBERSON) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. CULBERSON 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 21, 2017.

Hon. PAUL D. RYAN,
*The 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 21, 2017, at 7:23 p.m.:

That the Senate agree to House of Representatives amendment to Senate amendment to the bill H.R. 1370.

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 bill was signed by Speaker pro tempore UPTON on Thursday, December 21, 2017:

H.R. 1370, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to issue Department of Homeland Security-wide guidance and develop training programs as part of the Department of Homeland Security Blue Campaign, and for other purposes.

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 22, 2017.

Hon. PAUL D. RYAN,
*The Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.*

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of

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the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on December 22, 2017, at 11:34 a.m.:

That the Senate passed S. 35.
 That the Senate passed S. 167.
 That the Senate passed S. 432.
 That the Senate passed S. 466.
 That the Senate passed S. 1208.
 That the Senate passed S. 1438.
 That the Senate passed S. 2030.
 That the Senate passed S. 2070.
 That the Senate passed S. 2273.
 That the Senate passed with an amendment H.R. 195.
 That the Senate passed without an amendment H.R. 267.
 That the Senate passed without an amendment H.R. 381.
 That the Senate passed without an amendment H.R. 518.
 That the Senate passed without an amendment H.R. 560.
 That the Senate passed without an amendment H.R. 699.
 That the Senate passed without an amendment H.R. 863.
 That the Senate passed without an amendment H.R. 954.
 That the Senate passed without an amendment H.R. 1242.
 That the Senate passed without an amendment H.R. 1306.
 That the Senate passed without an amendment H.R. 1927.
 That the Senate passed without an amendment H.R. 2142.
 That the Senate passed without an amendment H.R. 2228.
 That the Senate passed without an amendment H.R. 2331.
 That the Senate passed without an amendment H.R. 2611.
 That the Senate passed without an amendment H.R. 4661.

Appointment:

United States-China Economic Security Review Commission (Maj. Leader).
 United States-China Economic Security Review Commission (Dem. Leader).

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

KAREN L. HAAS.

EXTENDING THE PERIOD DURING WHICH VESSELS THAT ARE SHORTER THAN 79 FEET IN LENGTH AND FISHING VESSELS ARE NOT REQUIRED TO HAVE A PERMIT FOR DISCHARGES INCIDENTAL TO THE NORMAL OPERATION OF THE VESSEL

Mr. CULBERSON. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to take from the Speaker's table the bill (S. 2273) to extend the period during which vessels that are shorter than 79 feet in length and fishing vessels are not required to have a permit for discharges incidental to the normal operation of the vessel, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

The text of the bill is as follows:

S. 2273

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. EXTENSION OF MORATORIUM.

Section 2(a) of Public Law 110-299 (33 U.S.C. 1342 note) is amended by striking "De-

ember 18, 2017" and inserting "January 19, 2018".

The bill was ordered to be read a third time, was read the third time, and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

SENATE BILLS REFERRED

Bills of the Senate of the following titles were taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. 167. An act to designate a National Memorial to Fallen Educators at the National Teachers Hall of Fame in Emporia, Kansas; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

S. 432. An act to designate the Cerro del Yuta and Rio San Antonio Wilderness Areas in the State of New Mexico, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

S. 466. An act to clarify the description of certain Federal land under the Northern Arizona Land Exchange and Verde River Basin Partnership Act of 2005 to include additional land in the Kaibab National Forest; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

S. 1438. An act to redesignate the Jefferson National Expansion Memorial in the State of Missouri as the "Gateway Arch National Park"; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

S. 2030. An act to deem the compliance date for amended energy conservation standards for ceiling fan light kits to be January 21, 2020, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

S. 2070. An act to amend the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994, to reauthorize the Missing Alzheimer's Disease Patient Alert Program, and to promote initiatives that will reduce the risk of injury and death relating to the wandering characteristics of some children with autism; to the Committee on the Judiciary; in addition, to the Committee on Education and the Workforce; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform; and to the Committee on House Administration 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.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Karen L. Haas, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly enrolled a bill of the House of the following title, which was thereupon signed by the Speaker pro tempore, Mr. UPTON, on Thursday, December 21, 2017:

H.R. 1370. An act to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to issue Department of Homeland Security-wide guidance and develop training programs as part of the Department of Homeland Security Blue Campaign, and for other purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 3(b) of House Resolution 670, the House stands adjourned until 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, December 26, 2017.

Thereupon (at 2 o'clock and 6 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Tuesday, December 26, 2017, at 4:30 p.m.

**EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS,
ETC.**

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

3539. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting a memorandum enumerating accounts in the Further Additional Continuing Appropriations Act, 2018, as emergency requirements, pursuant to Additional Continuing Appropriations Act, 2018 (H. Doc. No. 115-85); to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

3540. A letter from the Chief Counsel, FEMA, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Suspension of Community Eligibility (New Jersey: Beverly, City of, Burlington County, et al.) [Docket ID: FEMA-2017-0002; Internal Agency Docket No.: FEMA-8509] received December 18, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Financial Services.

3541. A letter from the Associate Bureau Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting The Commission's final rule — Bridging the Digital Divide for Low-Income Consumers [WC Docket No.: 17-287]; Lifeline and Link Up Reform and Modernization [WC Docket No.: 11-42]; Telecommunications Carriers Eligible for Universal Service Support [WC Docket No.: 09-197] received December 19, 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.

3542. A letter from the Director, Office of Strategic Planning and Management, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting the Department's FY 2016 FAIR Act Inventory, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 501 note; Public Law 105-270, Sec. 2(c)(1)(A); (112 Stat. 2382); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

3543. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting the Department's summary of the inventories of commercial and inherently governmental activities for fiscal year 2016, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 501 note; Public Law 105-270, Sec. 2(c)(1)(A); (112 Stat. 2382); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

3544. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting a notification of the intention to end the suspension of Argentina's designation as a beneficiary developing country under the Generalized System of Preferences program, pursuant to 19 U.S.C. 2462(f)(1); Public Law 93-618, Sec. 502 (as added by Public Law 104-188, Sec. 1952(a); (110 Stat. 1920) and 19 U.S.C. 2462(d)(3); Public Law 93-618, Sec. 502(d)(3) (as added by Public Law 104-188, Sec. 1952(a)); (110 Stat. 1917) (H. Doc. No. 115-84); to the Committee on Ways and Means and ordered to be printed.

3545. A letter from the Chair, Office of Compliance, transmitting a letter asking Congress to make anti-discrimination and anti-harassment training mandatory as recommended in the Office's December 2016 report; jointly to the Committees on House Administration and Education and the Workforce.

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

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

H.R. 242: Mr. LANGEVIN.

H.R. 435: Mr. MESSER.

H.R. 667: Mr. DELANEY.

H.R. 1291: Mr. BEN RAY LUJÁN of New Mexico.

H.R. 2740: Mr. CASTRO of Texas, Mr. AL GREEN of Texas, Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana, Mr. SHUSTER, Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, Ms. STEFANIK, Ms. ESTY of Connecticut, Mr. PRICE of North Carolina, Mrs. TORRES, Ms.

MOORE, Mr. RUSSELL, Mr. COFFMAN, and Mr. UPTON.
H.R. 2871: Mr. CALVERT.
H.R. 2996: Mr. LAHOOD and Mr. HOLDING.
H.R. 3635: Mr. MCNERNEY.
H.R. 3948: Mr. GOTTHEIMER.
H.R. 3978: Mr. GOTTHEIMER.
H.R. 4143: Mr. DONOVAN, Mr. TROTT, and Mr. LAHOOD.

H.R. 4253: Mr. CARTWRIGHT.

H.R. 4319: Mr. GOTTHEIMER.

H.R. 4382: Mr. MOONEY of West Virginia and Mr. YARMUTH.

H.R. 4541: Ms. TSONGAS and Mr. RUSH.

H.R. 4653: Mr. GROTHMAN.

H. Res. 31: Mr. DELANEY.

H. Res. 672: Mrs. BUSTOS.