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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.

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