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## Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 27, 2017, at 10 a.m.

## House of Representatives

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2017

The House met at 4:30 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. McHENRY).

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,  
December 26, 2017.

I hereby appoint the Honorable PATRICK T. McHENRY 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, we acknowledge You as Lord of all nations, creator of land, and sea and sky, source of the wonders of nature and of all goodness.

You have entrusted creation to our faithful stewardship, yet You alone sustain all Your creation through the life-giving breath of Your spirit.

In Your wisdom, You arranged the changing of times and seasons so that we might marvel at Your love, reflected in the vastness of the universe and the bounty of this Earth.

As we near the end of this year, we pray Your blessings upon the Members of this Congress throughout the coming new year, and ask You to keep them always in Your ways of truth and faithful service.

We pray this in Your 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. 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.

### 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 UPTON on Friday, December 22, 2017:

H.R. 267, to redesignate the Martin Luther King, Junior, National Historic Site in the State of Georgia, and for other purposes;

H.R. 381, to designate a mountain in the John Muir Wilderness of the Sierra National Forest as "Sky Point";

H.R. 518, to amend the Energy Policy and Conservation Act to exclude power supply circuits, drivers, and devices designed to be connected to, and power, light-emitting diodes or organic light-

emitting diodes providing illumination from energy conservation standards for external power supplies, and for other purposes;

H.R. 560, to amend Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area Improvement Act to provide access to certain vehicles serving residents of municipalities adjacent to the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area, and for other purposes;

H.R. 699, to amend the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 to modify provisions relating to certain land exchanges in the Mt. Hood Wilderness in the State of Oregon;

H.R. 863, to facilitate the addition of park administration at the Coltsville National Historical Park, and for other purposes;

H.R. 954, to remove the use restrictions on certain land transferred to Rockingham County, Virginia, and for other purposes;

H.R. 1242, to establish the 400 Years of African-American History Commission, and for other purposes;

H.R. 1306, to provide for the conveyance of certain Federal land in the State of Oregon, and for other purposes;

H.R. 1927, to amend title 54, United States Code, to establish within the National Park Service the African American Civil Rights Network, and for other purposes;

H.R. 2142, to improve the ability of U.S. Customs and Border Protection to interdict fentanyl, other synthetic opioids, and other narcotics and

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

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