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called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mrs. Comstock).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,

February 20, 2018. I hereby appoint the Honorable BARBARA COMSTOCK to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

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

PRAYER

Reverend Michael Wilker, Lutheran Church of the Reformation, Washington, D.C., offered the following prayer:

During this first week in the Christian season of Lent, let us begin this day turning to God and our neighbor to confess our sin.

Most holy and merciful God, we confess to You and to one another, and before the whole company of heaven, that we have sinned by our fault, by our own fault, by our own most grievous fault, in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart, and mind, and strength.

We have not forgiven and freed others as we have been forgiven and freed.

Restore us, O God, and let Your anger depart from us. Accomplish in us the work of Your salvation.

Have mercy on us, almighty God. Forgive us all our sins, strengthen us in all goodness, and keep us in eternal life.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 4(a) of House Resolution

The House met at 9:30 a.m. and was 736, 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, February 16, 2018. 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 February 16, 2018, at 12:19 p.m.:

That the Senate passed S. 946.

That the Senate passed without an amendment H.R. 1725.

That the Senate passed without an amendment H.R. 3122.

That the Senate passed without an amendment H.R. 4533.

Appointment: National Council on Disability.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely

KAREN L. HAAS.

SENATE BILL REFERRED

A bill of the Senate of the following title was taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. 946. An act to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to hire additional Veterans Justice Outreach Specialists to provide treatment court services to justice-involved veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 4(b) of House Resolution 736, the House stands adjourned until 10 a.m. on Friday, February 23, 2018.

Thereupon (at 10 o'clock and 28 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Friday, February 23, 2018, at 10 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS. ETC.

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

4051. A letter from the Director, Defense Pricing/Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule - Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: State Sponsor of Terrorism-North Korea (DFARS Case 2018-D004) [Docket: DARS-2017-0019] (RIN: 0750-AJ68) received January 25, 2018, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868): to the Committee on Armed Services.

4052. A letter from the Director, Defense Pricing/Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule - Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Procurement of Commercial Items (DFARS Case 2016-D006) [Docket: DARS-2016-0028] (RIN: 0750-AJ01) received January 25, 2018, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Armed Services.

4053. A letter from the Senior Counsel, Legal Division, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, transmitting the Bureau's final rule - Rules Concerning Prepaid Accounts Under the Electronic Fund Transfer Act (Regulation E) and the Truth in Lending Act (Regulation Z) [Docket No.: CFPB-2017-0015] (RIN: 3170-AA72) received February 15, 2018,

□ This symbol represents the time of day during the House proceedings, e.g., □ 1407 is 2:07 p.m. Matter set in this typeface indicates words inserted or appended, rather than spoken, by a Member of the House on the floor.

