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Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, March 26, 2018, at 11:30 a.m.

House of Representatives

FRIDAY, MARCH 23, 2018

The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. ARRINGTON).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
March 23, 2018.

I hereby appoint the Honorable JODEY C. ARRINGTON to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

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

PRAYER

Reverend Dr. Dan C. Cummins, Peoples Church, Jacksonville, Texas, offered the following prayer:

Heavenly Father, as we approach holy week, may all in government emulate the humility of the king of kings and lord of lords, who entered Jerusalem not a conquering monarch but a lowly servant riding upon a donkey.

His was not to reign over Rome but to remain obedient to His Father's will and the passion of His cross. In death, He showed us how to live, for greater love has no man than this, than to lay down His life for His friends. In His resurrection, He conquered death, Hell, and the grave. By His ascension, He established His eternal throne and kingdom.

Demonstrating His eternal dominion over sin, He gave us power through His indwelling Holy Spirit. Therefore, let

us serve one another, esteem one another, and love one another. Empower us to choose obedience to our King. In the majestic name of Jesus Christ I pray.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 2(a) of House Resolution 796, 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, March 23, 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 Representa-

tives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on March 23, 2018, at 8:52 a.m.:

That the Senate agreed to with an amendment H. Con. Res. 116.

That the Senate agree to the amendment of the House of Representatives to the amendment of the Senate H.R. 1625.

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 the Speaker on Friday, March 23, 2018:

H.R. 1625, to amend the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 to include severe forms of trafficking in persons within the definition of transnational organized crime for purposes of the rewards program of the Department of State, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILLS 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:

H.R. 1625. An act to amend the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 to include severe forms of trafficking in persons within the definition of transnational organized crime for purposes of the rewards program of the Department of State, and for other purposes.

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

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