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## House of Representatives

The House met at 9:30 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. MOONEY of West Virginia).

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,  
March 29, 2018.

I hereby appoint the Honorable ALEXANDER X. MOONEY to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

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

### PRAYER

Father Phillip Ganir, Gonzaga Jesuit Community, Washington, D.C., offered the following prayer:

Compassionate God, source of all life, we thank You for the gift of the people we represent, for strength of mind and body, and for the blessing of freedom in our country.

During these days for recess, a time when our work and rest meet us elsewhere, when many of our citizens mark religious holidays, and when the winter months give way to spring, send Your spirit to renew us, to help us learn from the history we inherited, to sustain the values which define our homeland, to work for a more just future, sensitive to the weakest among us.

We pray with the hope that when we work for unity and peace, we see a little more heaven among us.

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.

### 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. MOONEY of West Virginia.

H.R. 4547. An act to amend titles II, VIII, and XVI of the Social Security Act to improve and strengthen the representative payment program.

### SENATE ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The Speaker pro tempore, Mr. MOONEY of West Virginia, announced his signature to an enrolled bill of the Senate of the following title:

S. 772. An act to amend the PROTECT Act to make Indian tribes eligible for AMBER Alert grants.

### ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 2(b) of House Resolution 796, the House stands adjourned until 9:30 a.m. on Monday, April 2, 2018.

Thereupon (at 9 o'clock and 33 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Monday, April 2, 2018, at 9:30 a.m.

### EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

4343. A letter from the Under Secretary, Acquisition and Sustainment, Department of Defense, transmitting a letter stating that the biennial report identifying the Department's core depot-level maintenance and repair capability requirements and sustaining workloads will be submitted at the beginning of June 2018, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 2464(d); Public Law 112-239, Sec. 322(d); (126 Stat. 1695); to the Committee on Armed Services.

4344. A letter from the Under Secretary, Acquisition and Sustainment, Department of Defense, transmitting a report titled, "Modification to Support for Non-Federal Development and Testing of Material for Chemical Agent Defense", pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 272 note; Public Law 110-181, Sec. 1034(d)(1) (as amended by Public Law 114-328, Sec. 1043(1)); (130 Stat. 2393); to the Committee on Armed Services.

4345. A letter from the Under Secretary, Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense, transmitting a letter authorizing four officers to wear the insignia of the grade of major general or brigadier general, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 777(b)(3)(B); Public Law 104-106, Sec. 503(a)(1) (as added by Public Law 108-136, Sec. 509(a)(3)); (117 Stat. 1458); to the Committee on Armed Services.

4346. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the FY 2017 report on mining activities, pursuant to Public Law 109-236; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

4347. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's report to Congress titled, "Encouraging Vaccine Innovation: Promoting the Development of Vaccines that Minimize the Burden of Infectious Diseases in the 21st Century", pursuant to the 21st Century Cures Act of 2016, Public Law 114-255, Sec. 3093(b); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

4348. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting notification that the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13664 of April 3, 2014, with respect to South Sudan is to continue in effect beyond April 3, 2018, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1622(d); Public Law 94-412, Sec. 202(d); (90 Stat. 1257) (H. Doc. No. 115-107); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed.

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

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