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## House of Representatives

The House met at noon and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. ADERHOLT).

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,

April 5, 2018.

I hereby appoint the Honorable ROBERT B. ADERHOLT to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

PAUL D. RYAN,

*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

### PRAYER

Reverend Timothy P. Kesicki, S.J., Jesuit Conference Washington, D.C. offered the following prayer:

Dear Lord, as we meet during this holy season, we are reminded what the American writer and theologian, Frederick Buechner, said of Easter. "Nothing, no horror can happen that can permanently, irrevocably quench the presence of holiness that is always there 'underneath the everlasting arms.'"

We gather as a Nation this day to place ourselves in the protection of Your everlasting arms. We look out at Your creation, budding new with life from every window, reminding us that as You have raised Your Son to new life, You will continue to raise up all who turn to You.

You can turn fear into promise, despair into hope, defeat into victory, and remind us that new life still flows in spite of everything. This is the joy of Easter. This is Your gift to us this day. May we live and proclaim this new life in all that we say and do.

We 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.

### APPOINTMENT OF INDIVIDUALS TO THE WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE CENTENNIAL COMMISSION

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces the Speaker's appointment, pursuant to section 431(a)(3) of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2017 (Public Law 115-31), and the order of the House of January 3, 2017, of the following individuals on the part of the House to the Women's Suffrage Centennial Commission:

Ms. Rebbecca Kleefisch, Oconomowoc, Wisconsin

Ms. Heather Higgins, New York, New York

### ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 2(b) of House Resolution 796, the House stands adjourned until Monday, April 9, 2018, at 11 a.m.

Thereupon (at 12 o'clock and 10 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Monday, April 9, 2018, at 11 a.m.

### EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

4353. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Affairs, Pension Ben-

efit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's final rule — Allocation of Assets in Single-Employer Plans; Benefits Payable in Terminated Single-Employer Plans; Interest Assumptions for Valuing and Paying Benefits received March 26, 2018, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

4354. A letter from the Acting Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting a Renewal of Determination of a Public Health Emergency from the consequences of Hurricane Maria on the Territory of the U.S. Virgin Islands, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 247d(a); July 1, 1944, ch. 373, title III, Sec. 319(a) (as amended by Public Law 107-188, Sec. 144(a)); (116 Stat. 630); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

4355. A letter from the Chief, Pricing Policy Division, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Connect America Fund [WC Docket No.: 10-90]; ETC Annual Reports and Certifications [WC Docket No.: 14-58]; Developing a Unified Intercarrier Compensation Regime [CC Docket No.: 01-92] received March 26, 2018, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

4356. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Commerce, transmitting a report certifying that the export of the listed item to the People's Republic of China is not detrimental to the U.S. space launch industry, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2778 note; Public Law 105-261, Sec. 1512 (as amended by Public Law 105-277, Sec. 146); (112 Stat. 2174); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

4357. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting notification that the national emergency with respect to Somalia, originally declared on April 12, 2010, by Executive Order 13536, is to continue in effect beyond April 12, 2018, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1622(d); Public Law 94-412, Sec. 202(d); (90 Stat. 1257) (H. Doc. No. 115-110); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed.

4358. A letter from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Legislative Intergovernmental and Public Affairs, Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency for the District of Columbia, transmitting a notification of a federal vacancy, and designation of acting officer, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 3349(a); Public Law 105-277, 151(b); (112 Stat. 2681-614);

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