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

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
May 3, 2018.

I hereby appoint the Honorable STEVE STIVERS to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

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

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer: God of mercy, we thank You for giving us another day.

You have kept Your covenant with every generation. In a world shadowed by the many infidelities and many inconsistencies of frail humanity, grant us faith in Your enduring love and patience with us.

Confirm the Members of the people's House in Your power that they may accomplish the tasks You have set before them.

Since You have called them to serve this great Nation, grant them the gifts they need to discern Your holy will and accomplish deeds of justice and integrity, today and every day of their lives.

May all that is done today be for Your greater honor and glory.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 3(a) of House Resolution 839, 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.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 3(b) of House Resolution 839, the House stands adjourned until noon on Monday, May 7, 2018, for morning-hour debate and 2 p.m. for legislative business.

Thereupon (at 9 o'clock and 32 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Monday, May 7, 2018, at noon for morning-hour debate.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

4712. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation and Energy Efficiency, Department of Energy, transmitting the Department's Major final rule — Human Reliability Program (RIN: 1992-AA44) received May 1, 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.

4713. A letter from the Director, Office of Civil Rights, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's FY 2017 No FEAR Act report, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 2301 note; Public Law 107-174, 203(a) (as amended by Public Law 109-435, Sec. 604(f)); (120 Stat. 3242); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk

for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. CONAWAY: Committee on Agriculture. H.R. 2. A bill to provide for the reform and continuation of agricultural and other programs of the Department of Agriculture through fiscal year 2023, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 115-661). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions of the following titles were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. ROE of Tennessee:

H.R. 5674. A bill to establish a permanent community care program for veterans, to establish a commission for the purpose of making recommendations regarding the modernization or realignment of facilities of the Veterans Health Administration, to improve construction of the Department of Veterans Affairs, to make certain improvements in the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs relating to the home loan program of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Rules, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. BILIRAKIS (for himself, Mr. BEN RAY LUJÁN of New Mexico, Mr. ROSKAM, and Mr. LEVIN):

H.R. 5675. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to require prescription drug plan sponsors under the Medicare program to establish drug management programs for at-risk beneficiaries; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. MACARTHUR (for himself, Mr. COLLINS of New York, Mr. SCHWEIKERT, Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire, Mr. BLUMENAUER, and Mr. TONKO):

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H.R. 5676. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to authorize the suspension of payments by Medicare prescription drug plans and MA-PD plans pending investigations of credible allegations of fraud by pharmacies; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. BISHOP of Michigan (for himself, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. JOYCE of Ohio, Mr. HUIZENGA, Mr. DUFFY, Mr. GALLAGHER, Mr. UPTON, Mr. MOOLENAAR, Mr. MITCHELL, Mr. WALBERG, Mrs. LAWRENCE, Ms. MOORE, Mr. POCAN, Mr. NOLAN, Mr. HIGGINS of New York, Mr. QUIGLEY, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. VISCLOSKEY, Mrs. DINGELL, and Mr. COLLINS of New York):

H. Res. 868. A resolution expressing support for the designation of May 27, 2018, through June 2, 2018, as "Great Lakes Week"; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Natural Resources, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Ms. JUDY CHU of California:

H. Res. 869. A resolution recognizing American Muslims' history and contributions to our Nation; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Mr. ROKITA:

H. Res. 870. A resolution expressing the sense of the House of Representatives with respect to the Special Counsel assigned to investigate Russian interference with the 2016 Presidential election and related matters, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY STATEMENT

Pursuant to clause 7 of rule XII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the following statements are submitted regarding the specific powers granted to Congress in the Constitution to enact the accompanying bill or joint resolution.

By Mr. ROE of Tennessee:
H.R. 5674.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8 of the United States Constitution.

By Mr. BILIRAKIS:
H.R. 5675.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, clause 1 and Article I, Section 8, clause 18

By Mr. MACARTHUR:
H.R. 5676.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article 1, Section 8

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

Under clause 7 of rule XII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions, as follows:

H.R. 113: Mr. JENKINS of West Virginia.
H.R. 539: Mr. MARSHALL.
H.R. 707: Mr. MEADOWS.
H.R. 930: Mr. CULBERSON.
H.R. 1227: Mr. CORREA.
H.R. 1247: Mr. HASTINGS.
H.R. 1267: Mr. SMITH of New Jersey.
H.R. 1270: Mr. CARSON of Indiana.
H.R. 1276: Mr. GONZALEZ of Texas.
H.R. 1322: Mr. MCEACHIN.
H.R. 1516: Mr. SOTO and Mrs. LAWRENCE.
H.R. 1556: Mr. CICILLINE.
H.R. 1626: Ms. JACKSON LEE.
H.R. 1661: Mr. PETERS and Mr. QUIGLEY.
H.R. 1868: Mr. CICILLINE and Mr. DOGGETT.
H.R. 1876: Mrs. BLACK.
H.R. 2147: Mr. BISHOP of Michigan.
H.R. 2212: Mr. DEFAZIO and Mr. BARR.
H.R. 2542: Ms. KAPTUR.
H.R. 2553: Mr. YOUNG of Iowa.
H.R. 2902: Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER.
H.R. 3409: Mr. YOUNG of Iowa and Mr. HOLLINGSWORTH.
H.R. 3423: Mr. CULBERSON.
H.R. 3613: Ms. MATSUI, Mr. MCNERNEY, and Mr. CICILLINE.
H.R. 3730: Mr. KILMER.
H.R. 3774: Mrs. LOVE.
H.R. 3847: Mr. SOTO.
H.R. 4001: Mr. SOTO.
H.R. 4022: Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire, Mr. QUIGLEY, and Mr. PAULSEN.
H.R. 4099: Mr. MARSHALL, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, and Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY.

H.R. 4384: Mr. CAPUANO.
H.R. 4489: Mrs. DINGELL.
H.R. 4635: Mr. SOTO.
H.R. 4747: Mr. COSTA.
H.R. 4841: Mr. RASKIN.
H.R. 5041: Mr. DESAULNIER and Mr. BACON.
H.R. 5050: Mr. POLIS.
H.R. 5065: Mr. NORMAN.
H.R. 5155: Ms. SANCHEZ, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, and Mr. GRIJALVA.
H.R. 5167: Mr. CARTWRIGHT.
H.R. 5171: Mr. STEWART, Mr. CARTWRIGHT, and Mr. CURTIS.
H.R. 5200: Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia.
H.R. 5251: Ms. SEWELL of Alabama.
H.R. 5402: Mr. FITZPATRICK.
H.R. 5425: Ms. NORTON, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, and Mr. GRIJALVA.
H.R. 5517: Mr. CONAWAY and Mr. MOOLENAAR.
H.R. 5526: Mr. BUCK.
H.R. 5645: Mr. MESSER and Mr. SESSIONS.
H.J. Res. 31: Mr. JEFFRIES.
H.J. Res. 122: Mr. MARCHANT, Mr. FRANCIS ROONEY of Florida, and Mr. RICE of South Carolina.
H. Con. Res. 10: Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY.
H. Res. 733: Mr. RASKIN.
H. Res. 750: Mr. CAPUANO, Mr. RUSH, and Mr. SMITH of New Jersey.
H. Res. 763: Mr. BISHOP of Michigan.
H. Res. 785: Mrs. WAGNER, Mr. HARPER, Mr. LANCE, Mr. KUSTOFF of Tennessee, and Mr. BUDD.
H. Res. 818: Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY.
H. Res. 837: Mr. DESJARLAIS.
H. Res. 852: Mr. RASKIN.

PETITIONS, ETC.

Under clause 3 of rule XII,
98. The SPEAKER presented a petition of Mr. Gregory D. Watson, a citizen of Austin, TX, relative to urging Congress to propose, pursuant to Article V, an amendment to the United States Constitution that would provide for a same-day nationwide popular referendum, within the several states, as the exclusive means of ratifying future federal constitutional amendments, with an approval threshold requirement of a simple majority of the vote cast in not less than three-fifths of the geographic districts which comprise the United States House of Representatives; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.