

Under clause 3 of rule I, the Speaker is responsible to control the Hall of the House. Under clause 1 of rule IV, the Hall of the House is to be used only for the legislative business of the House, for caucus and conference meetings of its Members, and for such ceremonies as the House might agree to conduct there.

When the House stands adjourned, its chamber remains on static display. It may accommodate visitors in the gallery or on the floor, subject to the needs of those who operate, maintain, and secure the chamber to go about their ordinary business. Because outside "coverage" of the chamber is limited to floor proceedings and is allowed only by accredited journalists, when the chamber is on static display no audio or video recording or transmitting devices are allowed. The long custom of disallowing even still photography in the chamber is based at least in part on the notion that an image having this setting as its backdrop might be taken to carry the imprimatur of the House.

The imprimatur of the House adheres to the Journal of its proceedings, which is kept pursuant to the Constitution. The imprimatur of the House adheres to the Congressional Record, which is kept as a substantially verbatim transcript pursuant to clause 8 of rule XVII. The imprimatur of the House adheres to the audio and visual transmissions and recordings that are made and kept by the television system administered by the Speaker pursuant to rule V. But the imprimatur of the House may not be appropriated to other, ad hoc accounts or compositions of events in its chamber.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under clause 5(d) of rule XX, the Chair announces to the House that the whole number of the House is 433.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. WELCH. Madam Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 8 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Friday, January 4, 2019, at 9 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

1. Under clause 2 of rule XIV, a letter from the Clerk, U.S. House of Representatives, transmitting a list of reports created by the Clerk, pursuant to Rule II, clause 2(b), of the Rules of the House (H. Doc. No. 116-4), was taken from the Speaker's table, referred to the Committee on House Administration and ordered to be printed.

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. SARBANES (for himself and Ms. PELOSI):

H.R. 1. A bill to expand Americans' access to the ballot box, reduce the influence of big money in politics, and strengthen ethics rules for public servants, and for other pur-

poses; to the Committee on House Administration, and in addition to the Committees on Intelligence (Permanent Select), the Judiciary, Oversight and Reform, Science, Space, and Technology, Education and Labor, Ways and Means, Financial Services, Ethics, and Homeland Security, 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 Mrs. LOWEY:

H.R. 21. A bill making appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Appropriations, and in addition to the Committee on the Budget, 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, considered and passed.

By Mr. BRADY:

H.R. 22. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the increase in the standard deduction, the increase in and modifications of the child tax credit, and the repeal of the deduction for personal exemptions contained in Public Law 115-97; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. HUDSON:

H.R. 23. A bill to eliminate the sunset date for the Veterans Choice Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs, to expand eligibility for such program, and to extend certain operating hours for pharmacies and medical facilities of the Department, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. MASSIE (for himself, Mr. GOSAR, Mr. YOHO, Ms. FOXF of North Carolina, Mr. GAETZ, Mr. GUTHRIE, Mr. KING of Iowa, Mr. MULLIN, Mrs. WALORSKI, Mr. POSEY, Mr. DEFAZIO, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. CHABOT, Mr. JORDAN, Mr. MOONEY of West Virginia, Mr. DESJARLAIS, Mr. BIGGS, Mr. COLE, Mr. DUNCAN, Mr. WITTMAN, Mr. BACON, Mr. GRIFFITH, Mr. HUNTER, Mr. WALBERG, Mr. PERRY, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mr. HICE of Georgia, Mr. AMASH, Mr. MEADOWS, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. WEBSTER of Florida, Mr. PALAZZO, Mr. MARCHANT, Mr. PALMER, Mr. BROOKS of Alabama, Mr. BUCK, Mr. SMITH of Nebraska, Mr. MCCLINTOCK, and Mr. DAVIDSON of Ohio):

H.R. 24. A bill to require a full audit of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and the Federal reserve banks by the Comptroller General of the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

By Mr. WOODALL (for himself, Mr. BANKS, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mr. BISHOP of Utah, Mr. BROOKS of Alabama, Mr. CARTER of Texas, Mr. CHABOT, Mr. CONAWAY, Mr. DESJARLAIS, Mr. DUNCAN, Ms. FOXF of North Carolina, Mr. GAETZ, Mr. GRAVES of Georgia, Mr. HICE of Georgia, Mr. KING of Iowa, Mr. LOUDERMILK, Mr. LUCAS, Mr. MASSIE, Mr. MULLIN, Mr. POSEY, Mr. DAVID P. ROE of Tennessee, Mr. WITTMAN, Mr. YOHO, Mr. YOUNG, Mr. COLLINS of Georgia, and Mr. WALBERG):

H.R. 25. A bill to promote freedom, fairness, and economic opportunity by repealing the income tax and other taxes, abolishing the Internal Revenue Service, and enacting a national sales tax to be administered primarily by the States; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. CURTIS:

H.R. 26. A bill to prohibit the pay of Members of Congress during periods in which a Government shutdown is in effect, and for

other purposes; to the Committee on House Administration, and in addition to the Committee on Oversight and Reform, 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. GOHMERT:

H.R. 27. A bill to amend the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 to eliminate automatic increases for inflation from CBO baseline projections for discretionary appropriations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Budget.

By Mr. GOHMERT:

H.R. 28. A bill to prohibit United States assistance to foreign countries that oppose the position of the United States in the United Nations; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. GOHMERT:

H.R. 29. A bill to exempt from the Lacey Act and the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 certain water transfers between any of the States of Texas, Arkansas, and Louisiana; to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, 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. GOHMERT:

H.R. 30. A bill to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to provide that nonnative species in the United States shall not be treated as endangered species or threatened species for purposes of that Act; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. ENGEL (for himself, Mr. MCCAUL, Mr. DEUTCH, Mr. KINZINGER, Mr. CICILLINE, Mr. YOHO, Mr. CONNOLLY, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. HASTINGS, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mr. PANETTA, Mr. HILL of Arkansas, Mr. BRENDAN F. BOYLE of Pennsylvania, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Ms. MENG, Mr. CHABOT, Mr. KILDEE, Mrs. WAGNER, Mr. SUOZZI, Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana, Mr. MOULTON, Mr. MEADOWS, Mr. TED LIEU of California, Mr. ROONEY of Florida, Mr. LIPINSKI, Mr. STIVERS, Mr. CARSON of Indiana, Mr. HURD of Texas, Mr. SCHNEIDER, Mr. GALLAGHER, Mr. KEATING, Ms. FRANKEL, Mr. LANGEVIN, Mr. LEVIN of California, Mr. SMITH, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, and Ms. ESHOO):

H.R. 31. A bill to require certain additional actions in connection with the national emergency with respect to Syria, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committees on Financial Services, and the Judiciary, 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. DAVIDSON of Ohio (for himself, Mr. MEADOWS, Mr. DUNCAN, Mr. HICE of Georgia, Mr. GOSAR, Mr. JORDAN, Mr. NORMAN, Mr. MOONEY of West Virginia, Mr. BROOKS of Alabama, Mr. YOHO, Mr. CLOUD, Mrs. LESKO, Mr. BIGGS, Mr. PERRY, Mr. GOHMERT, Mr. MASSIE, Mr. BUDD, and Mr. BUCK):

H.R. 32. A bill to allow the Secretary of the Treasury to accept public donations to fund the construction of a barrier on the border between the United States and Mexico and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. RUSH:

H.R. 33. A bill to increase public safety by punishing and deterring firearms trafficking; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. JOHNSON of Texas (for herself and Mr. LUCAS):