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House of Representatives

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

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
February 15, 2019.

I hereby appoint the Honorable RICK LARSEN to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

Father Gary Studniewski, St. Peter's Catholic Church, Washington, D.C., offered the following prayer:

Almighty God, we lift our hearts and minds to You as we begin today. You are sovereign over all things, but You give us all a share in Your governance over the things of creation and the affairs of humanity.

Thank You for the blessing over this House of Representatives with a privileged position in governing toward the end of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness for the citizens it serves.

We ask Your grace and favor upon each elected official, that unity among them may be realized even amidst diversity, and that their work contribute to the ways of justice for all and peace that is lasting.

Bless all who work and assemble here, and fill this session with Your spirit, that it may result in good fruit for our country in time, and its citizens for eternity.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 2(a) of House Resolution

131, 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.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Ms. Byrd, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed a bill of the following title in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 483 An act to enact into law a bill by reference.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 4 of rule I, the following enrolled joint resolution was signed by the Speaker on Thursday, February 14, 2019:

H.J. Res. 31, making consolidated appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION SIGNED

Karen L. Haas, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly enrolled a Joint Resolution of the House of the following title, which was thereupon signed by the Speaker on Thursday, February 14, 2019:

H.J. Res. 31. Joint Resolution making consolidated appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, and for other purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 2(b) of House Resolution 131, the House stands adjourned until 2:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 19, 2019.

Thereupon (at 10 o'clock and 3 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Tuesday, February 19, 2019, at 2:30 p.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

205. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting a designation of all funding (including the rescission of funds) for Overseas Contingency Operations/Global War on Terrorism, pursuant to Sec. 5 of Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2019 (H. Doc. No. 116-10); to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

206. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting a designation as an emergency requirement all funding so designated by the Congress in the Act pursuant to Sec. 251(b)(2)(A) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, pursuant to Sec. 7058(d)(5) of Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2019 (H. Doc. No. 116-11); to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

207. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting A declaration of a National Emergency concerning the southern border of the United States, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1621(a); Public Law 94-412, Sec. 201(a); (90 Stat. 1255) (H. Doc. No. 116-9); to the Committee on Armed Services and ordered to be printed.

208. A letter from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's temporary final rule — Safety Zone; Ohio River, Miles 73 to 74, Wellsburg, WV [Docket No.: USCG-2018-1093] (RIN: 1625-AA00) received February 14, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

209. A letter from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's

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temporary final rule — Safety Zone for Fireworks Display; Spa Creek, Annapolis, MD [Docket No.: USCG-2018-1021] (RIN: 1625-AA00) received February 14, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

210. A letter from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's temporary final rule — Safety Zone; Lower Mississippi River, Mile Markers 229.5 to 230.5 Baton Rouge, LA [Docket No.: USCG-2018-0960] (RIN: 1625-AA08) received February 14, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

211. A letter from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's temporary final rule — Safety Zone; Tumon Bay, Tumon, GU [Docket No.: USCG-2018-0864] (RIN: 1625-AA00) received February 14, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

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. CICILLINE (for himself, Ms. ADAMS, Mr. AGUILAR, Ms. BARRAGAN, Ms. BASS, Mrs. BEATTY, Mr. BERA, Mr. BEYER, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER, Ms. BONAMICI, Mr. BRENDAN F. BOYLE of Pennsylvania, Mr. BROWN of Maryland, Ms. BROWNLEY of California, Mr. BUTTERFIELD, Mr. CARBAJAL, Mr. CÁRDENAS, Mr. CARSON of Indiana, Mr. CARTWRIGHT, Mr. CASTEN of Illinois, Ms. CASTOR of Florida, Ms. JUDY CHU of California, Mr. CISNEROS, Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Mr. CLAY, Mr. COHEN, Mr. CONNOLLY, Mr. COOPER, Mr. CORREA, Mr. COURTNEY, Mrs. CRAIG, Mr. CRIST, Mr. CROW, Mr. CUMMINGS, Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois, Mrs. DAVIS of California, Ms. DEAN, Ms. DEGETTE, Ms. DELAURO, Ms. DELBENE, Mrs. DEMINGS, Mr. DESAULNIER, Mr. DEUTCH, Mrs. DINGELL, Mr. DOGGETT, Mr. MICHAEL F. DOYLE of Pennsylvania, Ms. ESCOBAR, Ms. ESHOO, Mr. ENGEL, Ms. FRANKEL, Mr. FOSTER, Ms. FUDGE, Ms. GABBARD, Mr. GALLEGO, Mr. GARAMENDI, Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois, Mr. GOMEZ, Mr. GREEN of Texas, Mr. GRIJALVA, Ms. HAALAND, Mr. HASTINGS, Mrs. HAYES, Mr. HECK, Mr. HIGGINS of New York, Mr. HIMES, Mr. HORSFORD, Ms. HOULAHAN, Mr. HOYER, Mr. HUFFMAN, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Ms. JAYAPAL, Mr. JEFFRIES, Ms. JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. KEATING, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KHANNA, Mr. KILDEE, Mr. KILMER, Mrs. KIRKPATRICK, Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY, Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire, Mr. LANGEVIN, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Mrs. LAWRENCE, Mr. LAWSON of Florida, Ms. LEE of California, Mr. LEVIN of Michigan, Mr. TED LIEU of California, Mr. LEWIS, Mr. LIPINSKI, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. LOWENTHAL, Mrs. LOWEY, Mr. LUJÁN, Mr. LYNCH, Mrs. MCBATH, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Mr. MCEACHIN, Mr.

MCGOVERN, Mr. MCNERNEY, Mr. MALINOWSKI, Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York, Mr. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY of New York, Ms. MATSUI, Mr. MEEKS, Ms. MENG, Ms. MOORE, Mr. MORELLE, Mr. MOULTON, Ms. MUCARSEL-POWELL, Mrs. MURPHY, Mr. NADLER, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mr. NEAL, Mr. NEGUSE, Ms. NORTON, Mr. NORCROSS, Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ, Ms. OMAR, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. PANETTA, Mr. PASCRELL, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. PERLMUTTER, Mr. PHILLIPS, Ms. PINGREE, Mr. POCAN, Ms. PRESSLEY, Mr. PRICE of North Carolina, Mr. QUIGLEY, Mr. RASKIN, Miss RICE of New York, Mr. RICHMOND, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Mr. ROSE of New York, Mr. RUIZ, Mr. RUPPERSBERGER, Mr. RUSH, Mr. RYAN, Mr. SABLAN, Ms. SÁNCHEZ, Mr. SARBANES, Ms. SCANLON, Mr. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. SCHNEIDER, Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia, Mr. SERRANO, Ms. SHALALA, Mr. SHERMAN, Mr. SIRES, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Mr. SOTO, Ms. SPEIER, Mr. SUOZZI, Mr. SWALWELL of California, Mr. TAKANO, Ms. TLAIB, Ms. TITUS, Mr. TONKO, Mrs. TORRES of California, Mrs. TRAHAN, Mr. TRONE, Mr. VARGAS, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Ms. WATERS, Mr. WELCH, Ms. WEXTON, Ms. WILSON of Florida, Mr. YARMUTH, Mr. CLYBURN, Mr. CASE, Ms. SHERRILL, Mr. PETERS, Mr. DELGADO, Mr. VISCLOSKEY, Mr. COSTA, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Ms. GARCIA of Texas, Mr. LARSEN of Washington, Mr. ROUDA, Mr. LEVIN of California, Mr. EVANS, and Mr. LOEBSSACK):

H.R. 1296. A bill to regulate assault weapons, to ensure that the right to keep and bear arms is not unlimited, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. DEMINGS (for herself, Mr. DEUTCH, and Ms. KELLY of Illinois):

H.R. 1297. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to include armor-piercing, concealable weapons within the definition of "firearm" under the National Firearms Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. LEWIS (for himself and Mr. GALLEGO):

H.R. 1298. A bill to prohibit discrimination in higher education against certain undocumented students on the basis of immigration status, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and Labor, 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. CARDENAS (for himself and Mr. RASKIN):

H.R. 1299. A bill to require any delivery vehicle owned or leased by the United States Postal Service have an air conditioning unit, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

By Ms. JUDY CHU of California (for herself, Mr. LEWIS, Ms. SÁNCHEZ, Mr. PASCRELL, Mr. DOGGETT, Mr. GOMEZ, Mr. PANETTA, Mr. EVANS, Mr. BRENDAN F. BOYLE of Pennsylvania, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Ms. SEWELL of Alabama, Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. HIGGINS of New York, and Mr. BLUMENAUER):

H.R. 1300. A bill to provide for a temporary safe harbor for certain failures by individuals to pay estimated income tax; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Ms. DELBENE:

H.R. 1301. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage under the Medicare program of certain mental health telehealth services; 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. FOSTER:

H.R. 1302. A bill to authorize the Assistant Secretary for Mental Health and Substance Use, acting through the Director of the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment, to award grants to States to expand access to clinically appropriate services for opioid abuse, dependence, or addiction; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. FOSTER:

H.R. 1303. A bill to direct the Comptroller General of the United States to evaluate and report on the in-patient and outpatient treatment capacity, availability, and needs of the United States; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, 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 Mr. GRAVES of Louisiana (for himself and Mr. CRIST):

H.R. 1304. A bill to require the Federal Trade Commission, in consultation with the Federal Communications Commission, to establish a robocaller bounty pilot program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. LOWENTHAL (for himself, Mr.

FITZPATRICK, Mr. TED LIEU of California, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. KILMER, Mr. GARAMENDI, Ms. NORTON, Mr. DEFAZIO, Mr. MCNERNEY, Ms. BROWNLEY of California, Mr. POCAN, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. CARTWRIGHT, and Mr. HUFFMAN):

H.R. 1305. A bill to implement the Agreement on the Conservation of Albatrosses and Petrels, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, 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. MEADOWS (for himself and Mr. PETERS):

H.R. 1306. A bill to amend the Disaster Recovery Reform Act to develop a study regarding streamlining and consolidating information collection and preliminary damage assessments, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. MEADOWS (for himself and Mr. PETERS):

H.R. 1307. A bill to provide for an online repository for certain reporting requirements for recipients of Federal disaster assistance, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committees on Small Business, and Financial Services, 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. TAKANO:

H.R. 1308. A bill to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to provide for a limitation on the time for the use of contributions or donations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on House Administration.

By Mr. FOSTER (for himself, Mr. FORTENBERRY, Mr. LUJÁN, and Mr. FLEISCHMANN):

H. Res. 137. A resolution expressing the sense of the House of Representatives in support of the International Atomic Energy Agency's (IAEA) nuclear security role; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

MEMORIALS

Under clause 3 of rule XII,

2. The SPEAKER presented a memorial of the General Assembly of the State of Ohio, relative to House Concurrent Resolution No. 10, to condemn the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions movement and increasing incidents of anti-Semitism; which was referred jointly to the Committees on Foreign Affairs and Education and Labor.

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. CICILLINE:

H.R. 1296.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8 of the United States Constitution

By Mrs. DEMINGS:

H.R. 1297.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, clause 1 provides Congress with the power to "lay and collect Taxes, Duties, Imposts and Excises."

By Mr. LEWIS:

H.R. 1298.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

This bill is enacted pursuant to the power granted to Congress under Article I of the United States Constitution and its subsequent amendments, and further clarified and interpreted by the Supreme Court of the United States.

By Mr. CÁRDENAS:

H.R. 1299.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 1.

All legislative powers herein granted shall be vested in a Congress of the United States,

which shall consist of a Senate and House of Representatives.

By Ms. JUDY CHU of California:

H.R. 1300.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 1 of the Constitution of the United States.

By Ms. DELBENE:

H.R. 1301.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8

By Mr. FOSTER:

H.R. 1302.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

This bill is enacted pursuant to the power granted to Congress under Article I, Section 8, Clauses 1 and 18 of the United States Constitution.

By Mr. FOSTER:

H.R. 1303.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

This bill is enacted pursuant to the power granted to Congress under Article I, Section 8, Clauses 1 and 18 of the United States Constitution.

By Mr. GRAVES of Louisiana:

H.R. 1304.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8 of the United States Constitution, specifically Clause 1 (relating to providing for the common defense and general welfare of the United States).

By Mr. LOWENTHAL:

H.R. 1305.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article IV, Section 3 of the U.S. Constitution

"The Congress shall have power to dispose of and make all needful rules and regulations respecting the territory or other property belonging to the United States; and nothing in this Constitution shall be so construed as to prejudice any claims of the United States, or of any particular state."

By Mr. MEADOWS:

H.R. 1306.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8 of the United States Constitution, specifically Clause 1 (relating to providing for the common defense and general welfare of the United States) and Clause 3 (related to regulation of Commerce with foreign Nations, and among the several

States, and with Indian tribes) and Clause 18 (relating to the power to make all laws necessary and proper for carrying out the powers vested in Congress).

By Mr. MEADOWS:

H.R. 1307.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8 of the United States Constitution, specifically Clause 1 (relating to providing for the common defense and general welfare of the United States) and Clause 3 (related to regulation of Commerce with foreign Nations, and among the several States, and with Indian tribes) and Clause 18 (relating to the power to make all laws necessary and proper for carrying out the powers vested in Congress).

By Mr. TAKANO:

H.R. 1308.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8 of the United States Constitution

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

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

H.R. 693: Mr. KILDEE, Mr. DEUTCH, Mr. CUMMINGS, Mr. MITCHELL, Mr. GOTTHEIMER, and Mr. MALINOWSKI.

H.R. 712: Mr. CRIST, Ms. DEAN, Mr. PANNETTA, and Mr. PERLMUTTER.

H.R. 724: Mr. LAHOOD and Mr. LOWENTHAL.

H.R. 808: Ms. MENG.

H.R. 864: Mr. MALINOWSKI and Mr. SOTO.

H.R. 919: Mr. MCGOVERN and Mr. SCHIFF.

H.R. 921: Ms. HAALAND, Mr. LARSEN of Washington, and Mr. BLUMENAUER.

H.R. 935: Ms. FUDGE.

H.R. 1045: Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. WELCH, Mr. SOTO, and Mr. RUSH.

H.R. 1137: Mr. ESPAILLAT, Mr. MCNERNEY, and Mr. HASTINGS.

H.R. 1140: Ms. MOORE, Ms. BONAMICI, Mr. SOTO, Mr. KHANNA, and Ms. BROWNLEY of California.

H.R. 1153: Ms. NORTON.

H.R. 1197: Mr. LANGEVIN.

H.R. 1226: Mr. NEGUSE.

H.R. 1228: Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. FITZPATRICK, and Mr. GAETZ.

H.R. 1239: Mr. LAHOOD.

H. Res. 119: Mr. WRIGHT.



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Senate

The Senate met at 7 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable BEN SASSE, a Senator from the State of Nebraska.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. GRASSLEY).

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, February 15, 2019.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable BEN SASSE, a Senator from the State of Nebraska, to perform the duties of the Chair.

CHUCK GRASSLEY,
President pro tempore.

Mr. SASSE thereupon assumed the Chair as Acting President pro tempore.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL TUESDAY,
FEBRUARY 19, 2019, AT 10 A.M.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate stands adjourned until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, February 19, 2019.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 7 and 25 seconds a.m., adjourned until Tuesday, February 19, 2019, at 10 a.m.

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EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF BLOYCE BRADFORD

HON. VERONICA ESCOBAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 15, 2019

Ms. ESCOBAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of an American hero, Bloyce Bradford, who passed away at 90 years old on Tuesday, January 29, 2019.

Mr. Bradford was born Christmas Day in 1928. He went on to enroll in the Army, where he served during the Korean War. While in Korea, Mr. Bradford was wounded multiple times and, at one point, was considered missing in action. According to Mr. Bradford's son, for more than 30 days, Mr. Bradford avoided capture and eventually was able to find his way back to the American forces. Mr. Bradford received the Purple Heart and several other military awards for his distinguished service. After his retirement from the Armed Forces, Mr. Bradford started his own business in Northeast El Paso, showcasing his entrepreneurial drive and his commitment to the community.

Mr. Bradford will be remembered as one of the oldest-living veterans in El Paso and be-

loved by many across the city who will miss his mentorship and kindness. His legacy lives on through his sister Gwendolyn, his five children and their families, as well as his companion of 43 years and her family. The El Paso community mourns his loss and thanks him for his contributions to our nation.

COMMEMORATING THE ONE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TIOGA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

HON. TOM REED

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 15, 2019

Mr. REED. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the one hundredth anniversary of the Tioga County Chamber of Commerce.

On June 4, 1919, citizens of Tioga County joined together and signed a charter to create the Owego Chamber of Commerce. The charter stated that the purpose of the corporation would be to promote the general welfare of Owego and the surrounding communities. Even though their name may be different these one hundred years later, their mission remains the same.

The Owego Chamber of Commerce began as a corporation to encourage the growth of business in the Greater Owego area through the management of real estate. By purchasing properties and then improving those properties, the Chamber helped to create environments that welcomed new businesses.

As the times have changed, so has the Chamber. In its early years, it overcame the adversity of the Great Depression and worked to help their community through economic struggles. During World War II, the Chamber assisted with the selling of war bonds to aid in the war effort. Today, the Chamber continues a tradition started in 1999 with their annual business show. The business show brings new businesses and existing businesses together, putting them in contact with each other and the general public.

One hundred years of service to the community is certainly a cause for celebration. I congratulate the Tioga County Chamber of Commerce for their impressive record of hard work and look forward to many more years of them supporting businesses in our communities.

Given the above, I ask that this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations and join me to celebrate the Tioga County Chamber of Commerce's one hundred years of service.

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Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate met at 7 a.m. in pro forma session, and adjourned at 7:00:25 a.m. until 10 a.m., on Tuesday, February 19, 2019.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 13 public bills, H.R. 1296–1308; and 1 resolution, H. Res. 137, were introduced. **Pages H2038–39**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H2039**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Larsen (WA) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H2037**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Rev. Gary Studniewski, St. Peter's Catholic Church, Washington, DC. **Page H2037**

Senate Referral: S. 483 was held at the desk. **Page H2037**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H2037.

Quorum Calls—Votes: There were no yea-and-nay votes, and there were no recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 10:02 a.m.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2019

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE
10 a.m., Tuesday, February 19

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
2:30 p.m., Tuesday, February 19

Senate Chamber

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Senate will meet in a pro forma session.

Program for Tuesday: House will meet in Pro Forma session at 2:30 p.m.

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