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Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, February 25, 2019, at 3 p.m.

House of Representatives

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2019

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

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
February 22, 2019.

I hereby appoint the Honorable DONALD S. BEYER, Jr. to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

Pastor Zack Randles, Waterfront Church, Washington, D.C., offered the following prayer:

Lord, in a complicated world it is comforting to know that we can come to You for answers. Shine bright Your light of wisdom and direction for our Members of Congress and their staff teams today. The job of governing is in no way easy or simple, but You have gifted them for this moment and You walk beside them come what may. It is an amazing gift to know we are not alone in these days. Thank You, Lord, that we have You and that You have given us one another as we walk this path. May we strive to be encouraging, useful, and kind today. I pray this in the mighty name of Jesus.
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.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER TO UNITED STATES SEMIQUINCENTENNIAL COMMISSION

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces the Speaker's appointment, pursuant to section 4 of the United States Semiquincentennial Commission Act of 2016 (Pub. L. 114-196), and the order of the House of January 3, 2019, of the following Member on the part of the House to the United States Semiquincentennial Commission:

Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, New Jersey

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 2(b) of House Resolution 131, the House stands adjourned until 2 p.m. on Monday, February 25, 2019.

Thereupon (at 9 o'clock and 2 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the

House adjourned until Monday, February 25, 2019, at 2 p.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

221. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting notification that the national emergency with respect to Cuba that was declared on March 1, 1996, in Proclamation 6867, as amended by Proclamation 7757 on February 26, 2004, Proclamation 9398 on February 25, 2016, and Proclamation 9699 on February 22, 2018, is to continue in effect beyond February 22, 2019, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1622(d); Public Law 94-412, Sec. 202(d); (90 Stat. 1257) (H. Doc. No. 116-12); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed.

222. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting notification that the national emergency with respect to Libya, that was declared in Executive Order 13566 of February 25, 2011, is to continue in effect beyond February 25, 2019, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1622(d); Public Law 94-412, Sec. 202(d); (90 Stat. 1257) (H. Doc. No. 116-13); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed.

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. NADLER: Committee on the Judiciary. H.R. 8. A bill to require a background

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check for every firearm sale; with an amendment (Rept. 116-11). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. NADLER: Committee on the Judiciary. H.R. 1112. A bill to amend chapter 44 of title 18, United States Code, to strengthen the background check procedures to be followed before a Federal firearms licensee may transfer a firearm to a person who is not such a licensee; with an amendment (Rept. 116-12). 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. RUSH:

H.R. 1315. A bill to amend title II of the Department of Energy Organization Act to reauthorize an office within the Department of Energy, to direct the Secretary of Energy to establish and carry out a comprehensive, nationwide energy-related industries jobs program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and Labor, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, 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. CUMMINGS (for himself and Mr. YOUNG):

H.R. 1316. A bill to establish the Federal Labor-Management Partnership Council, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

By Mr. ROUDA (for himself, Ms. NORTON, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Ms. BARRAGÁN, Mr. MALINOWSKI, Mr. CARTWRIGHT, Mr. PETERS, Ms. PRESSLEY, Mr. CARBAJAL, Mr. GARAMENDI, Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ, and Ms. MENG):

H.R. 1317. A bill to improve the resilience of the built and natural environment to natural disasters and climate change using, among other measures, natural and nature-based features, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, and in addition to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure, Oversight and Reform, Financial Services, and 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. NORTON:

H.R. 1318. A bill to direct the Librarian of Congress to obtain a stained glass panel depicting the seal of the District of Columbia and install the panel among the stained glass panels depicting the seals of States which overlook the Main Reading Room of the Library of Congress Thomas Jefferson Building; to the Committee on House Administration, and in addition to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, 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. KING of Iowa (for himself, Mr. GOSAR, and Mr. DUNCAN):

H.R. 1319. A bill to repeal the wage rate requirements commonly known as the Davis-Bacon Act; to the Committee on Education and Labor.

By Mr. KING of Iowa (for himself, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. BROOKS of Alabama, Mr. DUNCAN, Mr. MOONEY of West Virginia, and Mr. GIBBS):

H.R. 1320. A bill to amend title 13, United States Code, to require that any questionnaire used in determining the decennial census of population shall contain an option for respondents to indicate citizenship status or lawful presence in the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

By Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York (for herself, Ms. MOORE, Mr. COHEN, Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER, Mr. DEUTCH, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Mr. POCAN, Ms. DEGETTE, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. HASTINGS, Ms. JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. CLEAVER, Mr. CARBAJAL, Mr. MCNERNEY, Mr. RASKIN, Mr. YARMUTH, Mr. ESPALLAT, Ms. ESHOO, Mr. CICILLINE, and Ms. DELAURO):

H.R. 1321. A bill to designate certain National Forest System lands and certain public lands under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior in the States of Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington, and Wyoming as wilderness, wild and scenic rivers, wildland recovery areas, and biological connecting corridors, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY of New York (for himself and Mr. BROWN of Maryland):

H.R. 1322. A bill to require a report on the effects of climate change on the Coast Guard, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. PETERSON (for himself and Mr. Tipton):

H.R. 1323. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to extend the floor on the area wage index under the inpatient prospective payment system to certain sole community hospitals and to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide eligibility for certain sole community hospitals to discounted drug prices under the 340B drug pricing program; 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. RICE of South Carolina:

H.R. 1324. A bill to improve the national instant criminal background check system in order to search the National Data Exchange database when conducting criminal background checks; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. RUTHERFORD (for himself, Mrs. DEMINGS, Mr. STAUBER, and Mr. O'HALLERAN):

H.R. 1325. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to punish criminal offenses targeting law enforcement officers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. THOMPSON of California:

H.R. 1326. A bill to provide for the preservation of America's outdoor heritage and enhance recreation opportunities on Federal land, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committees on the Judiciary, Agriculture, Transportation and Infrastructure, and Appropriations, 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. CASTRO of Texas (for himself, Ms. PELOSI, Mr. HOYER, Mr. CLYBURN, Mr. LUJÁN, Mr. JEFFRIES, Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts, Mrs. BUSTOS, Ms. DELAURO, Ms. LEE of California, Mr. SWALWELL of California, Mr. CICILLINE, Mrs. DINGELL, Mr. TED

LIEU of California, Mr. CARTWRIGHT, Mr. RASKIN, Ms. HILL of California, Mr. NEGUSE, Mr. DEFazio, Mrs. LOWEY, Mr. NADLER, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Mr. CUMMINGS, Mr. NEAL, Ms. WATERS, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Mr. ENGEL, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. TAKANO, Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. GRIJALVA, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mr. YARMUTH, Ms. LOFGREN, Ms. JOHNSON of Texas, Ms. ADAMS, Mr. AGUILAR, Mr. ALLRED, Mr. AMASH, Mrs. AXNE, Ms. BASS, Ms. BARRAGÁN, Mrs. BEATTY, Mr. BERA, Mr. BEYER, Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, 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. CASE, Mr. CASTEN of Illinois, Ms. CASTOR of Florida, Ms. JUDY CHU of California, Mr. CISNEROS, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Mr. CLAY, Mr. CLEAVER, Mr. COHEN, Mr. COOPER, Mr. CORREA, Mr. COSTA, Mr. COURTNEY, Mr. COX of California, Mrs. CRAIG, Mr. CRIST, Mr. CROW, Mr. CUELLAR, Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois, Mrs. DAVIS of California, Ms. DEAN, Ms. DEGETTE, Mrs. DEMINGS, Ms. DELBENE, Mr. DELGADO, Mr. DESAULNIER, Mr. DEUTCH, Mr. DOGGETT, Mr. MICHAEL F. DOYLE of Pennsylvania, Ms. ESCOBAR, Ms. ESHOO, Mr. ESPALLAT, Mr. EVANS, Ms. FINKENAUER, Mrs. FLETCHER, Mr. FOSTER, Mrs. FRANKEL, Ms. FUDGE, Ms. GABBARD, Mr. GALLEGO, Mr. GARAMENDI, Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois, Ms. GARCIA of Texas, Mr. GOLDEN, Mr. GOMEZ, Mr. GONZALEZ of Texas, Mr. GREEN of Texas, Ms. HAALAND, Mr. HARDER of California, Mr. HASTINGS, Mrs. HAYES, Mr. HECK, Mr. HIGGINS of New York, Mr. HIMES, Mr. HORSFORD, Ms. HOULAHAN, Mr. HUFFMAN, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Ms. JAYAPAL, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. KEATING, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KHANNA, Mr. KILDEE, Mr. KILMER, Mr. KIND, Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY, Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire, Mr. LAMB, Mr. LANGEVIN, Mr. LARSEN of Washington, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Mrs. LAWRENCE, Mrs. LEE of Nevada, Mr. LEVIN of California, Mr. LEVIN of Michigan, Mr. LEWIS, Mr. LIPINSKI, Mr. LOEBBACH, Mr. LOWENTHAL, Mrs. LURIA, Mr. LYNCH, Mr. MALINOWSKI, Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York, Mr. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY of New York, Ms. MATSUI, Mr. MCADAMS, Mrs. MCBATH, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Mr. MCEACHIN, Mr. MCNERNEY, Mr. MEEKS, Ms. MENG, Ms. MOORE, Mr. MORELLE, Mr. MOULTON, Ms. MUCARSEL-POWELL, Mrs. MURPHY, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mr. NORCROSS, Ms. NORTON, Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ, Mr. O'HALLERAN, Ms. OMAR, Mr. PANETTA, Mr. PASCRELL, Mr. PERLMUTTER, Mr. PETERS, Mr. PHILLIPS, Ms. PINGREE, Ms. PLASKETT, Mr. POCAN, Ms. PORTER, Ms. PRESSLEY, Mr. PRICE of North Carolina, Mr. QUIGLEY, Miss RICE of New York, Mr. RICHMOND, Mr. ROSE of New York, Mr. ROUDA, Mr. RUIZ, Mr. RUPPERSBERGER, Mr. RUSH, Mr. RYAN, Mr. SABLAN, Mr. SAN NICOLAS, Ms. SÁNCHEZ, Mr. SARBANES, Ms. SCANLON, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. SCHNEIDER, Mr. SCHRADER, Ms. SCHRIER, Mr. SERRANO, Ms. SEWELL of Alabama,