Today, Lord, in all we do, help us live Your commandment to love one another. Amen.

THE JOURNAL
The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 3(a) of House Resolution 389, the Journal of the last day’s proceedings is approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. Bishop) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia 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.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE
The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:
OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Hon. Nancy Pelosi,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.
Dear Madam Speaker: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on May 28, 2019, at 10:17 a.m.;
That the Senate passed S. 1693, That the Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 3, With best wishes, I am, Sincerely,
Robert F. Reeves.

SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2019
Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to take from the Speaker’s table the bill (H.R. 2157) making supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, and for other purposes, with the Senate amendment thereto, and concur in the Senate amendment.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.
Mr. MASSIE. Madam Speaker, I object.
Mr. HOYER. Reserving the right to object, Madam Speaker. The SPEAKER pro tempore. Objection is heard.
Mr. HOYER. I was seeking recognition.
PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY
Mr. HOYER. Madam Speaker, I have a parliamentary inquiry.
Mr. MASSIE. Madam Speaker, I asked to be recognized before the gentleman objected. Do I not have precedence of recognition?
The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Kentucky objected to the request.

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The Clerk read the title of the bill.
The SPEAKER pro tempore. For what purpose does the gentleman from Maryland seek recognition?
Mr. HOYER. Madam Speaker, reserving the right to object. I, of course, will not object, and I urge my friends in this body not to object.
I urge them not to object because millions of people are at risk. This bill, passed in January to the Senate, which we passed some 3 or 4 weeks ago, needs to be passed as soon as possible for the welfare of our people in this country who have been attacked by natural disasters.

Madam Speaker, I urge my friends on the other side of the aisle not to object.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The reservation is withdrawn.

Mr. MASSIE. Madam Speaker, resolved to object, if the Speaker of this House felt that this was must-pass legislation, the Speaker of this House should have called for a vote on this bill before sending every Member of Congress on recess for 10 days, and I object.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Objection is heard.

NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM EXTENSION ACT OF 2019

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to take from the Speaker's table the bill (S. 1693) to reauthorize the National Flood Insurance Program, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

Mr. MASSIE. Madam Speaker, I object.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Objection is heard.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REFERRED

A concurrent resolution of the Senate of the following title was taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. Res. 3. Concurrent resolution recognizing the rich history, heritage, and strategic importance of the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Marshallese population residing in the United States; to the Committee on Natural Resources; in addition, to the Committee on Oversight and Reform; to the Committee on Armed Services; and 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.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 3(b) of House Resolution 389, the House stands adjourned until Thursday, May 30, 2019, at 4:30 p.m.

Thereupon (at 2 o'clock and 6 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Thursday, May 30, 2019, at 4:30 p.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

1106. A letter from the Assistant Legal Adviser, Office of Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting reports concerning international agreements other than treaties entered into by the United States to be transmitted to the Congress within the sixty-day period of the Gao-Za-_blocki Act, pursuant to 1 U.S.C. 112(a)(2); Public Law 92-903, Sec. 1(a) (as amended by Public Law 108-458, Sec. 711(b)); (118 Stat. 3807); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

1107. A letter from the Federal Co-Chair, Appalachian Regional Commission, transmitting the annual report of the Inspector General for the period October 1, 2018 through March 31, 2019, pursuant to the Sec. 5(b) of the Inspector General Act of 1978; to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

1108. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, NMFS, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Regulatory Amendment 6 to the Reef Fish Fishery Management Plan; and the U.S. Virgin Islands [Docket No.: 170501677-7999-02] (RIN: 0648-BG82) received on May 23, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

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:

Ms. JOHNSON of Texas: Committee on Science, Space, and Technology. H. R. 1237. A bill to amend the Federal Ocean Acidification Research Act of 2009 to establish an Ocean Acidification Advisory Board, to expand and improve the research on Ocean Acidification and Coastal Acidification, to establish an ocean acidification data archive system for Ocean Acidification data and Coastal Acidification data, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 116-89). Referred to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, and in addition to the Committee on Natural Resources, for consideration.

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi: Committee on Homeland Security. H. R. 2542. A bill to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish the National Urban Security Technology Laboratory, and for other purposes (Rept. 116-87). 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:

By Mr. BYRNE:

H. R. 3028. A bill to require the Inspector General for the Department of Justice to conduct oversight to improve the accuracy of certain political officials, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. OLSON (for himself, Mr. BARAGLAN, Mr. MARCHANT, and Mr. LEWIS):

H. R. 3029. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide transitional coverage and retroactive Part D coverage for certain low-income 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 Ms. DEGETTE (for herself and Mr. BRYER):

H. R. 3030. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and title XI of the Social Security Act to extend appropriations and transfers to the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Trust Fund and to extend certain health insurance fees for such transfers; to the Committee on Ways and Means, 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 Ms. JUDY CHU of California (for herself, Mr. ENGEL, and Mr. CARTER of Georgia):

H. R. 3031. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to extend funding for quality measure endorsement, input, and selection under the Medicare program; to the Committee on Ways and Means, 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 Mrs. BRATTEY (for herself, Ms. BASS, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Mr. CLAY, Mr. CLRAVER, Mr. COHEN, Mr. ESPLAPELL, Ms. FUDGE, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. HASTNIDS, Mr. MOORE, Mr. ROBERTS, Ms. LEE of California, Mr. MURPHY, Ms. NORDT of New Mexico, Ms. OMAR, Mr. RUSH, Mr. STIVERs, Ms. JACKSON LE of South Carolina, Mr. CHAPMAN, Ms. PILOTS, and Mr. SMITH):

H. R. 3032. A bill to posthumously award a Congressional gold medal to Maya Angelou in recognition of her achievements and contributions to American culture and the civil rights movement; to the Committee on Financial Services, and in addition to the Committee on House Administration, 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. ESCHOO (for herself, Ms. LOPHREN, and Mr. KHANDA):

H. R. 3033. A bill to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to apply the rule entitled ‘‘Allowing Certain H-4 Dependent Spouses to Apply for Employment Authorization’’, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. HERRERA BEUTLER:

H. R. 3034. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of a military department to retain as an officer in a medical specialty beyond the date that such individual turns 68 years old, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. McGOVERN (for himself and Ms. STEFANIK):
H.R. 3035. A bill to amend the Federal Work-Study program to permit institutions of higher education to use their Federal work-study allocations for full-time, off-campus cooperative education and work-based learning; to the Committee on Education and Labor.

By Mr. ROSE of New York:

H.R. 3036. A bill to improve the provision of health care to women veterans by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. THOMPSON of California (for himself and Mr. BYRNE):

H.R. 3037. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a credit to employers for certain employee education and training expenses; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

MEMORIALS

Under clause 3 of rule XII,

64. The SPEAKER presented a memorial of the Senate of the State of Tennessee, requesting support for the enactment of legislation pursuant to the following:

By Mr. BYRNE:

H.R. 3038. The SPEAKER presented a memorial of the Senate of the State of Tennessee, relating to provisions in Article I, Section 8, Clause 18 of the United States Constitution.

H.R. 3039. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a credit to employers for certain employee education and training expenses; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

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. BYRNE:

H.R. 3039. Congress has the power to enact legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, section 8 of the Constitution of the United States.

By Mr. ROSE of New York:

H.R. 3036. Congress has the power to enact legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, section 8 of the Constitution of the United States.

By Mr. ROSE of New York:

H.R. 3036. Congress has the power to enacted the accompanying bill or joint resolution.

By clause 3 of rule XII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions, as follows:

H.R. 158: Ms. SCHATOWSKY and Ms. SCANLON.

H.R. 336: Mr. MITCHELL.

H.R. 388: Mr. STIVERS.

H.R. 553: Mr. PETERS.

H.R. 556: Ms. JACKSON LEE, Mr. MASSIE, Mr. AMORE, Mrs. MURPHY, Mr. RUIZ, and Mr. ENGEL.

H.R. 553: Ms. JAYAPAL, Mr. CASTEN of Illinois, Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania, Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois, Mrs. BUSTOS, and Mrs. TORRES SMALL of New Mexico.

H.R. 712: Mr. GARCIA of Illinois and Ms. MILLER.

H.R. 724: Mrs. HAYES and Ms. STEVENS.

H.R. 748: Mr. ROGERS of Alabama, Mrs. LOWEY, Mr. DELIGADO, Mr. PULCHER, Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, and Ms. SHERRELL.

H.R. 763: Mr. PRICE of North Carolina and Mrs. DAVIS of California.

H.R. 824: Mr. SHEERMAN and Mr. PAPPAS.

H.R. 864: Mr. HARDER of California.

H.R. 955: Mr. FLETCHER.

H.R. 997: Mr. PALAZZO.

H.R. 1043: Mr. WALTZ.

H.R. 1047: Mr. MOOLENAAR, Mr. LEVIN of California, and Mr. GRANGER.

H.R. 1058: Mr. CHABOT.

H.R. 1146: Ms. STEVENS, Mr. LOEBSACK, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. LARSEN of Washington, Mr. YARMUTH, Mr. DELAUBO, Mr. LANGIVYN, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Mr. O’HALLERAN, Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, Mr. KEATING, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. LARSEN of Connecticut, and Mr. GOTTHEIRMER.

H.R. 1210: Mr. LUCAS.

H.R. 1212: Mr. LEVIN of Michigan.

H.R. 1228: Ms. JACKSON LEE.

H.R. 1230: Miss GONZALEZ-COLÓN of Puerto Rico.

H.R. 1309: Mr. AGUILAR, Mr. CARTWRIGHT, Mr. BEBA, Mrs. MURPHY, Mr. LARSEN of Washington, Mr. VAN DREU, Mr. KILDEE, Mrs. BEATY, and Mr. COX of California.

H.R. 1342: Ms. DEAN.

H.R. 1364: Mr. LAWSON of Florida.

H.R. 1380: Mr. HARDER of California.

H.R. 1511: Ms. JUDY CHU of California.

H.R. 1527: Mr. POSNER.

H.R. 1544: Mr. OLSON, Mr. ABRAHAM, Mr. KIM, and Mr. FERGUSON.

H.R. 1605: Mr. WONG.

H.R. 1629: Ms. HAALAND.

H.R. 1709: Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York.

H.R. 1859: Mr. WINTER, Mr. VEASEY, Mr. SHERWILL, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Mr. LEVIN of California, and Ms. SEWELL of Alabama.

By Mr. ROSE of New York:

H.R. 3036. Congress has the power to enact legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, section 8 of the Constitution of the United States.

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H.R. 2823: Ms. CLARKE of New York.
H.R. 2848: Mr. FITZPATRICK and Mr. RYAN.
H.R. 2912: Mr. TAKANO, Mr. PALLONE, Ms. GARRARD, and Ms. SPEIER.
H.R. 2922: Mr. MOONEY of West Virginia.
H.R. 2977: Ms. SLOTKIN, Mr. RICHMOND, and Mr. VEASEY.
H.R. 2989: Mr. BUCK.
H.R. 3001: Mr. GRIJALVA.
H.Con. Res. 15: Mr. DEFAZIO.
H. Res. 194: Mr. KILMER and Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ.
H. Res. 233: Mr. LOWENTHAL.
H. Res. 246: Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana, Mr. HARDER of California, Mr. FERGUSON, Mr. MARSHALL, Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania, Mr. GOSAR, and Mr. HAGDORN.
H. Res. 255: Mr. SCHWEIKERT.
H. Res. 285: Mr. STEUBE, Mr. STAUBER, Mr. MOOLENAAR, Mr. BARR, Mr. HOLLINGSWORTH, Ms. TORRES SMALL of New Mexico, Ms. BONAMICI, Mr. SCHRADER, Mr. WALKER, and Mr. FERGUSON.
H. Res. 296: Ms. KAPTUR.
H. Res. 298: Mr. DOGGETT, Ms. DEGETTE, Mrs. LURIA, Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER, and Mr. SERRANO.
H. Res. 326: Ms. HAALAND, Ms. DEGETTE, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. BERA, Mr. BUTTERFIELD, Mr. QUIEGLEY, Ms. MATSUI, and Ms. SLOTKIN.
H. Res. 345: Mr. WRIGHT.
H. Res. 379: Mr. HUFFMAN and Mr. LARSEN of Washington.
H. Res. 387: Ms. BASS.
H. Res. 391: Ms. CASTOR of Florida.
H. Res. 496: Ms. PRESSLEY.
The Senate met at 11:30 and 2 seconds a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable KEVIN CRAMER, a Senator from the State of North Dakota.

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 bill clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

To the Senate:
Under the provisions of rule 1, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable KEVIN CRAMER, a Senator from the State of North Dakota, to perform the duties of the Chair.

CHUCK GRASSLEY,
President pro tempore.

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

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL FRIDAY, MAY 31, 2019, AT 10:30 A.M.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate stands adjourned until Friday, May 31, 2019, at 10:30 a.m.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 11:30 and 32 seconds a.m., adjourned until Friday, May 31, 2019, at 10:30 a.m.
IN RECOGNITION OF THE SERVICE
OF DR. JOYCE KNESTRICK

HON. CONOR LAMB
OF PENNSYLVANIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, May 28, 2019

Mr. LAMB. Madam Speaker, it is with great pride that I recognize a former constituent of mine, Joyce Knestrick, PhD, C-FNP, APRN, of Washington, Pennsylvania for her service over the last two years as President of the American Association of Nurse Practitioners (AANP).

Dr. Knestrick has an exemplary career of service with over 30 years as a registered nurse, of which she has spent 25 of those years as a nationally board-certified family nurse practitioner working in clinics that serve low income and underserved populations in urban and rural Appalachian areas. As an organizational leader, Dr. Knestrick has served as an adjunct professor in organizational leadership master’s programs.

She has served multiple clinical roles as a family nurse practitioner, a nurse manager and a registered nurse in critical care, medical surgical, pediatric and long-term care settings. She serves on several committees for the National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties and was elected as a Fellow of the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners in 2007.

The American Association of Nurse Practitioners is a national professional membership organization representing over 270,000 nurse practitioners nationally. Under Dr. Knestrick’s tenure, AANP membership has grown to more than 97,000 members, making AANP the largest nurse practitioner organization in the world. Dr. Knestrick has helped lead nurse practitioners in transforming patient-centered health care and has made tremendous strides in ensuring that policy makers and the public understand the care that nurse practitioners provide to millions of Americans each year.

I urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating Dr. Knestrick on a successful term as President of the American Association of Nurse Practitioners and in thanking her for the excellent care she has and continues to provide to her patients and the nurse practitioner profession.

MENSTRUAL HYGIENE DAY RESOLUTION

HON. GRACE MENG
OF NEW YORK
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, May 28, 2019

Ms. MENG. Madam Speaker, I rise to commemorate today as Menstrual Hygiene Day. Since 2013, Menstrual Hygiene Day has been annually celebrated on May 28th to raise awareness and catalyze political action around the challenges menstruating women and girls face around the world.

To support the goals and ideals of Menstrual Hygiene Day, last week, I introduced H. Res. 406. This legislation highlights that: 500 million women and girls around the world lack adequate facilities for menstrual health and hygiene management; 1 in 3 girls around the world don’t have access to adequate toilets; and many others face social and cultural restrictions during their periods. Additionally, displaced women and adolescent girls—whether by conflict, climate, or natural disaster—face significant barriers to managing menstrual hygiene in a safe, private, and dignified manner.

Here in the U.S., 25 million women live at or below the poverty line, often without consistent access to menstrual hygiene products. A recent survey of low-income women in a large U.S. city found that nearly two-thirds of these women couldn’t afford menstrual hygiene products. It is estimated that a woman may spend over $1,700 in her lifetime on tampons, a figure that is multiplied for women who also support children who are menstruating. Additionally, incarcerated women reported that their dignity has been compromised when they seek to access menstrual hygiene products. I have also heard heartbreaking stories from girls whose schools fail to provide a supportive environment for menstruating students, often resulting in negative consequences.

Madam Speaker, no one should have to choose between their period or their dignity. No girl should be forced to miss school because of her period.

We must break the silence, raise awareness, and change negative social norms surrounding menstrual hygiene here in the U.S. and around the world. While Menstrual Hygiene Day is commemorated today, we must fight to ensure menstrual equity for all—each and every day.

That is why this resolution recognizes the barriers vulnerable populations face in accessing menstrual hygiene products, while encouraging greater research, as well as integration of menstrual hygiene services in global humanitarian and development activities abroad.

I urge my colleagues to support this legislation and join me in commemorating Menstrual Hygiene Day. I also urge support of H.R. 1882—the Menstrual Equity For All Act, a bill which would comprehensively address the challenges menstruating women and girls face.

Madam Speaker, access to safe, affordable menstrual hygiene products is not just a basic health care right; it is a human right. Period.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, May 28, 2019

Mr. WALDEN. Madam Speaker, before I begin, I would like to recognize the life of an American hero who I was honored to call my friend, Bob Maxwell of Bend, Oregon, who passed away this weekend at 98 years old. Bob Maxwell represented the best of what Oregon and America have to offer. Bob was the oldest living Medal of Honor recipient, and his gallantry was well known.

In the early morning hours of September 7, 1944 in France, Bob Maxwell threw his unprotected body on a German hand grenade to protect his comrades in WWII.

This unshakable selflessness earned Bob Maxwell the highest military honor, his second Silver Star, a second Purple Heart, and a Bronze Star.

For those who had the pleasure of knowing Bob, they know that his bravery and heroism were only matched by his kindness, warmth, sense of humor, and humility.

Bob once said of his Medal of Honor that, “I’m not wearing the medal for any personal deeds. I’m wearing it because it represents all the casualties we had in the war. It represents those that were killed defending their country and the ideals that they believed in.”

Like his fellow soldiers, Bob’s service will forever be cherished in the country that he sacrificed so much to protect.

Bob’s legacy will live on in the hearts and minds of everyone he interacted with, especially the community in central Oregon where Bob Maxwell was a pillar.

To the entire Maxwell family: Mylene and I send our heartfelt condolences and prayers during this difficult time.

My colleagues, please join me in thanking Bob Maxwell for his service to the United States on our behalf and on behalf of all Americans.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF THE MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENT BOB MAXWELL OF OREGON

HON. JOE WILSON
OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, May 28, 2019

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, the University of South Carolina College of Pharmacy is the champion of MÉDISCA’s 2019 Student Pharmacist Compounding Competition.

A special congratulations to Rebecca Caughman, Amee Shah, Jessica Shue, and their supervisor Kathy Quarles Moore for being a part of the winning team.

According to Kathy Quarles Moore, ‘this competition is comprised of three categories: the teams were required to develop a unique innovation piece to better serve patients, pharmacists, knowledge, and a pharmacy compounding formulation in the novel that the teams had to come up with a formulation and then compound the medication based on a unique patient scenario.’

These are ‘National Champion Scholars and pharmacy student leaders that will soon be making a difference within the pharmacy profession.’

-This “bullet” symbol identifies statements or insertions which are not spoken by a Member of the Senate on the floor.

Matter set in this typeface indicates words inserted or appended, rather than spoken, by a Member of the House on the floor.
Congratulations to our Gamecocks. Best wishes to this team as they continue to reach new heights in the future.

In conclusion, God Bless Our Troops and We Will Never Forget September 11th in the Global War on Terrorism.

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE 19TH AMENDMENT

HON. GARY J. PALMER
OF ALABAMA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, May 28, 2019

Mr. PALMER. Madam Speaker, this year is the 100th year anniversary of the United States House of Representatives approving the resolution for the 19th Amendment giving women the right to vote. I have looked forward to this day literally since my first day in Congress because it holds very special meaning for my wife’s family.

Prior to the 1920 election, sample ballots were distributed in Boston. My wife Ann’s great-grandmother, Abby Mayhew Cushing, received a sample ballot that she used to prepare for that election. After voting that day she wrote the following note on the back side of the sample ballot, “November 2, 1920 Cast my first vote for President of these United States.”

Reading those words gives a sense of the immense pride that Ms. Cushing felt, a sincere sense of patriotism at the opportunity to participate in the selection of the leaders who would guide as she wrote, “these United States.”

These United States... even though women had been denied the right to vote since the beginning of our nation, there was no sense of resentment from Ms. Cushing, only a sense of great pride that comes from a genuine love of country.

To be totally transparent, I should include the rest of what she wrote on the back of her sample ballot. She wrote, “Straight Republican ticket. Smashing victory for Harding and Coolidge. Abby Mayhew Cushing Age 67.”

Almost three years later she added this note: “President Harding died very suddenly August 2nd 1923 in California. Burial in Marion, Ohio, Friday August 10th.”

My wife and her family have held on to this treasured piece of American history, with Ms. Cushing’s simple yet inspiring words written on the back, for almost 100 years as a reminder of how far our nation has come. It is with great pride and honor that I share them with this Congress on this 100th anniversary of the passage of the House resolution to give the women of America the right to vote.

2019 EXCELLENCE IN THEATRE EDUCATION AWARD WINNER MADELINE MICHEL

HON. DENVER RIGGLEMAN
OF VIRGINIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, May 28, 2019

Mr. RIGGLEMAN. Madam Speaker, last week The Tony Awards announced that Theatre Director Madeline Michel from Monticello High School in Charlottesville, Virginia, will receive the 2019 Excellence in Theatre Education Award. A panel of judges comprised of the American Theatre Wing, The Broadway League, Carnegie Mellon University and other leaders from the theatre industry selected Michel from finalists across the nation.

The Excellence in Theatre Education Award was co-founded in 2014 by the Tony Awards and Carnegie Mellon University to recognize exceptional drama teachers and to celebrate arts education. Michel will receive her award at the 73rd Annual Tony Awards on June 9, 2019, at Radio City Music Hall in New York City.

Teachers throughout the nation have the great responsibility of helping to develop the next generation, and Madeline Michel has demonstrated herself to be an exceptional educator; having received praise from many students, parents, and theater professionals across our community. Michel has shown through her creative, innovative approaches to theater, that she is committed to both training her students in theater arts and developing their character and integrity outside of the classroom.

Madam Speaker, I hope you’ll join me in congratulating Madeline Michel for her outstanding achievements in theater education for the students of Virginia’s 5th Congressional District.

RECOGNIZING THE ASSOCIATION OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY (AUSA) REDSTONE-HUNTSVILLE CHAPTER ON THEIR 60TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. MO BROOKS
OF ALABAMA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, May 28, 2019

Mr. BROOKS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Association of the United States Army (AUSA) Redstone-Huntsville Chapter on their 60th anniversary. I join the entire Redstone Arsenal defense community in congratulating the AUSA Redstone-Huntsville Chapter on reaching this momentous milestone.

Established in 1959, the AUSA Redstone-Huntsville Chapter is the Tennessee Valley’s premier private, nonprofit, educational association of individual, business and organization members dedicated to supporting and maintaining a strong national defense with emphasis on the role of the United States Army.

The AUSA Redstone-Huntsville Chapter has been recognized year after year as one of America’s best chapters. Twelve times in the past fifteen years, the AUSA Redstone-Huntsville Chapter has been named the “Best Chapter Overall of the Year” by AUSA National for chapters in the largest category, those over 1,350 members.

The AUSA Redstone-Huntsville Chapter plays a vital role in major armed forces events such as the Army Birthday/Flag Day/Installation of Chapter Officers Dinner, Army National Guard Birthday Breakfast, Army Reserve Birthday Breakfast, Missiles Symposium, Blast-Off Bash during AUSA’s Global Force Symposium and Exposition in Huntsville.

In closing, I would like to again congratulate the AUSA Redstone-Huntsville Chapter on their 60th anniversary and thank this outstanding chapter for their contributions to the Army and the Tennessee Valley. I look forward to what the AUSA Redstone-Huntsville Chapter will accomplish in the future.

RECOGNIZING THE JROTC MEMORIAL DAY ASSEMBLY AND WILLIAM MCKINLEY PORTRAIT DEDICATION

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS
OF NEW YORK
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, May 28, 2019

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Madam Speaker, I proudly rise to acknowledge the JROTC Memorial Day Recognition Assembly and the presentation of a portrait of Reverend William C. Cobb, who generously donated his drawing to the school for this Memorial Day assembly honoring our fallen service members.

Rev. Cobb was born in Orlando, Florida and joined the United States Army in 1962. During his service, he was recognized as “Soldier of the Year” in 1963. He received an honorable discharge and began pursuing a career in entertainment in Harlem. In 1977, he relocated to Buffalo, New York to answer his call to the Christian Ministry. To prepare for his call to Christian Discipleship, he joined the Christian family of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church.

Rev. Cobb is an exhibiting member of the Buffalo Society of Artists, as well as a member of the Buffalo Arts Council and the Buffalo & Erie County Historical Society. He’s depicted countless famous people, nationally and locally, throughout his career including: Oprah Winfrey, Former Assemblyman the Honorable Arthur O. Eve, Sr., Former Buffalo Mayor James Griffin, Al Sharpton, and Former City Councilman David Collins.

The New York City Ministerial Alliance of the African Methodist Episcopal Church commissioned Rev. Cobb to paint the founder and First Bishop of their church, Bishop Richard Allen. Bishop Allen’s portrait is among the archives and permanent collection of The Smithsonian Center for Research in Black Culture of the New York Public Library in Harlem.

Rev. Cobb is a gifted man endowed with many talents. As a fine artist, he’s drawn for more than sixty years and painted for approximately fifty years using various mediums and striving for perfection in realism. As a substitute teacher in the Buffalo Public School System, he shares his talents and guidance with the youth of our community.

Madam Speaker, it is with great pride that I acknowledge the JROTC Memorial Day Assembly, former president William McKinley and Reverend William C. Cobb, Jr. Rev. Cobb’s devotion to the arts and our community in congratulating the AUSA Redstone-Huntsville Chapter will accomplish in the future.
through the rest of the century. As one of the largest employers in the region, Kingsley Field remains a strong economic driver. We partnered and hosted both Air Force Secretary Heather Wilson and the Chairman of the House Armed Services Committee Mac Thornberry to Kingsley Field. Colonel Smith has positioned Kingsley Field and Klamath Falls for a bright future.

For a man of his caliber, who demonstrated superb leadership, dedication, and sacrifice throughout his service to our great nation, it seems no amount of recognition is sufficient to say thank you.

Madam Speaker, it has been an honor to know and work alongside him for many years. On behalf of a grateful nation, I join my colleagues today and congratulate Colonel Smith for a lifetime of service to his country. We wish him, his wife, Lindsay, and their two children: Luke, 11, Alex 9, only the best wishes as he retires from the United States Air Force.

IN MEMORY OF THOMAS BRYTE HUGHES

HON. JOE WILSON
OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, Thomas Bryte Hughes passed away peacefully in Lake Tahoe on May 18, 2019, surrounded by family.

A fourth generation Sacramentian, Tom was born on February 20, 1937 to Ruth Bryte Hughes and Gordon Stanley Hughes. Tom was the younger brother of Gordon Bryte Hughes (1935 to 2017).

After attending Sacramento High School and graduating from Menlo School, Tom enlisted in the United States Army, stationed primarily in Nuremberg, Germany. He recalled that time as instrumental to his formative years. Upon returning to Sacramento, he attended Sacramento City College, Sacramento State, then met Martha Reese. They were married in 1963.

Tom’s 50 year career in the automobile industry began with his love of cars, and was influenced by his dear friends and business partners Rusty and Roy Jacob.

Tom developed an early love of Lake Tahoe from trips with family and friends. He loved to share stories of his hijinks both on and off the lake, where he spent countless hours enjoying his boats, “Splash”, “Tomsfoolery”, “ML Crisis” and “Senior Crisis”. His family and friends were often encouraged to “say goodnight to the lake” with him each end of an evening.

Tom was a Life Member of the Sutter Club, where he loved nothing more than his dominos game over, lunch with friends, which he continued until the last week of his life. He also belonged to The Pioneers, Royal Order of Raccoons, The Grandfathers, Tahoe Yacht Club, and The West Shore Club.

Tom is survived by his wife of almost 58 years Martha (Reese), his children Jennifer Dowley (Doug Longyear), Howard Hughes (Katy) and Meredith Lyons (Carter). He was fondly known as “Grumpy” to his seven grandchildren: Meg and Tommy Dowley; Reese and Stephen Hughes; and Elizabeth, Katie and Molly Lyons.

Tom loved cars and boats, he loved Lake Tahoe, he loved his friends, and most of all, he loved his family. A celebration of Tom's life will take place on Wednesday, June 5th at 11:00 a.m. at The Sutter Club. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to The Shriners Hospital for Children in Sacramento or the North Lake Tahoe Historical Society.

SETTING EVERY COMMUNITY UP FOR RETIREMENT ENHANCEMENT ACT OF 2019

SPEECH OF

HON. JOYCE BEATTY
OF OHIO
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mrs. BEATTY, Madam Speaker, I rise today to voice my strong support for the Setting Every Community Up for Retirement Enhancement Act, H.R. 1994, otherwise known as the SECURE Act.

This bill will make it easier for all hardworking Americans to have access to retirement savings plans to create a brighter financial future for themselves and their families.

In today’s economy, far too many Americans do not have adequate access to traditional retirement savings vehicles such as an employer-sponsored 401(k) plans and pensions.

In fact, as of 2016, only 30 percent of American households had access to a defined-benefit plan and only 52 percent participated in a defined-contribution plan. These statistics are even starker for minority families.

According to recent studies, while African-Americans participating in employer-based retirement plans were on par with White families, participation rates have dropped to 41 percent in 2013, compared to 65 percent for White families.

This bill would expand access to employer-sponsored retirement savings plans for all Americans and incentivize increased contributions to employee retirement accounts by employers.

It would also provide a tax credit for small businesses to defray the costs of providing their employees certain 401(k) retirement options that include automatic enrollment, which has proven to increase employee participation and result in higher retirement savings.

I urge my colleagues to support this important legislation.

RECOGNIZING ELLIOTT BRANCH ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY
OF VIRGINIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. CONNOLLY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor my constituent, Mr. Elliott Branch, who is retiring from the Department of the Navy after more than 54 years of faithful service to our nation, culminating in his service as the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Acquisition and Procurement for the past 10 years.
Mr. Branch started his federal service in 1978 at the Philadelphia Naval Shipyard as a Contracting Intern with the Naval Regional Procurement Office before transitioning to Naval Air Systems (NAVAIR) Command as a Contract Specialist in 1980. While serving at NAVAIR, he supported HARM, HARP, T-45 and F-14 Weapon Systems. From 1986 to 1993, Mr. Branch served as Branch Head and Deputy Division Director for Sea Combat Systems, Undersea Weapons and Shipbuilding at Naval Sea Systems Command (NAVSEA).

In 1993, he became a member of the SES as the Director, Shipbuilding Contracts Division, at NAVSEA. He went on to serve as Executive Director, Acquisition and Business Management for the Navy, responsible for policy and oversight of contract operations throughout the entire Department. While in this position, he also served as Project Executive Officer, Acquisition Related Business Systems. In this role, he was responsible for the formulation and execution of a multi-year effort transforming the Navy from a paper-based to an electronic acquisition system.

From 1999 to 2006, Mr. Branch spent time in the private sector where he specialized in acquisition and project management education as well as training and consulting for the federal workforce and its associated contractors. He also served as the Chief Procurement Officer for the Government of the District of Columbia as the agency head responsible for procurement operations, policy, and for formulating legislative proposals for local and Congressional consideration.

In 2006, Mr. Branch became the first civilian Director of Contracts at the Naval Sea Systems Command where he led one of the largest and most complex procurement organizations in the Federal government for two years. As the senior civilian for contracting at NAVSEA, Mr. Branch was responsible for the contractual oversight of the Nation’s most complex, high-technology systems, including naval ships, aircraft, and weapons systems. His duties involved the obligation and expenditure of approximately $25 billion annually.

Elliott Branch will finish his career after spending the past 10 years as Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Acquisition and Procurement in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Research, Development and Acquisition. He has served as the senior career civilian responsible for acquisition and procurement matters, serving as the Department of the Navy’s Competition Advocate General and is the leader of the Navy’s contracting, purchasing, and government property communities.

I am proud to represent Mr. Branch in Congress, and I thank him and his family for his honorable service to our nation with the United States Navy. Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing Mr. Branch fair winds and following seas as he concludes a distinguished career of public service.
with our entire team, works first and foremost for the people of the Second District.

Most importantly, Jenny was a team player. Anyone on Team Walden will tell you that if you needed a hand with anything—a meeting memo, Congressional Record, or folded American flag—Jenny was there to jump in, even if it had nothing to do with the schedule. She patiently coordinated our intern program, facilitated thousand-person town hall meetings, and wrote excellent letters of support for grants that brought needed resources to Oregon’s communities.

Jenny will be missed but will always be a part of Team Walden. My colleagues, please join me in thanking Jenny Forrest for her service to this House and to the people of Oregon’s Second Congressional District. We wish her the best at Columbia University, and know that her future will be a bright one.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOE WILSON
OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, May 28, 2019

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, on May 17, 2019, I was regrettably unable to attend votes due to a doctor’s appointment. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 215; YEA on Roll Call No. 216; and NAY on Roll Call No. 217.
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Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate met at 11:30:02 a.m. in pro forma session, and adjourned at 11:30:32 a.m. until 10:30 a.m., on Friday, May 31, 2019.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 10 public bills, H.R. 3028–3037, were introduced.

Additional Cosponsors:

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 1237, to amend the Federal Ocean Acidification Research and Monitoring Act of 2009 to establish an Ocean Acidification Advisory Board, to expand and improve the research on Ocean Acidification and Coastal Acidification, to establish and maintain a data archive system for Ocean Acidification data and Coastal Acidification data, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 116–86);

H.R. 542, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish the National Urban Security Technology Laboratory, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 116–87); and

H.R. 2621, to direct the Under Secretary for Intelligence and Analysis of the Department of Homeland Security to develop and disseminate a threat assessment regarding terrorist use of ghost guns, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 116–88).

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Wexton to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Rev. Alisa Lasater Wailoo, Capitol Hill United Methodist Church, Washington, DC.

Senate Referrals: S. 1693 was held at the desk. S. Con. Res. 3 was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, the Committee on Oversight and Reform, the Committee on Armed Services, and the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H4173.

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 2 p.m. and adjourned at 2:06 p.m.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MAY 30, 2019

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No hearings are scheduled.
Next Meeting of the SENATE
10:30 a.m., Friday, May 31

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

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
4:30 p.m., Thursday, May 30

House Chamber
Program for Thursday: House will meet in Pro Forma session at 4:30 p.m.

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