The House met at 2 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Ms. WEXTON).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE
The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC. May 28, 2019.

I hereby appoint the Honorable JENNIFER WEXTON to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER
Reverend Alisa Lasater Walloo, Capitol Hill United Methodist Church, Washington, D.C., offered the following prayer:

God of love, as we return to work after Memorial Day, help us remember these words of Jesus saying: “This is my commandment that you love one another. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.”

Thank You, Lord, for all American soldiers who put the welfare of others ahead of their own and literally laid down their lives for us. Comfort the Gold Star families. Help us care for them, for all soldiers who return wounded by war’s traumas, and all innocent civilians caught in war’s way.

Thank You, Lord, also for each civil servant, Members of this House, their staffs, the Clerk’s office, the Chaplain, the custodians, and all who make the work of the people’s House possible.

Help each of us lay down our fears, pride, cynicism, and any sin keeping us from the work You have for us, the hard work of forging peace rather than accepting war—be that battles across the aisle, within our communities, or around Your world.

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

Amen.

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:


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.
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, reviewing the right 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. The reservation is withdrawn.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Objection is heard.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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

1100. 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 Case-Zu- nderbilt Act, pursuant to 1 U.S.C. 112(a); Public Law 92-903, Sec. 1(a) (as amended by Public Law 108-456, Sec. 712(b)); (118 Stat. 3807); to the Committee on Armed Services.

1107. A letter from the Federal Co-Chair, Appalachian Regional Commission, transmitting the biannual report on the performance 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 2006; to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

1186. 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 8 to the Reef Fish Fishery Management Plan for Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands (Docket No.: 17050177-7999-02) (RIN: 0648-BG88) received May 23, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 501(a)(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 referral to the proper calendar, as follows:

Ms. JOHNSON of Texas: Committee on Science, Space, and Technology. H. 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 a mechanism for Ocean Acidification data, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 116-86). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. H. R. 542. A bill to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish the National Urban Security Technology Laboratory, and for other purposes (Rept. 116-85). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi: Committee on Homeland Security. H. R. 2821. A bill 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 (Rept. 116-88). 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. BYRNE: H.R. 3028. A bill to require the Inspector General for the Department of Justice to conduct oversight to ensure that such individual turns 68 years old, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. OLSON (for himself, Mr. BARBERAN, Mr. MARSCHANT, and Mr. LEWIS): H.R. 3029. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide transitional coverage and retroactive short-term 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. BEYER): 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. BEATTY (for herself, Ms. BASS, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Mr. CLAY, Mr. CLRAVER, Mr. COHEN, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Ms. FUDGE, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. HASTINOS of Florida, Ms. LEE of California, Ms. NORTON, Ms. OMAR, Mr. RUSH, Mr. STYERS, Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas, Mr. KANNAH, Mr. MCKINLEY, and Mr. MILLER of California): 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 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 Mrs. ESTHO (for herself, Ms. LOF- GREN, and Mr. KHANNA): H.R. 3033. A bill to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to carry out the rule entitled ‘‘Allowing Certain H-4 Dependent Spouses to Apply for Employment Authorization’’, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. McGOVERN (for himself and Ms. STEFANIK): H.R. 3034. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of a military department to retain an Army 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.
CONGRESSIONAL RECORD — HOUSE

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 employees to defray certain employee education and training expenses; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

MEMORIALS

Under clause 3 of rule XII,

... whose application pursuant to the following:

By Mr. OLSON:

H.R. 3029. Pursuant to clause 7 of rule XII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the following statements are submitted regarding the specific powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United States, or any Department or Officer thereof:...
H.R. 2823: Ms. CLARKE of New York.
H.R. 2848: Mr. FITZPATRICK and Mr. RYAN.
H.R. 2912: Mr. TAKANO, Mr. PALLONE, Ms. GARBARD, 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. 134: Mr. KILMER and Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ.
H. Res. 189: Mr. SHIMKUS, Mr. LUETKE-MEYER, and Mr. SENSENBRENNER.
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. STRICKER, 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. 299: Mr. DOGGETT, Ms. DEGETTE, Mrs. LURIA, Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER, and Mr. SERRANO.
H. Res. 326: Ms. HAALAND, Ms. DEGETTE, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. BEA, Mr. BUTTERFIELD, Mr. QUIGLEY, 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. 406: Ms. PRESSLEY.
Senate

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 both 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 monthly menstruation 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. The result of that is that they are more likely to miss school, reducing their education and future prospects.

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.

HON. GREG WALDEN
OF OREGON
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 unhesitating 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.

USC WINS STUDENT PHARMACIST COMPOUNDING COMPETITION

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 MEDISCA’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 formula for which 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.’
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 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 worth the pride and honor that I share 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

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 Theater 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.

In conclusion, God Bless Our Troops and we will never forget September 11th in the Global War on Terrorism.
Mr. WALDEN. Madam Speaker, I rise to commend Colonel Jeffrey S. Smith, United States Air Force, for his outstanding devotion and selfless service to the United States of America. Colonel Smith will retire on June 01, 2019, from his present assignment as the Commander of the 173rd Fighter Wing at Kingsley Field in Klamath Falls, Oregon.

Colonel Smith entered the United States Air Force Academy in 1991 and became a proud graduate in 1995. His first mission took him halfway around the world to Kadena Air Base in Japan, and then Elmendorf Air Base in Alaska. During his time in Japan and Alaska, Colonel Smith engaged in Operations Southern and Northern Watch in Iraq and kept the skies safe in the aftermath of regional conflicts.

In 2002, after Colonel Smith attended United States Air Force Weapons School at Nellis Air Base in Nevada, he was deployed to Incirlik Air Base in Turkey to help the United States prepare for a pivotal mission to root out terror from this world: Operation Iraqi Freedom. He executed this mission to equip the next generation of fighter pilots with the skills and knowledge needed to defend our great nation in the skies. This mission brought Colonel Smith back to Nellis Air Force Base, where he served as an F-15 instructor at the United States Air Force Weapons School and 57th Wing Weapons Officer. In 2005, he made his way to what would become his home, Klamath Falls, Oregon, where he joined the 114th Fighter Squadron at Kingsley Field as an F-15 Flight Instructor. Colonel Smith wore many hats at Kingsley. He served as Chief of Academics, Chief of Syllabus Development, Chief of Scheduling, Functional Check Flight Pilot, Assistant Director of Operations, Chief of F-15 Student Training, Director of Operations, 173rd Maintenance Squadron Commander, 173rd Deputy Maintenance Group Commander, and 173rd Maintenance Group Commander. This proven sustained superior performance, seasoned operational knowledge, and superb leadership made him the best choice to serve as the Commander of the 173rd Fighter Wing.

For the community in Klamath Falls, and also the dedicated men and women at Kingsley Field, Colonel Smith is the epitome of leadership, professionalism, and a supportive mentor. He led with both valor and rigor. Under his valued leadership, he directed over 1,050 personnel to widely varying backgrounds, to ensure that airmen at the base strategically excelled as an elite fighting force.

As the only place in the country where pilots still train on the F-15, Kingsley Field has become an incubator for second-to-none (unvalenced) pilots seeking to lead.

For the people in Klamath Falls, Colonel Smith’s influence stretches far beyond the expansive skies over Kingsley Field, ensuring the larger community benefits from Kingsley Field’s presence. Whether partnering with the local university, providing job opportunities, or staying engaged with the community, he always brought a “Klamath first” mindset to his work. He led the effort to extend the Department of Defense’s lease in Klamath Falls 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. The Başkan of the House Armed Services Committee Chairman has ever visited 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.
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, HARPoon, 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 shipbuilding and weapons systems procurement programs. 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 contracting policy that governs the operation of the Navy’s world-wide, multibillion-dollar acquisition system. Mr. Branch was the principal civilian advisor to the Navy Acquisition Executive for acquisition and procurement matters, serving as the Department of the Navy’s Competition Advocate General and as 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.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF COACH OTIS WASHINGTON

HON. CEDRIC L. RICHMOND
OF LOUISIANA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, May 28, 2019

Mr. RICHMOND. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the life and legacy of a great man who exemplified the true meaning of being a trailblazer, Coach Otis Washington. From St. Augustine High School, to Louisiana State University (LSU), to Southern University, Coach Washington positively touched the lives of so many young men. Through the game of football, he taught valuable lessons about the importance of leadership, perseverance, and teamwork.

Coach Washington was a giant whose career transcended wins, losses, first downs, and touchdowns. A man who dedicated his life to making others better, he also broke down barriers to make one of our most venerated institutions better. As the first African-American coach hired at an all-white university, Coach Washington positively touched the lives of so many young men. Through the game of football, he taught valuable lessons about the importance of leadership, perseverance, and teamwork.

As we look back on his storied life, his profound commitment to excellence on every level was clear and his on-field success was unmatched. Touches, touchdowns, commitments to his family during this difficult time as they cope with the pain of losing someone so dear to so many people. The state of Louisiana is forever indebted to Coach Washington for all he did for the community. Moving forward, it is now the responsibility of all of us to impact with passionately carry on his legacy of greatness, selflessness, and leadership.

Madam Speaker, I celebrate the life and legacy of Coach Otis Washington.

RECOGNIZING WORLD WAR II VETERAN FELIX J. LISOVICH

HON. GUY RESCHENTHALER
OF PENNSYLVANIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, May 28, 2019

Mr. RESCHENTHALER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Felix J. Lisovich, a World War II veteran from Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania.

In 1943, three weeks after graduating from Charleroi High School, Mr. Lisovich enlisted as a Surgical Technician in the United States Navy. After completing his training, Mr. Lisovich deployed to the Pacific Theater from March 1944 to January 1946, where he participated in amphibious operations to liberate the Philippines and he encountered kamikaze attacks from Japanese fighter planes.

In 1945, Mr. Lisovich was wounded by grenade shrapnel while aiding a fallen soldier and survived multiple banzai attacks.

For his service and his actions in World War II, Mr. Lisovich was awarded the Combat Medical Badge, Bronze Star, Good Conduct Medal, Purple Heart Medal, World War II Victory Medal, Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal with two bronze stars and one arrow, Army of Occupation Medal, and the Philippine Liberation Medal with one bronze star.

Madam Speaker, Mr. Lisovich represents the very best of southwestern Pennsylvania. Please join me in recognizing Felix J. Lisovich for his service, courage, and sacrifice.

JENNY FORREST

HON. GREG WALDEN
OF OREGON
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Mr. WALDEN. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize and congratulate Jenny Forrest, who will be attending Columbia University in New York beginning this August to earn her Master of Business Administration. Jenny has been an invaluable member of Team Walden for more than three years.

Starting as an intern in my Washington, D.C. office, Jenny rose to staff assistant, for a moment, before rapidly rising to the role of scheduler, all without skipping a beat, even as she learned that she would soon be scheduling for a committee chairman.

Anyone who is familiar with the inner workings of Capitol Hill—whether you’re a member of Congress, a staffer, reporter, or advocate—knows that the title “scheduler” simply does not capture the sheer importance and scope of the role.

Schedulers are the gatekeepers of time, a precious and finite resource on the Hill for any Congressional office, but especially for Team Walden and especially for the Energy and Commerce Committee. Schedulers are constantly asked to “hold,” “make,” and “find” time for people with competing interests and either ignorance or disregard for the fragile house of cards that is a congressional calendar.

One would expect and understand schedulers to be short-tempered, overwhelmed, and perhaps even difficult to work with; but anyone who had the pleasure of interacting with Jenny knows nothing could be further from the truth.

If you walked into 2185 Rayburn House Office Building for the last couple of years, you were always treated warmly with a smile from Jenny. She was the face of the office at the front desk, and thankful.

If you ever reached out to Jenny to request time for a meeting, an interview, or a speech, you were always treated with fairness, honesty, and a kind directness. If there was no time for a meeting, an interview, or a speech, she learned that she would soon be scheduling for a member of Congress, a staffer, reporter, or advocate—knows that the title “scheduler” simply does not capture the sheer importance and scope of the role.

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And if you were an Oregonian visiting for business or pleasure—even from Oregon’s Second District—Jenny went out of her way to make sure you felt at home on the Hill and was ready, at the drop of a hat, to be your tour guide, restaurant recommender, or trip advisor in the nation’s capital. Jenny respected and understood well that she, along
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. Pages H4174–75

Additional Cosponsors: Pages H4175–76

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). Pages H4174

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Wexton to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. Page H4173

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Rev. Alisa Lasater Wailoo, Capitol Hill United Methodist Church, Washington, DC. Page H4173

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. Page H4174

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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