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House of Representatives

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 Willoo, 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.

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,
Washington, DC, May 28, 2019.

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.

SUPPLEMENTAL 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.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will state his parliamentary inquiry.

Mr. HOYER. 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.

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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, reserving 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. 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. 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 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 specified in the Case-Zablocki Act, pursuant to 1 U.S.C. 112b(a); Public Law 92-403, Sec. 1(a) (as amended by Public Law 108-458, Sec. 7121(b)); (118 Stat. 3807); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

1107. A letter from the Federal Co-Chair, Appalachian Regional Commission, transmitting the Commission's semiannual 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 Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Integrating Electronic Monitoring Into the North Pacific Observer Program [Docket No.: 161219999-7708-02] (RIN: 0648-BG54) received May 22, 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.

1109. A letter from the Acting 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 of Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands [Docket No.: 170510477-7999-02] (RIN: 0648-BG88) received May 22, 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 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 (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. 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. 116-87). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi; Committee on Homeland Security. H.R. 2621. 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 of investigations of certain political officials, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. OLSON (for himself, Ms. BARRAGAN, 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 Medicare 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. 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. CLEAVER, Mr. COHEN, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Ms. FUDGE, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. HASTINGS, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, Ms. LEE of California, Ms. NORTON, Ms. OMAR, Mr. RUSH, Mr. STIVERS, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Mr. KHANNA, Mr. MEEKS, and Mr. LOWENTHAL):

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. ESHOO (for herself, Ms. LOFGREN, and Mr. KHANNA):

H.R. 3033. A bill to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to continue 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 a reserve 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, relative to Senate Joint Resolution No. 192, expressing support for the enactment of legislation that requires all board committee meetings of the Tennessee Valley Authority Board of Directors to be open to the public; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

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. 3028.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article I, Section 8, Clause 18

By Mr. OLSON:

H.R. 3029.

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

Article I, Section VIII

By Ms. DEGETTE:

H.R. 3030.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 3

By Ms. JUDY CHU of California:

H.R. 3031.

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

Clause 1 of Section 8 of Article 1 of the United States Constitution

By Mrs. BEATTY:

H.R. 3032.

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

Article I of the Constitution of the United States

By Ms. ESHOO:

H.R. 3033.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 4 of the Constitution

By Ms. HERRERA BEUTLER:

H.R. 3034.

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

Article I, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution

By Mr. MCGOVERN:

H.R. 3035.

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

Under Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution, Congress has the power "to make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers, and all other Powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United States, or any Department or Officer thereof".

By Mr. THOMPSON of California:

H.R. 3037.

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

Article I

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

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

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

H.R. 336: Mr. MITCHELL.

H.R. 388: Mr. STIVERS.

H.R. 535: Mr. PETERS.

H.R. 550: Ms. JACKSON LEE, Mr. MASSIE, Mr. AMODEI, 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 Ms. TORRES SMALL of New Mexico.

H.R. 565: Mr. KHANNA.

H.R. 649: Ms. PORTER.

H.R. 693: Mr. KEATING and Mr. KINZINGER.

H.R. 712: Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois and Ms. OMAR.

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

H.R. 748: Mr. ROGERS of Alabama, Mrs. LOWEY, Mr. DELGADO, Mr. FULCHER, Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, and Ms. SHERRILL.

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

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

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

H.R. 955: Mr. CONNOLLY.

H.R. 997: Mr. PALAZZO.

H.R. 1043: Mr. WALTZ.

H.R. 1044: Mr. MOOLENAAR, Mr. LEVIN of California, and Ms. GRANGER.

H.R. 1058: Mr. CHABOT.

H.R. 1146: Ms. STEVENS, Mr. LOEBSACK, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. LARSEN of Washington, Mr. YARMUTH, Ms. DELAURO, Mr. LANGEVIN, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Mr. O'HALLERAN, Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, Mr. KEATING, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, and Mr. GOTTHEIMER.

H.R. 1210: Mrs. LURIA.

H.R. 1228: Ms. JACKSON LEE.

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

H.R. 1309: Mr. AGUILAR, Mr. CARTWRIGHT, Mr. BERA, Mrs. MURPHY, Mr. LARSEN of Washington, Mr. VAN DREW, Mr. KILDEE, Mrs. BEATTY, 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. POSEY.

H.R. 1554: Mr. OLSON, Mr. ABRAHAM, Mr. KIM, and Mr. FERGUSON.

H.R. 1605: Mr. WENSTRUP.

H.R. 1629: Ms. HAALAND.

H.R. 1709: Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. VEASEY, Ms. SHERRILL, Mrs. TORRES of California, Mr. LEVIN of California, and Ms. SEWELL of Alabama.

H.R. 1728: Mr. MCCLINTOCK.

H.R. 1784: Mr. CROW.

H.R. 1803: Mr. SCHRADER and Mr. DEFazio.

H.R. 1840: Mr. CASTRO of Texas and Ms. PORTER.

H.R. 1850: Mr. TIPTON and Mr. RESCHENTHALER.

H.R. 1857: Mr. YARMUTH.

H.R. 1873: Mr. FLORES, Mr. TRONE, Mr. MOOLENAAR, and Ms. SCANLON.

H.R. 1882: Mr. COURTNEY and Ms. BARRAGÁN.

H.R. 1897: Mr. BROWN of Maryland.

H.R. 1923: Ms. DEAN.

H.R. 1970: Mr. VAN DREW, Mr. RASKIN, and Mr. HARRIS.

H.R. 2006: Ms. JACKSON LEE.

H.R. 2074: Mr. SCHNEIDER, Ms. LOFGREN, and Mrs. LURIA.

H.R. 2091: Mr. CÁRDENAS.

H.R. 2137: Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia.

H.R. 2146: Mr. CROW and Mr. GALLEGRO.

H.R. 2151: Mrs. LOWEY, Mr. KILMER, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, and Mr. RASKIN.

H.R. 2164: Mr. KHANNA.

H.R. 2186: Mr. SIRES.

H.R. 2218: Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER, Ms. SCHA-KOWSKY, Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire, and Ms. HOULAHAN.

H.R. 2219: Mr. SENSENBRENNER, Mr. TRONE, and Miss GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN of Puerto Rico.

H.R. 2279: Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire, Mr. STIVERS, Mr. MARSHALL, Mr. WITTMAN, Ms. KENDRA S. HORN of Oklahoma, Mr. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY of New York, Mr. LOWENTHAL, Mr. TED LIEU of California, Mr. YARMUTH, Mr. KATKO, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Ms. NORTON, Mr. SHERMAN, Mr. DUNN, Mr. CASE, and Mr. GIBBS.

H.R. 2294: Mr. DAVID P. ROE of Tennessee.

H.R. 2344: Mr. GONZALEZ of Ohio.

H.R. 2346: Mr. CISNEROS.

H.R. 2420: Mr. SABLAN and Ms. HILL of California.

H.R. 2428: Ms. PORTER.

H.R. 2435: Mr. THORNBERRY, Mr. GALLEGRO, Mr. CROW, and Ms. PINGREE.

H.R. 2447: Mr. REED.

H.R. 2455: Mr. WRIGHT, Mr. CROW, and Mr. WALTZ.

H.R. 2474: Mr. LARSEN of Washington.

H.R. 2478: Mr. LARSEN of Washington, Mr. GARAMENDI, and Mr. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY of New York.

H.R. 2483: Mr. COX of California.

H.R. 2501: Mr. LEVIN of Michigan, Ms. MOORE, Mr. KIND, Mr. RASKIN, Mr. ROSE of New York, Ms. OMAR, Mr. POCAN, Mr. HASTINGS, Mr. LEWIS, Ms. PINGREE, Mr. TIPTON, Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, and Ms. WILD.

H.R. 2505: Mr. MEUSER, Mr. GREEN of Tennessee, Mr. FERGUSON, and Mr. ALLEN.

H.R. 2525: Mr. GONZALEZ of Ohio.

H.R. 2577: Mr. WELCH.

H.R. 2611: Mr. KHANNA.

H.R. 2619: Mr. CARSON of Indiana.

H.R. 2698: Mrs. AXNE and Ms. SCANLON.

H.R. 2720: Mr. PAPPAS.

H.R. 2729: Mr. CUMMINGS and Mr. MCGOVERN.

H.R. 2739: Miss RICE of New York, Mr. GALLAGHER, Mr. LOEBSACK, Mr. WESTERMAN, Ms. BONAMICI, Mr. BALDERSON, Mr. CONAWAY, and Mrs. HARTZLER.

H.R. 2741: Ms. NORTON.

H.R. 2771: Mr. ROGERS of Alabama, Mr. MEUSER, Mr. KELLY of Mississippi, Mr. LUETKEMEYER, Mrs. WALORSKI, and Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio.

H.R. 2775: Mrs. DAVIS of California, Ms. DELBENE, Mr. BLUMENAUER, and Mr. ENGEL.

H.R. 2777: Mr. DEFazio and Mr. FLEISCHMANN.

H.R. 2790: Mr. HURD of Texas.

H.R. 2809: Ms. TLAIIB.

H.R. 2815: Mr. FITZPATRICK and Ms. STEFANIK.

H.R. 2823: Ms. CLARKE of New York.
H.R. 2848: Mr. FITZPATRICK and Mr. RYAN.
H.R. 2912: Mr. TAKANO, Mr. PALLONE, Ms. GABBARD, 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. LUETKEMEYER, 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. HAGEDORN.
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. 299: Mr. DOGGETT, Ms. DELAURO, Mrs. LURIA, Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER, and Mr. SERRANO.
H. Res. 326: Ms. HAALAND, Ms. DEGETTE, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. BERA, 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.



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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,
Washington, DC, May 28, 2019.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, 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.

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EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

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 Knestrack, 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. Knestrack 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. Knestrack 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. Knestrack's tenure, AANP membership has grown to more than 97,000 members, making AANP the largest nurse practitioner organization in the world. Dr. Knestrack 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. Knestrack 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 during the previous year. 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 have illustrated 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.

BOB MAXWELL

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, Ameer 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, pharmaceuticals knowledge, and a pharmacy compounding formulations portion where 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.

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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 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.

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

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 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 out-

standing 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 MEMO-
RIAL DAY ASSEMBLY AND WIL-
LIAM 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 portrait dedication of former President William McKinley, who was assassinated only blocks away from McKinley High School here in Buffalo in 1901. The portrait was created by McKinley High School teacher assistant and Army Veteran, Reverend William C. Cobb, Jr., 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, New York.

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 Schomburg 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 is an inspiration to us all. I also want to commemorate the service members of the United States military who have made the ultimate sacrifice in defense of our nation.

COLONEL JEFFREY SMITH

HON. GREG WALDEN

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 28, 2019

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 Force 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 Force 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. In 2003, he executed the 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, as the 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, from 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 (unrivaled) fighter pilots.

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 this 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 first time either an Air Force Secretary or 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.

IN MEMORY OF THOMAS BRYTE
HUGHES

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 28, 2019

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 Sacramentan, 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 1961.

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 Jacobes.

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 at the end of an evening.

Tom was a Life Member of the Sutter Club, where he loved nothing more than his domino 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 ENHANCE-
MENT ACT OF 2019

SPEECH OF

HON. JOYCE BEATTY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 23, 2019

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 hard-working 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 RE-
TIREDMENT FROM THE DEPART-
MENT OF THE NAVY

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 28, 2019

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 34 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, 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 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.

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 LSU, he paved the way for all of those who have since followed in his footsteps and reached coaching heights once unknown and unseen. In his earlier days, Coach Washington played a pivotal role for St. Augustine High School when the integration of the Louisiana High School Athletic Association was in its nascent stages. During his time there he amassed a remarkable 113-17 record despite pervasive racial tension.

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. Today I offer my deepest condolences 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 he impacted to 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 RESCENTIALER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 28, 2019

Mr. RESCENTIALER. 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 Charleoi High School, Mr. Lisovich enlisted as a Surgical Technician in the United States Army. 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 fought in the Battle of Luzon with the 172nd Infantry Regiment, 43rd Infantry Division. During the battle, he engaged the enemy under intense fire and aided casualty evacuations while tasked with cap-

turing a hill overlooking Rosario-Damortis Road. 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

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 28, 2019

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 thankfully so.

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 to be made, held, or found, there would be no mistake about it if you were talking to Jenny.

And if you were an Oregonian visiting for business or pleasure—especially 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.

Daily Digest

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.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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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). **Page 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.

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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

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

4:30 p.m., Thursday, May 30

Senate Chamber

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

House Chamber

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

Extensions of Remarks, as inserted in this issue

HOUSE

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