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House of Representatives

The House met at noon and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. KHANNA).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
August 16, 2019.

I hereby appoint the Honorable RO KHANNA to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

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

Almighty God, we thank You for the favor You have shown to the United States of America from the country's founding.

We ask Your continued favor today in continuing to provide national leaders dedicated to serving the common good, by legislating in accord with the Democratic principles and the constitutional values that help make our country strong.

As we open this session of our House of Representatives, we ask You to bless each elected Member of this House, staff and support personnel, and family members of those who serve here.

Protect and strengthen them for service present and future. Bless the work of this session and beyond as we continue to seek Your spirit and light to build up a country of prosperity, peace, and justice for all.

With profound gratitude and in humility, we pray.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 5(a) of House Resolution

509, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The SPEAKER pro tempore led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

AUTHORIZING THE USE OF EMANCIPATION HALL FOR AN EVENT TO COMMEMORATE THE 400TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ARRIVAL OF THE FIRST AFRICAN SLAVES TO THE TERRITORY THAT WOULD BECOME THE UNITED STATES

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House a concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 57) authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall for an event to commemorate the 400th anniversary of the arrival of the first African slaves to the territory that would become the United States.

The Clerk read the title of the concurrent resolution.

The text of the concurrent resolution is as follows:

H. CON. RES. 57

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring),

SECTION 1. USE OF EMANCIPATION HALL FOR EVENT COMMEMORATING 400TH ANNIVERSARY OF ARRIVAL OF FIRST AFRICAN SLAVES.

Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center is authorized to be used on September 10, 2019, for an event to commemorate the 400th anniversary of the arrival of the first African slaves to the territory that would become the United States. Physical preparations for the ceremony shall be carried out in accordance with such conditions as the Architect of the Capitol may prescribe.

The concurrent resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 4 of rule I, the following enrolled bills were signed by Speaker pro tempore BROWN of Maryland on Tuesday, August 13, 2019:

H.R. 639, to amend section 327 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to clarify that National Urban Search and Rescue Response System task forces may include Federal employees;

H.R. 776, to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the Emergency Medical Services for Children program;

H.R. 828, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 25 Route 111 in Smithtown, New York, as the "Congressman Bill Carney Post Office";

H.R. 829, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1450 Montauk Highway in Mastic, New York, as the "Army Specialist Thomas J. Wilwerth Post Office Building";

H.R. 1079, to require the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to issue guidance on electronic consent forms, and for other purposes;

H.R. 1198, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 404 South Boulder Highway in Henderson, Nevada, as the "Henderson Veterans Memorial Post Office Building";

H.R. 1250, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 11158 Highway 146 North in Hardin, Texas, as the "Lucas Lowe Memorial Post Office";

H.R. 1449, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3033 203rd Street in Olympia

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Fields, Illinois, as the “Captain Robert L. Martin Post Office”;

H.R. 2336, to amend title 11, United States Code, with respect to the definition of “family farmer”;

H.R. 2938, to exempt from the calculation of monthly income certain benefits paid by the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Department of Defense;

H.R. 3245, to transfer a bridge over the Wabash River to the New Harmony River Bridge Authority and the New Harmony and Wabash River Bridge Authority, and for other purposes;

H.R. 3304, to exempt for an additional 4-year period, from the application of the means-test presumption of abuse under chapter 7, qualifying members of reserve components of the Armed Forces and members of the National Guard who, after September 11, 2001, are called to active duty or to perform a homeland defense activity for not less than 90 days;

H.R. 3305, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2509 George Mason Drive in Virginia Beach, Virginia, as the “Ryan Keith Cox Post Office Building”;

H.R. 3311, to amend chapter 11 of title 11, United States Code, to address reorganization of small businesses, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Cheryl L. Johnson, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly enrolled bills of the House of the following titles, which were thereupon signed by the Speaker pro tempore, Mr. BROWN of Maryland, on Tuesday, August 13, 2019:

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ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 5(b) of House Resolution 509, the House stands adjourned until 1 p.m. on Tuesday, August 20, 2019.

Thereupon (at 12 o'clock and 3 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Tuesday, August 20, 2019, at 1 p.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

1877. A letter from the Regulations Coordinator, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's interim final rule — Guidelines for Determining the Probability of Causation Under the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act of 2000; Technical Amendments [Docket Number: CDC-2019-0050; NIOSH-329] (RIN: 0920-AA74) received August 2, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1878. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Partial Approval, Partial Disapproval and Limited Approval, Limited Disapproval of Arizona Air Plan Revisions; Pinal County Air Quality Control District [EPA-R09-OAR-2019-0159; FRL-9997-66-Region 9] received August 1, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1879. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Delaware; Removal of Unnecessary Electric Arc Furnace Regulation and References to the Electric Arc Furnace Regulation [EPA-R03-OAR-2018-0741; FRL-9997-68-Region 3] received August 1, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1880. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Montana; Incorporation by Reference Updates [EPA-R08-OAR-2019-0268; FRL-9997-07-Region 8] received August 1, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1881. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Autographa californica Multiple Nucleopolyhedrovirus Strain FV#11; Exemption From the Requirement of a Tolerance [EPA-HQ-OPP-2017-0727; FRL-9996-44] received August 1, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1882. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Department's final rule — Fluoxastrobin; Pesticide Tolerances [EPA-HQ-OPP-2018-0140; FRL-9996-79] received August 1, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1883. A letter from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Amendment of section 73.202(b) FM Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Kahlotus, Washington) [MB Docket No.: 19-127; RM-11830] received August 2, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1884. A letter from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Reactor Regulation, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's final evaluation of vendor submittal — Safety Evaluation of PWROG-15060-P, “Pump Suction Gas Accumulation Operability Criteria Guidance” received August 7, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1885. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting notification that the national emergency declared, in light of the expiration of the Export Administration Act of 1979, in Executive Order 13222 of August 17, 2001 is to continue in effect beyond August 17, 2019, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1622(d); Public Law 94-412, Sec. 202(d); (90 Stat. 1257) (H. Doc. No. 116—58); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed.

1886. A letter from the U.S. Special Representative, Northern Mariana Islands Special Representative, transmitting a report on 902 Consultations Related to the DHS Discretionary Parole Program; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

1887. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Establishment of Class E Airspace; Cortland, Elmira, Ithaca, and Endicott, NY [Docket No.: FAA-2019-0347; Airspace Docket No.: 19-AEA-6] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received August 2, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1888. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Establishment of Class E Airspace; Beeville-Chase Field, TX [Docket No.: FAA-2019-0222; Airspace Docket No.: 19-ASW-5] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received August 2, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public