Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, September 16, 2019, at 3 p.m.

House of Representatives

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2019

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

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC, September 13, 2019,

I hereby appoint the Honorable Anthony G. Brown to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

Nancy Pelosi,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

Monsignor Stephen J. Rossetti, Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C., offered the following prayer:

Good and gracious God, You have entered our world and defeated the powers of evil. Come now to this place, continue Your saving work, and cast out any remnants of discord and darkness. May this be a holy place, and may Your holy angels protect each and every person who enters. We make this prayer in the power of Your spirit and in Your holy name.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day’s proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands 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.

ADJOURNMENT FROM FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2019, TO MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2019

The SPEAKER pro tempore, without objection, when the House adjourns today, shall adjourn to meet at 1 p.m. on Monday next.

There was no objection.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

2005. A letter from the Senior Counsel, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, transmitting the Bureau’s policy guidance and procedural rule — Policy to Encourage Trial Disclosure Programs [Docket No.: CFPB-2018-0023] received September 9, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Financial Services.

2006. A letter from the Deputy Assistant General Counsel for the Division of Regulatory Services, Office of Postsecondary Education, Department of Education, transmitting the Department’s Major final regulations — Student Assistance General Provisions and Federal Family Education Loan Program [Docket ID: ED-2018-OPE-0027] received September 10, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Education and Labor.

2007. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency’s final rule — Designation of Areas for Air Quality Planning Purposes; Montana; Redesignation Request and Associated Maintenance Plan for East Helena SO2 Nonattainment Area [EPA-R08-OAR-2019-0340; FRL-9999-29-Region 8] received September 6, 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.

2008. A letter from the Environmental Protection Agency, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency’s final rule — South Dakota; Proposed Approval of Revisions to the State Air Pollution Control Rules and to the Permitting Rules for the Prevention of Significant Deterioration [EPA-R08-OAR-2019-0064; FRL-9999-16-Region 8] received September 6, 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.

2009. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency’s final rule — South Dakota; Proposed Approval of Revisions to the State Air Pollution Control Rules and to the Permitting Rules for the Prevention of Significant Deterioration [EPA-R08-OAR-2019-0064; FRL-9999-16-Region 8] received September 6, 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.
Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency’s final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Colorado; Regional Haze 5-Year Progress Report State Implementation Plan: [EPA-R08-OAR-2019-0398; FRL-9999-34-Region 8] received September 6, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 501(a)(1); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

2100. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency’s final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Utah; Interstate Transport Requirements for Nitrogen Dioxide, Particulate Matter [EPA-R08-OAR-2019-0398; FRL-9999-55-Region 8] received September 6, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 501(a)(1); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

2101. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency’s final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Montana; Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration’s temporary rule — Fishery for the Gulf of Mexico; 2019 Recreational Accountability Measure and Closure for Gulf of Mexico Gray Triggerfish RMP; 2019 Recreational Fishing Seasons [Docket No.: 170828282-70999-01 (RIN: 0648-XG970)] received September 10, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 501(a)(1); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

2102. A letter from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration’s temporary rule — Fishery for the Gulf of Mexico; 2019 Recreational Accountability Measure and Closure for Gulf of Mexico Gray Triggerfish RMP; 2019 Recreational Fishing Seasons [Docket No.: 170828282-70999-01 (RIN: 0648-XG970)] received September 10, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 501(a)(1); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.
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 Ms. WATTERS (for herself, Mr. MEeks, Mr. SHERMAN, Ms. WEXTON, and Mr. MILLER of Illinois):

H. R. 4328. A bill to amend the Fair Credit Reporting Act to protect certain consumers affected by a shutdown, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. VARGAS (for himself and Mr. GALCIA of Illinois):

H. R. 4330. A bill to provide for disclosure of additional material information about public companies and establish a Sustainable Finance Advisory Committee, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. HASTINGS (for himself, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Ms. JACKSON Lee, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. COREN, Ms. MOORE, Mr. CURTIS, Mr. VEASEY, Mr. MALINOWSKI, and Mr. HUDSON):

H. R. 4331. A bill to counter efforts by foreign governments to pursue, harass, or otherwise persecute individuals for political and other unlawful motives overseas, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committees on the Judiciary, and Homeland Security, 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 committees concerned.

By Mr. MCGOVERN (for himself, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Ms. KAPRITZ, Mr. SHERMAN, Mr. MEADOWS, Mr. SUOZZI, Mr. MALINOWSKI, and Mr. McADAM:

H. R. 4334. A bill to modify and reauthorize the Tibetan Policy Act of 2002, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, 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 committees concerned.

By Ms. NORTON:

H. R. 4332. A bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint commemorative coins in recognition of Paul Laurence Dunbar; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Ms. SPANBERGER:

H. R. 4333. A bill to amend the Commodity Exchange Act to provide certainty for future customers and market participants, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. LEVIN of Michigan (for himself, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Ms. SCHAPUKWY, and Mr. FITZPATRICK):

H. Res. 557. A resolution expressing support for designation of September 2019 as “National Dystonia Awareness Month” and raising awareness and understanding of the disorder of dystonia; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

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 Ms. WATTERS:

H. R. 4328.
H.R. 4107: Ms. Schrier and Ms. Dean.
H.R. 4194: Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Cicilline, and Ms. Brownley of California.
H.R. 4232: Mr. Dunn.
H.R. 4236: Mr. Case and Mr. DeFazio.
H.R. 4268: Mr. Beyer.
H.R. 4272: Mr. McGovern, Ms. Roybal-Allard, Mrs. Carolyn B. Maloney of New York, and Mr. Rush.
H.R. 4308: Mr. Suozzi.
H. Res. 329: Mr. Meadows.

PETITIONS, ETC.
Under clause 3 of rule XII,

41. The SPEAKER presented a petition of the Selectmen of the Town of Hampton, New Hampshire, relative to a resolution urging the United States Congress to enact the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act of 2019; and Commerce, and Foreign Affairs.; which was referred jointly to the Committees on Ways and Means, Energy and Commerce, and Foreign Affairs.
COMMENDING THE WORK OF THE SINDHI FOUNDATION AND TASSC INTERNATIONAL

HON. PETE OLSON
OF TEXAS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, September 13, 2019

Mr. OLSON, Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the important work of the Sindhi Foundation and TASSC International. They are tearing down the barriers that sow division between cultures, fight discrimination and prejudice, and shine a light on those countries who target minorities for kidnapping, torture, and death.

Sindhis in Pakistan, Kurds in the Middle East, Tibetans in Tibet, Uighurs in China and others have been lost to “enforced disappearances,” removed from their families and erased from the sunlight of society. This terrifying and barbaric practice must end.

The Sindhi Foundation and TASSC International are doing valiant work highlighting this heinousness. I thank them for their continued efforts to combat injustice, promote equity and provide healing to hurt families around the world.

HONORING NATIONAL HUNGER ACTION DAY

HON. JOE CUNNINGHAM
OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, September 13, 2019

Mr. CUNNINGHAM, Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor National Hunger Action Day. Our nation has seen the damage and despair that hunger inflicts in our communities. In the greatest country on earth, no child should go to bed hungry. I am proud that the City of Charleston is committed to stamping out hunger in the Lowcountry. The Lowcountry Food Bank is working in our district to educate folks about food insecurity and reduce the rates of it in our community. More than 25 million meals—yes, you heard that right—25 MILLION meals were distributed in 2018 by the Lowcountry Food Bank and its 300 food pantries. The role that this network plays in our community is vital in addressing hunger and raising awareness of an issue that reaches all corners of the world.

No child, no family, and no human being should experience the pain that hunger inflicts. National Hunger Action Day is one of the many platforms dedicated to tackling this crisis. Foodbanks across the Lowcountry and the rest of the country are teaming up to host events in September to bring awareness to food insecurity and how it impacts us as a society. We must fight hunger and mobilize the resources to take action and confront this crisis head on.

HONORING THOMAS TODARO, VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK COMMANDER

HON. TOM REED
OF NEW YORK
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, September 13, 2019

Mr. REED, Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor Veterans of Foreign Wars Department of New York Commander, Thomas Todaro.

Thomas was elected to this prestigious and well-deserved post in June 2019. He has served both his country and his fellow Veterans for many years. During the Vietnam War, Thomas served in the United States Army as part of the 9th Infantry Division and was stationed at Khe Sanh. There, he earned the rank of Sergeant E-5.

In 1972, Thomas joined the John W. Tiffany VFW Post 53 in Jamestown, New York. He became a life member in 1997 and is now a Gold Legacy Life Member. He has held various positions within the VFW over the years, including Senior Vice Commander, Chautauqua County Commander and Sixth District Commander. He also served on a variety of state committees during his tenure. In 2015, he was appointed as the Patriotic Instructor at the 2015 State Convention, Chief of Staff at the 2016 State Convention and Junior Vice Commander at the 2017 State Convention.

Thomas has also served as a Service Officer in the VFW Department of New York and the Director of Veterans Service for the state. He continues to hold a staff position as a mentor for the Buffalo Veterans Court.

Thomas has clearly given much of himself for our country and our Veterans. Congratulations to you, Thomas, for this new position—and I thank you for all that you have done and will do in the future. I know that Veterans in New York State have gained a wise leader and a genuinely honorable man with you as their Commander.

Given the above, I ask that this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations and join me to honor VFW Department of New York Commander, Thomas Todaro.

RECOGNIZING GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER HIGH SCHOOL

HON. A. DONALD McEACHIN
OF VIRGINIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, September 13, 2019

Mr. McEACHIN, Madam Speaker, I rise today to include in the RECORD a commemoration of George Washington Carver High School and the George Washington Carver Alumni and Friends Association. It is with great pleasure that I commend George Washington Carver High School for receiving a historical highway marker designation from the Virginia Department of Historic Resources.

George Washington Carver High School was founded in 1948 after African-Americans in Chesterfield County advocated for a new high school to address the lack of appropriate educational opportunities and services for African-American students. Over the next 22 years, George Washington Carver High School was the county’s only public high school for African-American students. Mr. William Albert “W.A.” Brown, the sole principal of the school, along with his faculty and staff, propelled George Washington Carver High School to become a center of intellectual and cultural excellence within the community.

George Washington Carver High School closed its doors in 1970 due to desegregation across the country. To honor its legacy of breaking barriers and providing exceptional educational opportunities, the George Washington Carver Alumni and Friends Association formed in 2014. For the past five years, the organization has provided services for the community, such as mentoring, volunteering, and supporting students with scholarships and other resources. Due to the efforts of the Washington Carver Alumni and Friends Association, the former school site was recognized with a historical highway marker by the Virginia Department of Historic Resources. The Association’s outreach efforts and tireless advocacy prove that the work ethic instilled in the 22 classes of George Washington Carver High School endures today.

The Virginia Department of Historic Resources approved George Washington Carver Alumni and Friends Association’s request to designate the former high school as a historic site on April 17, 2019. The official recognition ceremony was on June 21, 2019, with a representative from the Virginia Department of Historic Resources, and the unveiling of a large mounted poster at the George Washington Carver Alumni and Friends Association Biennial Scholarship Benefit Gala will be held on September 21, 2019.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring the George Washington Carver High School and the legacy it has left behind for the entire country.

INTRODUCTION OF THE PAUL LAURENCE DUNBAR COMMEMORATIVE COIN ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON
OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, September 13, 2019

Ms. NORTON, Madam Speaker, today, I introduce the Paul Laurence Dunbar Commemorative Coin Act. This bill recognizes one of the first influential African-American poets in American literature and benefits the Dunbar Alumni Federation, the alumni association for the Paul Laurence Dunbar Senior High School, which is historic for being the first public high school for African Americans in the
United States. I myself am a proud graduate of Dunbar, a storied African-American high school in our country.

Paul Laurence Dunbar was born June 27, 1872, to freed slaves, and went on to pen such classics as Majors and Minors and Lyrics of Lowly Life. He also composed the lyrics to In Dahomey, the first all-African-American musical produced on Broadway. By the late 1890s, Dunbar had become a prominent author, having had his poems published in major national newspapers, including The New York Times. Dunbar died February 9, 1906, at age 33.

Paul Laurence Dunbar Senior High School was established in the District of Columbia in 1870 as the Preparatory High School for Colored Youth. It was the first college preparatory high school for African-American children in the United States. The school was renamed for Dunbar in 1916.

The Dunbar Alumni Federation was organized in 2002 to provide scholarships and other financial support to students and graduates of Paul Laurence Dunbar High School. The Federation has alumni from more than 35 graduating classes, and supports the school through its scholarship efforts, community activities and other endeavors.

This bill authorizes the Secretary of the Treasury to mint 50,000 five-dollar coins, 400,000 one-dollar coins, and 750,000 half-dollar coins, with a surcharge on each coin. The surcharges will benefit the scholarships and similar activities of the Dunbar Alumni Federation.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

CELEBRATING THE UPCOMING MARRIAGE OF MAYOR JIMMY CARROLL AND CAROL POWERS

HON. JOE CUNNINGHAM
OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, September 13, 2019

Mr. CUNNINGHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the upcoming nuptials of Mayor Jimmy Carroll and his extraordinary fiancée, Carol Powers. I am honored to know this wonderful couple and congratulate them as they become one family. I am inspired by their love for the Lowcountry, the ocean, their family, and the love that they so proudly display for one another.

Mayor Carroll and Carol Powers will be officially husband and wife on September 14th, 2019, but these two have been partners in life for quite some time. Carol has been a support system and partner to Mayor Carroll at his real estate company and business endeavors. She also knows when to put her foot down to protect his well-being, as she let the Mayor know that she would not marry him if he continued to volunteer at the Fire Department. Mayor Carroll lovingly obliged. It’s good to know that someone is looking out for Mayor Carroll while he looks out for Isle of Palms. That is the lifelong partnership people dream of.

On a personal note, it has been an honor to work alongside Mayor Carroll. We share a deep love for the ocean, and he has been an invaluable partner in protecting our coast. Isle of Palms could not ask for a better Mayor and future First Lady. I wish for them a lifetime of love as endless as the ocean and as timeless as the tides.
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Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate was not in session and stands adjourned until 3 p.m., on Monday, September 16, 2019.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 6 public bills, H.R. 4328–4333; and 1 resolution, H. Res. 557, were introduced.

Additional Cosponsors:

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 1423, to amend title 9 of the United States Code with respect to arbitration, with an amendment (H. Rept. 116–204);

H.R. 3170, to prohibit the manufacture for sale, offer for sale, distribution in commerce, or importation into the United States of any crib bumper, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 116–205);

H.R. 3172, to prohibit the manufacture for sale, offer for sale, distribution in commerce, or importation into the United States of any inclined sleeper for infants, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 116–206); and

H.R. 806, to require compliant flame mitigation devices to be used on portable fuel containers for flammable liquid fuels, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 116–207).

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Brown (MD) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

Meeting Hour: Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 1 p.m. on Monday, September 16th.

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 9 a.m. and adjourned at 9:01 a.m.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2019

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No hearings are scheduled.
Next Meeting of the SENATE
3 p.m., Monday, September 16

Senate Chamber
Program for Monday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 5 p.m.), Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of John Rakolta, Jr., of Michigan, to be Ambassador to the United Arab Emirates, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination at 5:30 p.m.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
1 p.m., Monday, September 16

House Chamber
Program for Monday: House will meet in Pro Forma session at 1 p.m.

Extensions of Remarks, as inserted in this issue

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