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House of Representatives

The House met at 11 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mrs. DINGELL).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
December 23, 2019.

I hereby appoint the Honorable DEBBIE DINGELL to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer:

God of mercy, we give You thanks for giving us another day. Bless our Nation as holy days of religious traditions for so many of our citizens approach, and as the year comes to a close.

Help us to look to the future with hope, committed to a renewed effort to work together as citizens of a united America.

Help us all to be truly grateful for the blessings of this past year. And as always, we pray that whatever is done this day be for Your greater honor and glory.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 7(a) of House Resolution 758, 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.

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, December 19, 2019.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
The 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 December 19, 2019, at 5:17 p.m.:

That the Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 81.
That the Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 82.
That the Senate agrees to the House amendment to the Senate amendment to the bill H.R. 1158.

With best wishes, I am
Sincerely,

CHERYL L. JOHNSON.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 4 of rule I, the following enrolled bills were signed by the Speaker on Thursday, December 19, 2019:

H.R. 777, to reauthorize programs authorized under the Debbie Smith Act of 2004;

H.R. 1158, making consolidated appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020, and for other purposes;

H.R. 1865, making further consolidated appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020, and for other purposes;

H.R. 3196, to designate the Large Synoptic Survey Telescope as the "Vera C. Rubin Observatory";

S. 151, to deter criminal robocall violations and improve enforcement of section 227(b) of the Communications Act of 1934, and for other purposes.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, December 23, 2019.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
The 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 December 23, 2019, at 10:10 a.m.:

That the Senate passed S. 221.
That the Senate passed S. 439.
That the Senate passed S. 1029.
That the Senate passed S. 1309.
That the Senate passed S. 1434.
That the Senate passed S. 1608.
That the Senate passed S. 2096.
That the Senate passed S. 3147.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 1424.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 2385.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 2476.

That the Senate passed with an amendment H.R. 550.

Appointment: United States-China Economic and Security Review Commission (2)
With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

CHERYL L. JOHNSON.

SENATE BILLS REFERRED

Bills of the Senate of the following titles were taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

□ This symbol represents the time of day during the House proceedings, e.g., □ 1407 is 2:07 p.m.

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S. 221. An act to amend title 38, United States Code to require the Under Secretary of Health to report major adverse personnel actions involving certain health care employees to the National Practitioner Data Bank and to applicable State licensing boards, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S. 439. An act to allow Members of Congress to opt out of the Federal Employees Retirement System, and allow Members who opt out of the Federal Employees Retirement System to continue to participate in the Thrift Savings Plan; to the Committee on House Administration; in addition, to the Committee on Oversight and Reform 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.

S. 1029. An act to allow the use of certified facility dogs in criminal proceedings in Federal courts, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

S. 1309. An act to identify and combat corruption in countries, to establish a tiered system of countries with respect to levels of corruption by their governments and their efforts to combat such corruption, and to assess United States assistance to designated countries in order to advance anti-corruption efforts in those countries and better serve United States taxpayers; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

S. 1434. An act to prohibit the use of reverse auctions for design and construction services procurements, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

S. 1608. An act to provide for the publication by the Secretary of Health and Human Services of physical activity recommendations for Americans; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

S. 2096. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize States and tribal organizations that receive grants from the National Cemetery Administration for establishment, expansion, or improvement of a veterans' cemeteries to use amounts of such grants for State and tribal organization cemetery personnel to train at the training center of the National Cemetery Administration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S. 3147. An act to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit to Congress reports on patient safety and quality of care at medical centers of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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:

H.R. 777. An act to reauthorize programs authorized under the Debbie Smith Act of 2004.

H.R. 1158. An act making consolidated appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1865. An act making further consolidated appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3196. An act to designate the Large Synoptic Survey Telescope as the "Vera C. Rubin Observatory".

SENATE ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The Speaker announced her signature to an enrolled bill of the Senate of the following title:

S. 151.—An act to deter criminal robocall violations and improve enforcement of section 227(b) of the Communications Act of 1934, and for other purposes.

BILLS PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Cheryl L. Johnson, Clerk of the House, reported that on December 19, 2019, she presented to the President of the United States, for his approval, the following bills:

H.R. 150. To modernize Federal grant reporting, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2333. To direct the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct an assessment of the responsibilities, workload, and vacancy rates of Department of Veterans Affairs suicide prevention coordinators, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4566. To accelerate the income tax benefits for charitable cash contributions for the relief of the families of victims of the mass shooting in Virginia Beach, Virginia, on May 31, 2019.

H.R. 1138. To reauthorize the West Valley demonstration project, and for other purposes.

Cheryl L. Johnson, Clerk of the House, further reported that on December 20, 2019, she presented to the President of the United States, for his approval, the following bills:

H.R. 777. To reauthorize programs authorized under the Debbie Smith Act of 2004.

H.R. 3196. To designate the Large Synoptic Survey Telescope as the "Vera C. Rubin Observatory".

H.R. 1158. Making consolidated appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1865. Making further consolidated appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020, and for other purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 7(b) of House Resolution 758, the House stands adjourned until 9 a.m., Thursday, December 26, 2019.

Thereupon (at 11 o'clock and 4 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Thursday, December 26, 2019, at 9 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

3366. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting a designation of all funding (including the rescission of funds) for Overseas Contingency Operations/Global War on Terrorism, pursuant to section 6(b) of Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2020 (H. Doc. No. 116—88); to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

3367. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting a designation as an emergency requirement all funding so designated by the Congress in the Act in accordance to section 6(a) of Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2020, pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 (H. Doc. No. 116—89); to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

3368. A letter from the Chief, Legal Assistance Policy Division, Office of the Judge Advocate General, Department of the Army, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — Family Support, Child Custody, and Paternity [Docket ID: USA-2018-HQ-0008] (RIN: 0702-AA84) received December 19, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Armed Services.

3369. A letter from the Policy Analyst, Department of the Army, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — Obtaining Information From Financial Institutions [Docket ID: USA-2017-HQ-0008] (RIN:0702-AA99) received December 19, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Armed Services.

3370. A letter from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Office of the Judge Advocate General, Department of the Navy, transmitting the Department's final rule — Policies and Responsibilities for Implementation of the National Environmental Policy Act within the Department of the Navy [Docket No.: USN-2018-HQ-0001] (RIN: 0703-AB01) received December 17, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Armed Services.

3371. A letter from the Senior Counsel, Legal Division, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, transmitting the Bureau's final rule — Fair Credit Reporting Act Disclosures received December 17, 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.

3372. A letter from the Chairman, Surface Transportation Board, transmitting the Board's final rule — Limiting Extensions of Trail Use Negotiating Periods [Docket No.: EP 749 (Sub-No. 1)]; Rails-to-Trails Conservancy-Petition for Rulemaking [Docket No.: EP 753], 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.

3373. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final and temporary regulations and removal of temporary regulations — Foreign Tax Credit Guidance Related to the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, Overall Foreign Loss Recapture, and Foreign Tax Redeterminations [TD 9882] (RIN: 1545-AC09; 1545-BK55; 1545-BP19) received December 17, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

3374. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's IRB only rule — Interim Amendment Deadline for 401(K) Hardship Distribution (Revenue Procedure 2020-9) received December 17, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

3375. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's IRB only rule (I.R.B. 2019-51) — 2019 Base Period T-Bill Rate (Rev. Rul. 2019-27) received December 19, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

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. WATERS: Committee on Financial Services. H.R. 3622. A bill to amend the Fair Credit Reporting Act to restore the impaired credit of victims of predatory activities and unfair consumer reporting practices, to expand access to tools to protect vulnerable consumers from identity theft, fraud, or a related crime, and protect victims from further harm, and, for other purposes, with an amendment (Rept. 116-362). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Ms. WATERS: Committee on Financial Services. H.R. 3642. A bill to amend the Fair Credit Reporting Act to fix the consumer report dispute process, to ban misleading and unfair consumer reporting practices, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 116-363). 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. KIND (for himself, Mr. BURGESS, Ms. ESHOO, Mr. SMITH of Missouri, Mr. MCEACHIN, and Ms. HERERA BEUTLER):

H.R. 5534. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for extended months of Medicare coverage of immunosuppressive drugs for kidney transplant patients, and for other purposes; 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 Mr. CHABOT (for himself and Mr. SHERMAN):

H.R. 5535. A bill to require Senate confirmation of an individual appointed to serve as the Director of the American Institute in Taiwan, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mrs. FLETCHER:

H.R. 5536. A bill to require the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to make certain operational models available to the public, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

By Mr. WATKINS:

H.R. 5537. A bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of Conan, the military working dog of the United States Special Operations Forces; to the Committee on Financial Services.

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. KIND:

H.R. 5534.

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

Article I, Section 8

By Mr. CHABOT:

H.R. 5535.

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

Article I, Section 8 and Article II, Section 2

By Mrs. FLETCHER:

H.R. 5536.

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. WATKINS:

H.R. 5537.

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

Article 1 Section 8 of the United States Constitution.

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

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

H.R. 20: Mr. SPANO and Mr. TIPTON.

H.R. 326: Mr. RASKIN, Mr. POCAN, and Mr. WELCH.

H.R. 784: Mr. SPANO and Mr. TIPTON.

H.R. 847: Mr. GOTTHEIMER.

H.R. 935: Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia.

H.R. 961: Ms. FINKENAUER.

H.R. 1002: Ms. FINKENAUER.

H.R. 1154: Mr. KIND.

H.R. 1274: Mr. KENNEDY.

H.R. 1434: Mr. BALDERSON, Mr. GREEN of Tennessee, Ms. STEFANIK, Mr. PALAZZO, and Mr. BUCK.

H.R. 1713: Mr. BRENDAN F. BOYLE of Pennsylvania, Mr. ZELDIN, and Mr. MEEKS.

H.R. 1754: Ms. FINKENAUER.

H.R. 1767: Mr. RASKIN.

H.R. 1824: Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN and Mr. LIPINSKI.

H.R. 2006: Mr. KHANNA.

H.R. 2184: Mr. NADLER.

H.R. 2235: Mr. FITZPATRICK.

H.R. 2339: Mrs. BEATTY and Ms. SPEIER.

H.R. 2382: Mr. ROUZER.

H.R. 2568: Ms. SPANBERGER.

H.R. 2720: Mr. NADLER.

H.R. 2846: Ms. SPANBERGER.

H.R. 2977: Ms. GARCIA of Texas.

H.R. 3077: Mr. COOPER.

H.R. 3832: Mr. SCHWEIKERT, Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana, and Mr. BLUMENAUER.

H.R. 4025: Mr. GOTTHEIMER.

H.R. 4056: Mr. HIMES.

H.R. 4140: Mr. CRENSHAW.

H.R. 4244: Mr. PERRY, Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania, and Mr. FITZPATRICK.

H.R. 4331: Ms. TITUS.

H.R. 4421: Mr. KENNEDY.

H.R. 4468: Mrs. WALORSKI and Ms. LEE of California.

H.R. 4487: Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota.

H.R. 4640: Mr. GARCIA of Illinois.

H.R. 4674: Ms. MCCOLLUM.

H.R. 4864: Ms. LOFGREN and Mr. KILMER.

H.R. 5143: Mr. SMITH of Washington.

H.R. 5169: Mr. PALAZZO and Mr. GUEST.

H.R. 5265: Ms. WILD.

H.R. 5319: Mr. KILMER.

H.R. 5403: Mr. BLUMENAUER and Mr. LOWENTHAL.

H.R. 5444: Mr. PERRY.

H.R. 5450: Mr. RASKIN and Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ.

H.R. 5494: Mr. SWALWELL of California.

H.J. Res. 2: Ms. TORRES SMALL of New Mexico, Mr. GOTTHEIMER, and Mr. MCNERNEY.

H. Con. Res. 27: Mr. HOLLINGSWORTH, Mr. BUDD, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, and Mr. BEYER.

H. Res. 538: Mrs. DINGELL and Mr. SUOZZI.

H. Res. 574: Mr. DESAULNIER.

H. Res. 732: Ms. JACKSON LEE.

H. Res. 752: Mr. CRENSHAW.

H. Res. 754: Mr. PALLONE and Mrs. TORRES of California.

PETITIONS, ETC.

Under clause 3 of rule XII,

73. The SPEAKER presented a petition of Mr. Gregory D. Watson, a citizen of Austin, TX, relative to requesting that Congress enact legislation which would require that persons seeking to immigrate to the United States — including those seeking asylum — be proficient in the spoken and written use of the English language; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.



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Senate

The Senate met at 10 and 9 seconds a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable ROY BLUNT, a Senator from the State of Missouri.

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 legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, December 23, 2019.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable ROY BLUNT, a Senator from the State of Missouri, to perform the duties of the Chair.

CHUCK GRASSLEY,
President pro tempore.

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

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL THURSDAY,
DECEMBER 26, 2019, AT 3:15 P.M.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate stands adjourned until 3:15 p.m. on Thursday, December 26, 2019.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 10 and 38 seconds a.m., adjourned until Thursday, December 26, 2019, at 3:15 p.m.

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EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IMPEACHING DONALD JOHN
TRUMP, PRESIDENT OF THE
UNITED STATES, FOR HIGH
CRIMES AND MISDEMEANORS

SPEECH OF

HON. JAHANA HAYES

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 18, 2019

Mrs. HAYES. Madam Speaker, my commitment has always been to be honest and transparent with the people of Connecticut's 5th District on my thinking and the decisions I make. Impeachment is not a course I wanted to pursue. I came to Congress to make a difference, not to impeach a President.

After extensive review of the articles of impeachment and the available evidence, I will vote in favor of impeaching the President of the United States. I do not take this action lightly and understand the gravity of the moment.

As the impeachment discussion progressed, I remained committed to not weighing in publicly, believing it was important that everyone had the chance to examine the case for themselves. As the investigation proceeded, I deliberately chose not to comment without having had a chance to review all the evidence and study the full articles as drafted.

I have now had the chance to thoroughly consider all the evidence and the articles of impeachment being considered on the floor of the House of Representatives. It is clear to me that the President attempted to use the Office of the President to demand a foreign leader investigate an American citizen for political gain.

As I listened to the testimony, I became more concerned about the actions of the President. While some may argue these actions do not merit impeachment, to do nothing and normalize this behavior would be a dereliction of my oath of office. This is a moment where I must lead, and I will vote yes when the articles of impeachment are brought to the floor of the House.

HONORING STEVE GRADOWITZ

HON. KEVIN MCCARTHY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 23, 2019

Mr. MCCARTHY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Steve Gradowitz, who is retiring from an illustrious career as a radio personality in Bakersfield, California, which I have the honor of representing in this Chamber.

Born and raised in Bakersfield, Steve graduated from East Bakersfield High School before joining the active ministry. Upon leaving the ministry in 1968 he began what would become a lifelong career in broadcasting. And after a brief stint working in Honolulu, Hawaii, Steve returned home to California with his wife Jan to begin their family.

Despite being best known as Bakersfield's morning voice, Steve also has a successful entrepreneurial background. In 1975 he and Jan founded Christian Building Maintenance, a janitorial service; and sold the successful company in 1984 while he moonlighted at KAFY. They also became top agents for Century 21 Real Estate. In 1986 Steve began working at KUZZ, where he would go on to spend 33 years with the Buck Owens Productions station as Bakersfield's premier morning personality.

As any member of the Bakersfield community will attest, we are tremendously lucky and grateful to have had Steve help us wake up and get going every weekday morning for so many years. His on-air excellence during his tenure at KUZZ earned him numerous accolades including: the Bakersfield Californian's reader's poll Favorite Morning Personality, the Billboard Personality of the Year, and the Academy of Country Music's Air Personality of the Year.

I have had the pleasure of getting to know Steve over the years, and he is as good a person as he is a radio personality. In fact, in typical Steve fashion, when I asked him to emcee the Merle Haggard Post Office Declaration last April, he generously agreed. And as with anything Steve does, the event was better off with him being there. Steve's unique and insightful style of broadcasting will be greatly missed by his countless dedicated listeners, but I join legions of his listeners in wishing he and Jan nothing but the best in retirement. On behalf of California's 23rd Congressional District, I want to congratulate Steve on his admirable career, and thank him for his dedicated service to the residents of Bakersfield, California.

CELEBRATING THE FILIPINO LADIES ASSOCIATION OF GUAM (FLAG) FOR THEIR 59TH INDUCTION OF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

HON. MICHAEL F.Q. SAN NICOLAS

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 23, 2019

Mr. SAN NICOLAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the Filipino Ladies Association of Guam (FLAG) in celebrating the 59th Induction of Executive Officers and Board of Directors. I extend my sincerest congratulations to FLAG for an outstanding event in celebration and recognition of the triumphs of each Member, past and present Elected Officers and Board of Directors.

The Filipino Ladies Association of Guam was established in the year of 1962 and has since been clear in its mission to help our community thrive by working together effortlessly, encouraging unity amongst Filipino women; enriching the Filipino culture and traditions; and strengthening their relationships with the people of Guam.

The association received a BANAAG Award from the Commission of Filipino Overseas organization for their efforts in assisting and providing benefactions to overseas Filipino communities. They persevered in giving back to our island through their accomplishments in education, charities, and scholarships. Their desire to support local organizations such as the Guam Memorial Hospital and Governor Joseph Flores Memorial Park are examples of achievements to celebrate.

I express my deepest gratitude to the Filipino Ladies Association of Guam's outgoing President, Lorie Castelo, for her leadership throughout the year and the newly elected President, Ma. Cristina Bansil, as she now upholds the extraordinary reputation of FLAG, as well as each member, past, and present for your untiring commitment and the promise it holds to our community.

Again, congratulations to the Filipino Ladies Association of Guam for a prosperous year, and I look forward to their continued success.

HONORING THE LIFE OF GRAIL
DAWSON

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 23, 2019

Mr. HUFFMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in memory of Grail Dawson, who passed away on November 21, 2019, at the age of 99 after a lifetime devoted to serving his country and community.

The youngest of four siblings, Mr. Dawson was born in Washington, D.C. in June 1920. He attended George Washington University and obtained a degree in Chemistry. Mr. Dawson volunteered for military service in the United States Navy shortly after the start of World War II. He completed officer training at the Naval Academy in Annapolis, and received a commission of Lieutenant, assigned to duty on landing ships in the South Pacific Theater. Mr. Dawson served in combat as a Landing Ship Officer at Guadalcanal, Bougainville, Iwo Jima, and the Philippines. In Bougainville, he served as Beachmaster for a landing under fire. Mr. Dawson received both the Asiatic-Pacific Area Campaign Medal with 5 Battle Stars and the Philippine Liberation Medal.

Upon his return from active duty, Mr. Dawson served a 30-year career as a Federal government employee, working for the Bureau of Reclamation in Washington, D.C., Idaho, Montana, and Sacramento. While stationed in Boise, Idaho, he met his wife Laverne, who he was married to for 30 years and with whom he had his two daughters. Following his wife's death in 1977, Mr. Dawson moved to Mendocino County to be closer to his daughters. It was there that he met Betty Barber, who was his life partner for the next 42 years until his death.

In Mendocino, Grail immersed himself in civic activities, working as a reporter for the

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Mendocino News service for seven years and serving eight years on the Board of Directors of the Mendocino City Community Services District. Mr. Dawson was an active member of the Mendocino Citizen's Advisory Committee and was the primary author of the first Mendocino Town Plan, working tirelessly to help preserve the small-town character and historical value of Mendocino.

Mr. Dawson was an active volunteer in numerous community groups, including the Fort Bragg Food Bank, Fort Bragg Library and the Grey Panthers. His crowning achievement was the revitalization of the Mendocino Land Trust with his partner Betty Barber. Mr. Dawson served for nearly 20 years on the board of trustees and a cumulative six years as president of the board. His commitment and dedication to the organization took the Land Trust from a small kitchen table organization to a highly effective conservation organization that counted among its successes the restoration and conservation of more than 7,000 acres along the Big River estuary.

Mr. Dawson was a dedicated public servant whose life exemplified the values of civic engagement and service. He is survived by his daughters Daney Dawson and Debra Dawson, his partner Betty Barber, her daughters Terry and Lisa, and grandsons Allegro D'Albert, Dylan Nicolle, and Micah Cooper. He had a son, David Dawson, deceased, by his first wife, and he leaves two grandchildren from this marriage, Sean Dawson and Shannon Dawson Westphal of Maryland, and three great grandchildren. While Mr. Dawson will be greatly missed, his legacy will live on through the positive impact he and his work had on the lives of his friends, family, and the Mendocino Coast.

IMPEACHING DONALD JOHN
TRUMP, PRESIDENT OF THE
UNITED STATES, FOR HIGH
CRIMES AND MISDEMEANORS

SPEECH OF

HON. DIANA DeGETTE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 18, 2019

Ms. DEGETTE. Madam Speaker, on December 18, 2019, due to presiding over the House of Representatives, I was unable to speak on the House floor during the debate for House Resolution 755—the Impeachment of Donald John Trump for high crimes and misdemeanors.

This is a sad and solemn day in our nation's history. None of us came to Congress to impeach a president but, when we assumed office, every one of us took an oath to uphold the Constitution. The evidence shows clearly that President Trump abused his power, put our national security at risk and sought to undermine the integrity of our elections. When he was caught, he tried to cover it up.

When a president decides to violate the public's trust by putting his own self-interests ahead of the country's—as President Trump has done—the House of Representatives has a duty to act. As our nation's top constitutional experts have opined, President Trump's con-

duct is precisely what our founders feared. It's why they gave Congress the power to remove a president from office, if necessary.

No one in this country is above the law; and President Trump, by his own actions, left us no choice but to approve the articles of impeachment against him.

RECOGNIZING PRIME MINISTER
MODI'S EFFORTS TO PROMOTE
PEACE WITHIN JAMMU AND
KASHMIR

HON. PAUL A. GOSAR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 23, 2019

Mr. GOSAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to highlight the current situation in Jammu and Kashmir within the greater context of the Indo-Pakistani conflict.

Just recently, the Indian Parliament passed legislation that changed the status of Jammu and Kashmir by modifying provisions that impeded economic development and affording the people of Jammu-Kashmir the same rights as the people of India.

Article 370, an outdated provision of the law that governed Jammu-Kashmir, is no more. Article 370 and the polarized political environment that it created resulted in the loss of thousands of innocent lives within the region.

Pakistani-based terrorist organizations such as Lashkar-e-Taiba have conducted terrorist attacks that have disrupted the society and economy of Jammu-Kashmir. They have attacked innocent women and children, and agricultural workers.

Prime Minister Modi has made it clear that this change was necessary to facilitate peace and economic prosperity. I applaud Prime Minister Modi and the Parliament for their leadership on ensuring the stability of Jammu-Kashmir.

Madam Speaker, I would also like to commend the Trump Administration's continued work with Prime Minister Modi to ensure peace within the region.

IN HONOR OF HIGHLAND ELEMEN-
TARY SCHOOL'S "ANITA NEW-
MAN WAY"

HON. BRETT GUTHRIE

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 23, 2019

Mr. GUTHRIE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize former Highland Elementary School principal Anita Newman. Principal Newman served as an educator in the Daviess County Public Schools district for 36 years before she retired in 2012. She began her career as a teacher at Masonville Elementary School and joined Highland Elementary School as a teacher in 1978. After a stint as principal of Utica Elementary School, she returned to Highland Elementary School as principal in 1989. Principal Newman is a distinguished graduate of both Kentucky Wesley College and Western Kentucky University. I

know that the new "Anita Newman Way" at Highland Elementary School, dedicated this month, will be a reminder of her lasting legacy on the hearts and minds of young Daviess County students. I thank Principal Newman for her service.

DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE 90TH
ANNIVERSARY

HON. CHRIS PAPPAS

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 23, 2019

Mr. PAPPAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Daughters of Penelope, in honor of the upcoming 90th anniversary of the organization. The Daughters of Penelope promotes the ideals and traditions of Hellenism in America, focusing on service to one's community.

For nearly a century, they have remained steadfast in promoting the rich traditions of Hellenism, civic responsibility, and family through their philanthropic and educational efforts. The Daughters of Penelope have not only maintained these traditions within the Greek community, but also shared them with our larger communities and without a doubt made them a better place for everyone to work and live.

On behalf of my constituents in New Hampshire's First Congressional District, I want to thank the Daughters of Penelope for the decades of commitment to our shared ideals. I hope they all enjoy celebrating this exciting milestone.

CORRECTING THE RECORD ON
MOTIONS TO TABLE

HON. JAMES P. MCGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 23, 2019

Mr. MCGOVERN. Madam Speaker, I am kind of a stickler for details and accuracy in terms of some of the things that have been said here, because these debates are going to be enshrined in the RECORD and they will be there forever. But I want to go back to something said about the votes on impeachment: I repeat, nobody, nobody, Democrat or Republican, has had an opportunity to vote on Articles of Impeachment. And contrary to what has been said, voting to not table does not mean you get an automatic vote on the impeachment.

I will give you an example. On November 6, 2007, the House rejected a motion to table a Representative Kucinich resolution to impeach Vice President Cheney, and then moved to adopt a motion to refer the resolution to the Judiciary Committee. And that is what most of us had in mind.

So I can't say everybody, but I can say that it is just inaccurate to say that people would have automatically voted for impeachment or that voting not to table would mean a vote—an automatic vote on impeachment. I think it is important for the RECORD to be clear.

UNITED STATES-MEXICO-CANADA
AGREEMENT IMPLEMENTATION
ACT

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SPEECH OF

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 19, 2019

Ms. LEE of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to discuss the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement also known as USMCA or NAFTA 2.0.

Due to Speaker PELOSI and the negotiators' tireless work, this USMCA is better than the

current NAFTA and what the Trump Administration presented in the original agreement. USMCA will establish labor specific enforcement measures and an independent review body to ensure that Mexico is complying with labor obligations.

However, after careful consideration, I will vote NO on the passage of USMCA.

I am disappointed by the lack of strong environmental protections. Our planet is feeling the effects of climate change every day, and the lack of strong environmental protections is something I cannot abide.

What's more, USMCA does not contain any binding climate standards. In fact, the deal barely mentions climate change at all.

Finally, USMCA supports dirty fossil fuels, allows oil and gas corporations to run rampant, and fails to address toxic pollution.

This is a shame in a time when our planet—and our trade deals—deserve better.

Without stronger protections, this trade deal will have catastrophic consequences to the environment for many decades to come.

In order to meaningfully act upon our changing climate, to address our warming planet before it is too late, and to save future generations from a climate emergency.

I know that this bill will pass, so I pledge to continue work to address climate issues relating to globalization and trade policy.

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate met at 10:00:09 a.m. in pro forma session, and adjourned at 10:00:38 a.m. until 3:15 p.m., on Thursday, December 26, 2019.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 4 public bills, H.R. 5534–5537, were introduced. **Page H12297**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H12297**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 3622, to amend the Fair Credit Reporting act to restore the impaired credit of victims of predatory activities and unfair consumer reporting practices, to expand access to tools to protect vulnerable consumers from identity theft, fraud, or a related crime, and protect victims from further harm, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 116–362); and

H.R. 3642, to amend the Fair Credit Reporting Act to fix the consumer report dispute process, to ban misleading and unfair consumer reporting practices, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 116–363). **Pages H12296–97**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Dingell to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H12295**

Senate Referrals: S. 221 was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. S. 439 was referred to the Committee on House Administration and the Committee on Oversight and Reform. S. 1029 was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. S. 1309 was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs. S. 1434 was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Reform. S. 1608 was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce. S. 2096 was referred to

the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. S. 3147 was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appear on page H12295.

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 11 a.m. and adjourned at 11:04 a.m.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Oversight and Reform: On December 19, 2019, Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 2575, the "AI in Government Act of 2019"; H.R. 3830, the "Taxpayers Right-To-Know Act"; H.R. 3883, the "Restore the Partnership Act"; H.R. 3941, the "Federal Risk and Authorization Management Program Authorization Act"; H.R. 5214, the "Representative Payee Fraud Prevention Act of 2019"; S. 375, the "Payment Integrity Information Act of 2019"; H.R. 2454, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 123 East Sharpfish Street in Rosebud, South Dakota, as the "Ben Reifel Post Office Building"; H.R. 2969, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1401 1st Street North in Winter Haven, Florida, as the "Althea Margaret Daily Mills Post Office Building"; H.R. 3275, to designate the

facility of the United States Postal Service located at 340 Wetmore Avenue in Grand River, Ohio, as the “Lance Corporal Andy ‘Ace’ Nowacki Post Office”; H.R. 2246, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 201 West Cherokee Street in Brookhaven, Mississippi, as the “Deputy Donald William Durr, Corporal Zach Moak, and Patrolman James White Memorial Post Office Building”; H.R. 3680, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 415 North Main Street in Henning, Tennessee as the “Paula Robinson and Judy Spray Memorial Post Office Building”; H.R. 3847, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 117 West Poythress Street in Hopewell, Virginia, as the “Reverend Curtis West Harris Post Office Building”; H.R. 3976, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 12711 East Jefferson Avenue in Detroit, Michigan, as the “Aretha Franklin Post Office Building”; H.R. 4034, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 602 Pacific Avenue in Bremerton, Washington, as the “John Henry Turpin Post Office Building”; H.R. 4200, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 321 South 1st Street in Montrose, Colorado, as the “Sergeant David Kinterknecht Post Office”; H.R. 4725, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 8585 Criterion Drive in Colorado Springs, Colorado, as the “Chaplain (Capt.) Dale Goetz Memorial Post Office Building”; H.R. 4734, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 171 South Maple Street in Dana, Indiana, as the “Ernest ‘Ernie’ T. Pyle Post Office”; H.R. 4785, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1305 U.S. Highway 90 West in Castroville, Texas, as the “Lance Corporal Rhonald Dain Rairdan Post Office”; H.R. 4975, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1201 Sycamore Square Drive in Midlothian, Virginia, as the “Dorothy Braden Bruce Post Office Building”; H.R. 5062, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 9930 Conroy Windermere Road in Windermere, Florida, as the “Officer Robert German Post Office Building”; H.R. 4981, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2505 Derita Avenue in Charlotte, North Carolina, as the “Julius L. Chambers Civil Rights Memorial Post

Office”; H.R. 3005, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 13308 Midland Road in Poway, California, as the “Ray Chavez Post Office Building”; H.R. 4672, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 21701 Stevens Creek Boulevard in Cupertino, California, as the “Petty Officer 2nd Class (SEAL) Matthew G. Axelson Post Office Building”; H.R. 5037, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3703 North Main Street in Farmville, North Carolina, as the “Walter B. Jones, Jr. Post Office”; H.R. 4279, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 445 Main Street in Laceyville, Pennsylvania, as the “Melinda Gene Piccotti Post Office”; H.R. 4794, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 8320 13th Avenue in Brooklyn, New York, as the “Mother Frances Xavier Cabrini Post Office Building”; H.R. 5384, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 100 Crosby Street in Mansfield, Louisiana, as the “Dr. C.O. Simpkins, Sr., Post Office”; and H.R. 3317, to permit the Scipio A. Jones Post Office in Little Rock, Arkansas, to accept and display a portrait of Scipio A. Jones, and for other purposes. H.R. 5214, H.R. 3941, H.R. 3883, H.R. 3830, and H.R. 2575 were ordered reported, as amended. S. 375, H.R. 2454, H.R. 2969, H.R. 3275, H.R. 2246, H.R. 3680, H.R. 3847, H.R. 3976, H.R. 4034, H.R. 4200, H.R. 4725, H.R. 4734, H.R. 4785, H.R. 4975, H.R. 5062, H.R. 4981, H.R. 3005, H.R. 4279, H.R. 4672, H.R. 5037, H.R. 4794, H.R. 5384, and H.R. 3317 were ordered reported, without amendment.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2019

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

3:15 p.m., Thursday, December 26

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

9 a.m., Thursday, December 26

Senate Chamber

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

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: House will meet in Pro Forma session at 9 a.m.

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