The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. BUTTERFIELD).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC, December 30, 2019.

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

NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Pursuant to section 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.

REAPPOINTMENT OF INDIVIDUAL TO UNITED STATES-CHINA ECONOMIC AND SECURITY REVIEW COMMISSION

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces the Speaker’s re-appointment, effective January 1, 2020, pursuant to section 1238(b)(3) of the Floyd D. Spence National Authorization Act for fiscal year 2001 (22 U.S.C. 7002), as amended, and the order of the House of January 3, 2019, of the following individual on the part of the House to the United States-China Economic and Security Review Commission for a term expiring on December 31, 2021:

Ms. Carolyn Bartholomew, Washington, D.C.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE REPUBLICAN LEADER

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Honorable KEVIN MCCARTHY, Republican Leader:


Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House, Washington, DC,

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: Pursuant to 22 USC 7002, I am pleased to appoint the following member to the United States-China Economic and Security Review Commission on behalf of the Speaker:

Mr. Michael Wessel, Falls Church, Virginia.

As previously agreed, because of the change in Congress and the presumed statutory intent of the Commission, I am appointing Mr. Wessel on behalf of the Speaker. As such, I am pleased to make this appointment.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

KEVIN MCCARTHY,
Republican Leader.

HOUSE BILLS APPROVED BY THE PRESIDENT

The President notified the Clerk of the House that on the following dates he had approved and signed bills of the following titles:

September 26, 2019:
H.R. 1200. An Act to increase, effective as December 1, 2019, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans, and for other purposes.

September 27, 2019:
H.R. 4375. An Act making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2020, and for other purposes.

September 30, 2019:
H.R. 1856. An Act to amend the Public Health Service Act to enhance activities of the National Institutes of Health with respect to research on autism spectrum disorder and enhance programs relating to autism, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4285. An Act to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend and modify certain authorities and requirements relating to the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.
3382. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration’s announcement of quota transfer — Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Summer Flounder Fishery; Quota Transfer From MD to NJ (RTID: 0648-XX025) received December 18, 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.

3383. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration’s temporary rule — Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Atlantic Herring Fishery; 2019 Management Area 1A Sub-Annual Catch Limit Harvested [Docket No.: 181031994-9022-02] (RTID: 0648-XX033) received December 18, 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.

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS TO PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

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

H.R. 784: Mr. Guest.
H.R. 1379: Mr. Larsen of Washington.
H.R. 4399: Mr. Roy, Mr. Hagedorn, Mrs. Lesko, Mr. Mullin, Mr. Spano, and Mr. Guest.
The Senate met at 2 and 1 second p.m. and was called to order by the Honorable Deb Fischer, a Senator from the State of Nebraska.

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:


To the Senate:

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

Chuck Grassley, President pro tempore.

Mrs. Fischer thereupon assumed the Chair as Acting President pro tempore.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL THURSDAY, JANUARY 2, 2020, AT 6:30 P.M.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate stands adjourned until 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 2, 2020.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 2 and 32 seconds p.m., adjourned until Thursday, January 2, 2020, at 6:30 p.m.
RECOGNIZING THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF SIVANANTHAN LABORATORIES

HON. RAJA KRISHNAMOORTHI
OF ILLINOIS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, December 30, 2019

Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHI. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize Sivananthan Laboratories as it celebrates the tenth anniversary of its founding, and its founder Dr. Sivalingam Sivananthan for his many contributions to science and applied technology.

Dr. Siva began his pioneering research on molecular beam epitaxy at the University of Illinois at Chicago, where he was awarded a Ph.D. in physics. His success in developing technical applications for MBE, and his awareness of the confluence of our state’s great research universities with the scientific and engineering talent located in the Chicago area, forged a vision to create a technology incubator in the mold of Bell Laboratories and Xerox PARC. That vision was fulfilled by the incorporation of Sivananthan Laboratories in the fall of 2009.

Since its creation, Sivananthan Laboratories has assisted emerging Chicago-area small businesses to research new technologies and convert that knowledge into innovative new products and services. Sivananthan Laboratories also has provided foundational support to InSPIRE, a not-for-profit whose mission is to spark interest in the sciences among Chicago-area students and nurture the growth of a renewable energy ecosystem in Illinois.

In recent years, Dr. Siva and Sivananthan Laboratories have turned their interest towards innovation in artificial intelligence and machine learning tools that support automatic data processing of infrared imagery. Sivananthan Laboratories has also increasingly explored the use of infrared imagery in the agricultural and medical sectors. Based on their long history of groundbreaking research and track record of converting that research into commercially viable technologies, we can look forward to exciting new contributions to our scientific understanding and the development of new economic enterprises in Illinois and beyond.

Madam Speaker, I want to recognize the great achievements of Dr. Siva and Sivananthan Laboratories on the occasion of the tenth anniversary of its founding, and acknowledge their tireless efforts to advance research in both hard science and applied technologies. As a former member of the Sivananthan Laboratories team, I take special pride in their achievements and wish them the very best in all their present and future endeavors.
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Senate

Chamber Action
The Senate met at 2:00:01 p.m. in pro forma session, and adjourned at 2:00:32 p.m. until 6:30 p.m., on Thursday, January 2, 2020.

Committee Meetings
No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action
Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: No public bills, private bills, or resolutions, were introduced.

Additional Cosponsors:

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

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

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Rabbi Arnold E. Resnicoff, Chaplain, U.S. Navy, Retired, Washington, DC.

United States-China Economic and Security Review Commission—Reappointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's reappointment of the following individual on the part of the House to the United States-China Economic and Security Review Commission for a term expiring on December 31, 2021: Ms. Carolyn Bartholomew of Washington, DC.

United States-China Economic and Security Review Commission—Appointment: Read a letter from Representative McCarthy, Minority Leader, in which he appointed the following member to the Committee Meetings for Thursday, January 2, 2020

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 10 a.m. and adjourned at 10:04 a.m.

Committee Meetings
No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings
No joint committee meetings were held.
Next Meeting of the Senate
6:30 p.m., Thursday, January 2
Senate Chamber
Program for Thursday: Senate will meet in a pro forma session.

Next Meeting of the House of Representatives
10 a.m., Thursday, January 2
House Chamber
Program for Thursday: House will meet in Pro Forma session at 10 a.m.

Extensions of Remarks, as inserted in this issue

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