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The House met at 1:30 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Ms. MATSUI).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
February 3, 2020.

I hereby appoint the Honorable DORIS O. MATSUI 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:
Eternal God, we give You thanks for giving us another day.

We thank You once again that we, Your creatures, can come before You and ask guidance for the men and women of this assembly. Send Your spirit of peace, honesty, and fairness during this long weekend of constituent visits. May their ears and hearts be open to listen to the hopes and needs of those whom they represent.

Bless the people of this great Nation with wisdom, knowledge, and understanding, that they might responsibly participate in our American democracy during this primary season.

Please keep all who work for the people's House in good health, that they might faithfully fulfill the great responsibility given them in their service to the work of the Capitol.

Bless us this day and every day. And may all that is done be for Your greater honor and glory.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the

last day's proceedings and announces to the House her 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.

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, January 31, 2020.

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 January 31, 2020, at 11:59 a.m.:

That the Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 86.
With best wishes, I am
Sincerely,

CHERYL L. JOHNSON,
Clerk of the House.

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, February 3, 2020.

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 February 3, 2020, at 10:29 a.m.:

That the Senate agreed to S. Res. 488.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

CHERYL L. JOHNSON.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE REPUBLICAN LEADER

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

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, January 30, 2020.

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

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: Pursuant to 44 USC § 2702 I am pleased to appoint the following member to the Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress:

Mr. Günter Waibel, Oakland, California
Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

KEVIN MCCARTHY,
Republican Leader.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE REPUBLICAN LEADER

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

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, January 30, 2020.

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

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: Pursuant to 22 USC § 7002, I am pleased to appoint the following

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member to the United States-China Economic and Security Review Commission:

Mr. Robert Borochoff, Houston, Texas

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

KEVIN MCCARTHY,
Republican Leader.

APPOINTMENT OF INDIVIDUAL TO COMMISSION ON INTERNATIONAL RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces the Speaker's appointment, pursuant to section 201(b) of the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998 (22 U.S.C. 6431) and the order of the House of January 3, 2019, of the following individual on the part of the House to the Commission on International Religious Freedom for a term ending May 14, 2020, to fill the existing vacancy thereon:

Dr. James W. Carr, Searcy, Arkansas, to succeed Ms. Kristina Arriaga, Alexandria, Virginia.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the House stands adjourned until noon tomorrow for morning-hour debate.

There was no objection.

Thereupon (at 1 o'clock and 35 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Tuesday, February 4, 2020, at noon for morning-hour debate.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

3685. A letter from the Acting Executive Officer, District of Columbia Courts, transmitting amendments to the Jury Plan of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia; to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

3686. A letter from the Acting Chief Privacy Officer, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's Privacy Office Fiscal Year 2019 Second Semiannual Report to Congress for the period April 1, through September 30, 2019; to the Committee on Homeland Security.

3687. A letter from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting the Attorney General's First Quarterly Report of FY 2020 on the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994, pursuant to 38 U.S.C. 4332(b)(2); Public Law 103-353, Sec. 2(a) (as added by Public Law 110-389, Sec. 312(c)); (122 Stat. 4165); jointly to the Committees on the Judiciary and Veterans' Affairs.

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. SEWELL of Alabama (for herself, Mr. SMITH of Nebraska, Mr. CÁRDENAS, Mr. SHIMKUS, Mr. WENSTRUP, and Mr. SCHRADER):

H.R. 5741. A bill to amend title XI of the Social Security Act to clarify parameters for model testing and add accountability to model expansion under the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, and Rules, 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. CASTEN of Illinois (for himself, Mr. LEVIN of California, Mr. HUFFMAN, and Mr. KENNEDY):

H.R. 5742. A bill to direct the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to find that certain rates for electricity are inherently unjust and unreasonable, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Ms. FINKENAUER:

H.R. 5743. A bill to repeal the funding authorization sunset and the total funding cap for America's Agricultural Heritage Partnership, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. LAMALFA:

H.R. 5744. A bill to establish a categorical exclusion for electric utility rights-of-way, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, 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. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY of New York (for himself, Mr. GRAVES of Louisiana, Mr. BLUMENAUER, and Mr. LAHOOD):

H.R. 5745. A bill to amend title 23, United States Code, to establish a competitive grant program to repair, improve, rehabilitate, or replace bridges to improve the safety, efficiency, and reliability of the movement of people and freight over bridge crossings, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Ms. MOORE (for herself and Mr. SMITH of Nebraska):

H.R. 5746. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide special rules for purposes of determining if financial guaranty insurance companies are qualifying insurance corporations under the passive foreign investment company rules; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Ms. PLASKETT (for herself, Miss GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN of Puerto Rico, Mrs. RADEWAGEN, and Mr. SAN NICOLAS):

H.R. 5747. A bill to establish the St. Croix National Heritage Area, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia (for himself, Ms. FUDGE, and Mr. CLEAVER):

H.R. 5748. A bill to rebuild the Nation's crumbling infrastructure, transportation systems, technology and computer networks, and energy distribution systems, by strongly and urgently encouraging the immediate recruitment, employment, and on-the-job "earn as you learn" training of young African Americans who throughout history experience higher unemployment rates than any other race, which is a national crisis; to the Committee on Education and Labor.

By Mr. VEASEY:

H. Res. 826. A resolution expressing disapproval of the Trump administration's harmful actions towards Medicaid; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. MCCAUL (for himself, Ms. CHENEY, Mr. TURNER, Mr. GALLAGHER, and Mr. YOHIO):

H. Res. 827. A resolution affirming that all Chinese companies, private and state-owned,

are under the effective control of the Chinese Communist Party; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

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. SEWELL of Alabama:

H.R. 5741.

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

Article 1, Section 8

By Mr. CASTEN of Illinois:

H.R. 5742.

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

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 3 of the U.S. Constitution

By Ms. FINKENAUER:

H.R. 5743.

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

This bill is enacted pursuant to the power granted to Congress under Article I, Section 8, Clause 18 of the United States Constitution.

By Mr. LAMALFA:

H.R. 5744.

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

Article Four, section 3, clause 2 of the United States Constitution

By Mr. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY of New York:

H.R. 5745.

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

Article I, Sec. 8

By Ms. MOORE:

H.R. 5746.

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

The Congress enacts this bill pursuant to Sections 7 & 8 of Article I of the United States Constitution and Amendment XVI of the United States Constitution.

By Ms. PLASKETT:

H.R. 5747.

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

Article IV, Section 3 of the United States Constitution.

By Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia:

H.R. 5748.

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

Article 1, Section 8

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

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

H.R. 94: Mrs. HAYES.

H.R. 619: Mr. PANETTA and Mr. BLUMENAUER.

H.R. 649: Mr. THOMPSON of California.

H.R. 767: Mr. WITTMAN, Mr. RIGGLEMAN, Mr. BEYER, Ms. WEXTON, Mr. MCEACHIN, and Mr. SCOTT of Virginia.

H.R. 848: Mr. ROY.

H.R. 983: Ms. PINGREE.

H.R. 1032: Mr. CONNOLLY.

H.R. 1139: Mr. GOLDEN.

H.R. 1155: Mr. LEWIS.

H.R. 1164: Mr. RASKIN.

H.R. 1243: Mrs. HAYES.

H.R. 1276: Ms. NORTON.