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House of Representatives

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

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
March 24, 2020.

I hereby appoint the Honorable WILLIAM LACY CLAY to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

Reverend William Gurnee, St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Washington, D.C., offered the following prayer:

Almighty God, because our human weakness leads us sometimes to glamorize our elected leaders as symbols of power or status or wealth, we must rely on You more fervently in this moment of crisis in our Nation's healthcare, that we may all together arrive at the truth.

The Members of this body know that they have been tasked with a tremendous responsibility to care not for the trappings of this world, but for the real treasure of our Nation: her people.

You have given each public official gifts for the building up of Your kingdom. Guide them by Your holy spirit with wisdom and humility to make the compromises and choices that are necessary for the good of all.

Grant us this day Your blessings, and may we praise You always. We make this prayer in Your holy name.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 7(a) of House Resolution

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Texas (Mr. GREEN) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. GREEN of Texas 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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 7(b) of House Resolution 891, the House stands adjourned until 10 a.m. tomorrow.

Thereupon (at 12 o'clock and 2 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Wednesday, March 25, 2020, at 10 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

4165. A letter from the General Counsel, Federal Housing Finance Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Stress Testing of Regulated Entities (RIN: 2590-AB05) received March 17, 2020, 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.

4166. A letter from the Deputy Chief, Disability Rights Office, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Structure and Practices of the Video Relay Service Program; Telecommunications Relay Services and Speech-to-Speech Services for Individuals with Hearing and Speech Disabilities, Order on Reconsideration and Order Suspending Compliance Deadline, [CG Docket Nos.: 10-51 and 03-123] received March 12, 2020, 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.

4167. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to the threat of foreign interference in United States elections that was declared in Executive Order 13848 of September 12, 2018, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1641(c); Public Law 94-412, Sec. 401(c); (90 Stat. 1257) and 50 U.S.C. 1703(c); Public Law 95-223, Sec. 204(c); (91 Stat. 1627); to the Committee on Foreign 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 Mr. GREEN of Texas (for himself, Ms. GARCIA of Texas, Mr. MEEKS, Mr. CLEAVER, and Mrs. BEATTY):

H.R. 6380. A bill to temporarily provide for Federal insurance of transaction accounts during the COVID-19 emergency; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. GREEN of Texas (for himself, Ms. GARCIA of Texas, Mr. MEEKS, Mr. CLEAVER, and Mrs. BEATTY):

H.R. 6381. A bill to require the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System to provide zero-interest loans to minority depository institutions and community development financial institutions to combat COVID-19, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. GREEN of Texas (for himself, Mr. MEEKS, and Mr. CLEAVER):

H.R. 6382. A bill to provide assistance for fair housing enforcement activities associated with the COVID-19 pandemic, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services, 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 committee concerned.

By Ms. CLARKE of New York (for herself, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia, Ms. LEE of California, Ms. PLASKETT, Ms. FUDGE, Ms. JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. RUSH, Mr. BROWN of Maryland, Ms. PRESSLEY, Mr. DANNY

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K. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Mr. CLYBURN, Mr. RICHMOND, Mr. BUTTERFIELD, Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, Mr. CLEAVER, Mr. HASTINGS, Mr. JEFFRIES, Mr. MEEKS, Mr. CARSON of Indiana, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mrs. LAWRENCE, Ms. BASS, and Ms. NORTON):

H.R. 6383. A bill to provide for research and education with respect to uterine fibroids, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Ms. VELÁZQUEZ:

H.R. 6384. A bill to provide community-based nonprofit feeding and anti-hunger groups with funding to partner with small and mid-sized restaurants to expand meal access and delivery for low-income and vulnerable populations during a pandemic or public health emergency; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. BANKS (for himself, Mr. MOULTON, Mr. KEVIN HERN of Oklahoma, Mr. BUCSHON, Mr. ROGERS of Alabama, Mr. LOUDERMILK, Mr. KELLY of Mississippi, Mr. GALLAGHER, Mr. KINZINGER, Mr. SMITH of Missouri, Mr. ABRAHAM, Mr. WALTZ, Mr. GONZALEZ of Ohio, Mr. RIGGLEMAN, Mr. HAGEDORN, Mr. NORMAN, Mr. CRAWFORD, Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio, Ms. STEFANIK, and Mr. WEBER of Texas):

H. Res. 907. A resolution expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the Government of the People's Republic of China made multiple, serious mistakes in the early stages of the COVID-19 outbreak that heightened the severity and spread of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, which include the Chinese Government's intentional spread of misinformation to downplay the risks of the virus, a refusal to cooperate with international health authorities, internal censorship of doctors and journalists, and malicious disregard for the health of ethnic minorities; 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 Mr. GREEN of Texas:

H.R. 6380.

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

Commerce Clause: Article 1, Section 8, clause 3—provides Congress with the power to regulate commerce with foreign nations and among the states, including the use of the channels of interstate commerce, the instrumentalities of interstate commerce, or persons or things in interstate commerce.

Necessary and Proper Clause: Article 1, Section 8, clause 18—allows Congress the power to make all laws that are necessary and proper for executing its enumerated powers and all other powers vested by the Constitution in the U.S. Government.

By Mr. GREEN of Texas:

H.R. 6381.

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

Commerce Clause: Article 1, Section 8, clause 3—provides Congress with the power to regulate commerce with foreign nations and among the states, including the use of the channels of interstate commerce, the instrumentalities of interstate commerce, or persons or things in interstate commerce.

Necessary and Proper Clause: Article 1, Section 8, clause 18—allows Congress the power to make all laws that are necessary and proper for executing its enumerated powers and all other powers vested by the Constitution in the U.S. Government.

By Mr. GREEN of Texas:

H.R. 6382.

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

Commerce Clause: Article 1, Section 8, clause 3—provides Congress with the power to regulate commerce with foreign nations and among the states, including the use of the channels of interstate commerce, the instrumentalities of interstate commerce, or persons or things in interstate commerce.

Necessary and Proper Clause: Article 1, Section 8, clause 18—allows Congress the power to make all laws that are necessary and proper for executing its enumerated powers and all other powers vested by the Constitution in the U.S. Government.

Taxing and Spending Clause: Article 1, Section 8, clause 1—provides Congress authority to, inter alia, enact spending legislation.

By Ms. CLARKE of New York:

H.R. 6383.

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

Article 1 Section 8

By Ms. VELÁZQUEZ:

H.R. 6384.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 1

The Congress shall have Power to . . . provide for the . . . general Welfare of the United States; . . .

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

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

H.R. 6319: Ms. NORTON, Mr. WOODALL, Mr. CISNEROS, Mr. LYNCH, Mr. SOTO, Mr. MCADAMS, Mrs. AXNE, and Ms. SPEIER.

H.R. 6324: Mr. POCAN and Mr. LOWENTHAL.

H.R. 6343: Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mr. EVANS, and Ms. NORTON.

H.R. 6379: Mr. TAKANO.