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Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, May 11, 2020, at 3 p.m.

House of Representatives

FRIDAY, MAY 8, 2020

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

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
May 8, 2020.

I hereby appoint the Honorable JENNIFER WEXTON 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: Compassionate and merciful God, thank You for giving us another day.

As confirmation of the economic suffering so many Americans are experiencing becomes known, we ask Your blessing upon all those who are working to ease the effects of lost jobs and spreading infection.

Bless those who continue to serve, even though threatened in doing so—healthcare professionals, food service workers, and those whose work demands they engage outside zones of distance protection.

Bless, as well, the Members of this House, the Senate, and those working in the administration. Give them all the wisdom to balance health security with maintaining an economy that works now but also can reemerge in the future.

May everything done this day be for Your greater honor and glory.
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 North Carolina (Mr. BISHOP) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. BISHOP of North Carolina 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, May 5, 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 May 5, 2020, at 12:16 p.m.:

Appointments: Congressional Oversight Commission.

With best wishes, I am,
Sincerely,

CHERYL L. JOHNSON.

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, May 8, 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 May 8, 2020, at 9:22 a.m.:

That the Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 38. Appointments: United States Commission on International Religious Freedom (2), Commission on Combating Synthetic Opioid Trafficking

With best wishes, I am,
Sincerely,

ROBERT F. REEVES,
Deputy Clerk.

RESIGNATION AS MEMBER OF COMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT AND REFORM

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following resignation as a member of the Committee on Oversight and Reform:

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

Matter set in this typeface indicates words inserted or appended, rather than spoken, by a Member of the House on the floor.



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CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Washington, DC, May 7, 2020.

DEAR SPEAKER PELOSI: Please accept this letter as a formal resignation of my position on the Oversight and Government Reform Committee; a seat I hold on a waiver, to allow for newly elected member, Rep. Kweisi Mfume to be appointed. In a time when oversight and accountability is of the utmost importance, I am honored to have served alongside my colleagues working to root out waste, fraud, and abuse in government to improve the lives of all Americans.

I ran for Congress on the promise of holding those who threaten our democracy and institutions accountable. Thank you for the opportunity to raise issues of critical importance to our democracy and give my unique perspective to ensure our government is working for New Mexico families and the American people. If an opportunity to serve on this committee were to become available in the future, I stand ready to fill the position.

I am available to offer any assistance necessary to facilitate a seamless transition of duties and responsibilities to my successor. I trust Representative Mfume will continue to contribute to the much-needed investigative work taking place in our nation's capital. I look forward to the continued success of this committee.

Sincerely,

DEB HAALAND,
Member of Congress.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the resignation is accepted. There was no objection.

RESIGNATION AS MEMBER OF COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following resignation as a member of the Committee on Small Business:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, May 7, 2020.

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

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: This letter is to inform you of my resignation from the House Small Business Committee, effective immediately.

Thank you as always for your leadership and friendship.

Sincerely,

MARC VEASEY,
Member of Congress.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the resignation is accepted. There was no objection.

ELECTING A CERTAIN MEMBER TO CERTAIN STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the Chair lays before the House the following resolution (H. Res. 954) electing a certain member to certain standing committees of the House of Representatives.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

There was no objection.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

H. RES. 954

Resolved, That the following named Member be, and is hereby, elected to the fol-

lowing standing committees of the House of Representatives:

COMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT AND REFORM: Mr. Mfume (to rank immediately after Mr. Rouda).

COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS: Mr. Mfume (to rank immediately after Ms. Davids of Kansas).

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO SELECT SUBCOMMITTEE ON THE CORONAVIRUS CRISIS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces the Speaker's appointment, pursuant to section 2(a) of H. Res. 935, 116th Congress, and the order of the House of January 3, 2019, of the following Members to the Select Committee on the Coronavirus Crisis:

Mr. SCALISE of Louisiana
Mr. JORDAN of Ohio
Mr. LUETKEMEYER of Missouri
Mrs. WALORSKI of Indiana
Mr. GREEN of Tennessee

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 7(b) of House Resolution 891, the House stands adjourned until noon on Tuesday, May 12, 2020.

Thereupon (at 10 o'clock and 6 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Tuesday, May 12, 2020, at noon.

OATH FOR ACCESS TO CLASSIFIED INFORMATION

Under clause 13 of Rule XXIII, the following Member executed the oath for access to classified information:

Kweisi Mfume

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

4280. A letter from the President of the United States, transmitting notification that the continuation of the national emergency with respect to Yemen that was declared in Executive Order 13611 of May 16, 2012, is to continue in effect beyond May 16, 2020, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1622(d); Public Law 94-412, Sec. 202(d); (90 Stat. 1257) (H. Doc. No. 116—125); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed.

4281. A letter from the President of the United States, transmitting continuation of the national emergency with respect to the Central African Republic that was declared in Executive Order 13667 of May 12, 2014, is to continue in effect beyond May 12, 2020, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1622(d); Public Law 94-412, Sec. 202(d); (90 Stat. 1257) (H. Doc. No. 116—126); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed.

4282. A letter from the President of the United States, transmitting notification that the national emergency with respect to the actions of the government of Syria, declared in Executive Order 13338 of May 11, 2004, as modified, is to continue in effect be-

yond May 11, 2020, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1622(d); Public Law 94-412, Sec. 202(d); (90 Stat. 1257) (H. Doc. No. 116—127); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed.

4283. A letter from the Director, Office of Financial Management, United States Capitol Police, transmitting Statement of Disbursements of the U.S. Capitol Police for the period October 1, 2019 through March 31, 2020, pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 1910(a); Public Law 109-55, Sec. 1005; (119 Stat. 575) (H. Doc. No. 116—128); to the Committee on House Administration and ordered to be printed.

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 Mrs. AXNE:

H.R. 6735. A bill to establish the Consumer and Investor Fraud Working Group to help protect consumers and investors from fraud during the COVID-19 pandemic, to assist consumers and investors affected by such fraud, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mrs. AXNE (for herself, Ms. WATERS, and Mr. GOTTHEIMER):

H.R. 6736. A bill to provide rental assistance to tenants in multifamily rural housing projects financed by the Department of Agriculture, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. BARR:

H.R. 6737. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exempt distilled spirits plants from denaturing requirements with respect to hand sanitizer produced to help combat COVID-19; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. CASE (for himself, Mr. HASTINGS, Ms. GABBARD, Mr. HUFFMAN, Mr. SABLON, Mrs. RADEWAGEN, Mr. YOHO, Ms. CASTOR of Florida, Mr. CRIST, and Mr. POSEY):

H.R. 6738. A bill to reauthorize and amend the Coral Reef Conservation Act of 2000, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, 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:

H.R. 6739. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to require coverage under Medicare PDPs and MA-PD plans, without the imposition of cost sharing or utilization management requirements, of drugs intended to treat COVID-19 during certain emergencies; 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 Ms. CHENEY (for herself, Mr. GONZALEZ of Ohio, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mr. CRENSHAW, Mr. WALTZ, Mr. RESCHENTHALER, Mr. TAYLOR, Mr. KINZINGER, Mr. BACON, Mr. STEUBE, Mr. BANKS, Mr. GALLAGHER, Mr. YOHO, Mr. CRAWFORD, Mr. ARRINGTON, Mr. BARR, Mr. ROY, Mr. DIAZ-BALART, Mr. BALDERSON, Mr. BURGESS, and Mrs. WAGNER):

H.R. 6740. A bill to designate the area between the intersections of International Drive, Northwest and Van Ness Street, Northwest and International Drive, Northwest and International Place, Northwest in