The House met at 11:30 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. SARBANES).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC, August 18, 2020,

I hereby appoint the Honorable John P. SARBANES 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: Lord, Father of us all, we thank You for giving us another day. As the numbers of new coronavirus infections remain high throughout the Nation, we ask Your blessing and protection on those caring for the sick. We ask Your healing power to come upon those who are stricken. May their recoveries be swift. We ask Your blessing on all those who labor in the work of the people’s House here at the Capitol, and back in the 435 districts of this country. The needs of our citizens are persistent and growing. Bless those who seek to find solutions with wisdom and understanding. Lord, have mercy. May all that is done be for Your greater honor and glory. Amen.

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, August 18, 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 August 18, 2020, at 10:52 a.m.: Appointment: National Historical Publications and Records Commission With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

GLORIA J. LETT, Deputy Clerk.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE SERGEANT AT ARMS

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Sergeant at Arms of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE SERGEANT AT ARMS, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, Washington, DC, August 12, 2020,

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

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: Pursuant to section 1(b)(2) of House Resolution 965, following consultation with the Office of Attending Physician, I write to provide you further notification that the public health emergency due to the novel coronavirus SARS-CoV-2 remains in effect.

Sincerely,

PAUL D. IRVING, Sergeant at Arms.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces the Speaker’s further extension, pursuant to section 1(b)(2) of House Resolution 965, effective August 19, 2020, of the “covered period” designated on May 20, 2020.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 4(b) of House Resolution 967, the House stands adjourned until noon on Friday, August 21, 2020. Thereupon (at 11 o’clock and 33 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Friday, August 21, 2020, at noon.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

4934. A letter from the Under Secretary, Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense, transmitting authorization of the three officers whose names appear on the enclosed list to wear the insignia of the grade of rear admiral (lower half), pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 777a(b)(4); Public Law 111-383, Sec. 565(a)(4); (124 Stat. 4298); to the Committee on Armed Services.

4935. A letter from the Chairman, Appraisal Subcommittee, Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council, transmitting the Council’s 2019 Annual Report, pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 3332(a)(5); Public Law 101-73, Sec. 1103 (as amended by Public Law 111-203, Sec. 1473(b)); (124 Stat. 2390); to the Committee on Financial Services.