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

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
September 25, 2012.

I hereby appoint the Honorable STEVEN C. LATOURETTE to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

JOHN A. BOEHNER,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

Reverend Patrick Riffle, St. Peter's Catholic Church, Washington, D.C., offered the following prayer:

God, our Father, You guide everything in wisdom and love. "You are good and forgiving, full of love to all who call upon You."

We now praise You for that love and rejoice in Your abundant blessings. You call us today to grow in the knowledge of that love and invite us to receive Your blessing.

Accept the prayers we offer for our beloved Nation. Protect it and keep it ever in Your sight.

Fill this House of Representatives with Your holy wisdom. Strengthen these Representatives and their staffs as they labor for what is good and just.

May true harmony, lasting freedom, and justice be secured for all so that there may be lasting peace.

We ask this in Your most holy name.
Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 3(a) of House Resolution 788, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentlewoman from Maryland (Ms. EDWARDS) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. EDWARDS 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.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 4 of rule I, the following enrolled bills and joint resolution were signed by Speaker pro tempore LEWIS on Monday, September 24, 2012:

H.R. 1272, to provide for the use and distribution of the funds awarded to the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, et al., by the United States Court of Federal Claims in Docket Numbers 19 and 188, and for other purposes;

H.R. 1791, to designate the United States courthouse under construction at 101 South United States Route 1 in Fort Pierce, Florida as the "Alto Lee Adams, Sr., United States Courthouse";

H.R. 2139, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the centennial of the establishment of Lions Clubs International;

H.R. 2240, to authorize the exchange of land or interest in land between Lowell National Historical Park and the city of Lowell in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and for other purposes;

H.R. 2706, to prohibit the sale of billfish;

H.R. 3556, to designate the new United States courthouse in Buffalo, New York, as the "Robert H. Jackson United States Courthouse";

H.R. 4158, to confirm full ownership rights for certain United States astro-

nauts to artifacts from the astronauts' space missions;

H.R. 4223, to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit theft of medical products, and for other purposes;

H.R. 4347, to designate the United States courthouse located at 709 West 9th Street in Juneau, Alaska, as the "Robert Booechever United States Courthouse";

H.R. 5512, to amend title 28, United States Code, to realign divisions within two judicial districts;

H.R. 6189, to eliminate unnecessary reporting requirements for unfunded programs under the Office of Justice Programs;

H.R. 6215, to amend the Trademark Act of 1946 to correct an error in the provisions relating to remedies for dilution;

H.R. 6375, to authorize certain Departments of Veterans Affairs major medical facility projects, to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend certain authorities of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes;

H.R. 6431, to provide flexibility with respect to United States support for assistance provided by international financial institutions for Burma, and for other purposes;

H.R. 6433, to make corrections with respect to Food and Drug Administration user fees;

H.J. Res. 117, making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2013, and for other purposes;

S. 300, to prevent abuse of Government charge cards;

S. 710, to amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to direct the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to establish a hazardous waste electronic manifest system.

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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, September 21, 2012.

Hon. JOHN A. BOEHNER,
Speaker, U.S. Capitol, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. 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 September 21, 2012 at 4:21 p.m.:

Appointments:
Public Safety Officer Medal of Valor Review Board.

With best wishes, I am
Sincerely,

KAREN L. HAAS.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE
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OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, September 24, 2012.

Hon. JOHN A. BOEHNER, Speaker,
U.S. Capitol, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. 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 September 24, 2012 at 12:26 p.m.:

That the Senate concurs in the House amendment S. 300.

That the Senate concurs in the House amendment S. 710.

That the Senate passed S. 3311.

That the Senate passed S. 3193.

That the Senate passed S. 3341.

That the Senate passed S. 3486.

That the Senate passed S. 3625.

That the Senate passed S. 3624.

That the Senate passed S. 3315.

That the Senate passed S. 1956.

That the Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 50.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

KAREN L. HAAS,
Clerk.

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRIES

Ms. EDWARDS. Mr. Speaker, parliamentary inquiry.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentlewoman will state her inquiry.

Ms. EDWARDS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise for the purpose of a parliamentary inquiry to inquire as to whether it is not the case that during these pro forma sessions legislation may be considered by unanimous consent.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentlewoman has put forward a hypothetical upon which the Chair cannot opine.

Ms. EDWARDS. Mr. Speaker, parliamentary inquiry.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentlewoman will state her inquiry.

Ms. EDWARDS. Mr. Speaker, should it not be possible to consider legislation and to complete work on behalf of the American people including middle class tax cuts, which we all agree upon should be extended, jobs legislation, the Violence Against Women Act, the farm bill, and the fiscal cliff looming causing individuals and businesses uncertainty? For the purposes of a parliamentary inquiry, the list goes on and on.

Should it not be possible to consider legislation that the Republican leadership has decided instead to schedule only 8 days of votes between August 3 and November 13?

Should it not be possible to consider legislation given the fact that the Republican leadership has left town for 7 weeks, the earliest Congress has recessed for an election in over 50 years?

Mr. Speaker, for the purposes of a parliamentary inquiry, the American people deserve answers and they deserve action. They deserve more than simply a pro forma session and a do-nothing Congress and Republican obstructionism.

Mr. Speaker, for the purposes of a parliamentary inquiry, Democrats are committed to return to Washington to continue the work of the people, and I would ask my Republican colleagues to join us.

Mr. Speaker, is it possible for us to return to work and do the business of the people rather than this pro forma session?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Sadly, the gentlewoman has not put forward a proper parliamentary inquiry.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess for not more than 15 minutes.

Accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 10 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess.

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. LATOURETTE) at 10 o'clock and 11 minutes a.m.

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Hon. JOHN A. BOEHNER, Speaker,
U.S. Capitol, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. 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 September 24, 2012 at 12:26 p.m.:

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 6433.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 6431.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 6375.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 6215.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 6189.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 5512.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 4347.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 4223.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 4158.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 3556.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 2706.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 2240.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 2139.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 1791.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 1272.

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SEPTEMBER 24, 2012.

Hon. JOHN A. BOEHNER,
Speaker, U.S. Capitol, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. 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 September 24, 2012 at 12:26 p.m.:

That the Senate passed with an amendment H.R. 915.

That the Senate passed with amendments H.R. 2606.

That the Senate passed with an amendment H.R. 4850.

That the Senate passed with amendments H.R. 2453.

That the Senate passed with amendments H.R. 2838.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

KAREN L. HAAS,
Clerk.

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Hon. JOHN A. BOEHNER, Speaker,
U.S. Capitol, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. 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 September 24, 2012 at 9:13 a.m.:

That the Senate passed S.J. Res. 41.

That the Senate agreed to without amendment H.J. Res. 117.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

KAREN L. HAAS,
Clerk.