

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.

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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 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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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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The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

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.

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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.