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House of Representatives

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

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
March 11, 2013.

I hereby appoint the Honorable FRANK R. WOLF to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

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

PRAYER

Reverend Michael Wilker, Church of the Reformation, Washington, D.C., offered the following prayer:

Gracious God, our liberator and guide, on the 100th anniversary of her death, we thank You for the life of Harriet Tubman.

While she was enslaved and oppressed by others, You reminded her of her God-given dignity and freedom. Thank You for leading her to escape slavery and for returning to lead others to abolish slavery and advance women's rights. Thank You for the care she gave to her family and neighbors, especially the elderly.

We are sorry that for too long our Nation did not recognize her freedom, treat her with respect and recognize her military service and leadership.

We pray that You send the same spirit You gave Harriet Tubman into the hearts of people everywhere who are oppressed and enslaved. Send them courage to survive, resist and escape. Protect and guide them through peril, and give them strength and wisdom to work for the freedom of all.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

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, March 7, 2013.

HON. JOHN A. BOEHNER,
The Speaker, 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 March 7, 2013 at 5:24 p.m.:

Appointments:
Commission to Eliminate Child Abuse and Neglect Fatalities.

With best wishes, I am
Sincerely,

KAREN L. HAAS.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, March 7, 2013.

HON. JOHN A. BOEHNER,
The Speaker, 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 March 7, 2013 at 2:28 p.m.:

Appointments:
Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance.

With best wishes, I am
Sincerely,

KAREN L. HAAS.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the House stands adjourned until noon tomorrow for morning-hour debate.

There was no objection.

Thereupon (at 10 o'clock and 3 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Tuesday, March 12, 2013, at noon.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

642. A letter from the Associate General Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting the Department's final rule — Manufactured Home Construction and Safety Standards, Test Procedures for Roof Trusses [Docket No.: FR-5222-F-02] (RIN: 2502-A172) received February 27, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

643. A letter from the Regulatory Specialist, LRA, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's final rule — Appraisals for Higher Priced Mortgage Loans [Docket No.: OCC-2012-0013] (RIN: 1557-AD62) received February 15, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

□ 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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644. A letter from the Chairman, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Fifteenth report on the Progress Made in Licensing and Constructing the Alaska Natural Gas Pipeline, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 16523 Public Law 109-58, section 1810; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

645. A letter from the Program Manager, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule — Control of Communicable Diseases: Interstate; Scope and Definitions [Docket No.: CDC-2012-0016] (RIN: 0920-AA22) received February 25, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

646. A letter from the Program Manager, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule — Patent Protection and Affordable Care Act; Health Insurance Market Rules; Rate Review [CMS-9972-F] (RIN: 0938-AR40) received February 25, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

647. A letter from the Deputy Secretary, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting the Department's Vehicle Fleet Report on Alternative Fuel Vehicles for fiscal year 2012, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 13218; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

648. A letter from the Acting Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting as required by section 401(c) of the National Emergency Act, 50 U.S.C. 1641(c), and section 204(c) of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, 50 U.S.C. 1703(c), section 505(c) of the International Security and Development Cooperation Act of 1985, 22 U.S.C. 2349aa-9(c), and pursuant to Executive Order 13313 of July 31, 2003, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Iran that was declared in Executive Order 12957 of March 15, 1995; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

649. A letter from the Chief, Policy Division International Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Reporting Requirements for U.S. Providers of International Telecommunications Services; Amendment of Part 43 of the Commission's Rules [IB Docket No.: 04-112] received February 26, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

650. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a report to Congress on United States Participation in the United Nations in 2011; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

651. A letter from the Acting Chief Privacy Officer, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's Privacy Office's report entitled, "2012 Data Mining Report to Congress", pursuant to Public Law 110-53 (121 Stat. 266); to the Committee on Homeland Security.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. CAMP: Committee on Ways and Means. H.R. 890. A bill to prohibit waivers relating to compliance with the work requirements for the program of block grants to States for temporary assistance for needy families, and for other purposes (Rept. 113-13, Pt. 1). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

DISCHARGE OF COMMITTEE

Pursuant to clause 2 of rule XIII, the Committee on Education and the

Workforce discharged from further consideration. H.R. 890 referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

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. LAMALFA (for himself, Mr. DENHAM, Mr. LUETKEMEYER, Mr. COSTA, and Mr. GARAMENDI):

H.R. 1038. A bill to provide equal treatment for utility special entities using utility operations-related swaps, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. FITZPATRICK (for himself and Mr. JONES):

H.R. 1039. A bill to rescind unobligated amounts for foreign assistance to Egypt, and to appropriate funds for the Department of Defense tuition assistance program; to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. BURGESS (for himself, Mr. COLE, Mr. ROSS, and Mr. FORBES):

H.R. 1040. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide taxpayers a flat tax alternative to the current income tax system; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Rules, 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 Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York:

H.R. 1041. A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to improve early education; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. WATT:

H.R. 1042. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on Direct Red 243; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. WATT:

H.R. 1043. A bill to extend the temporary suspension of duty on Disperse Blue 60; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. WATT:

H.R. 1044. A bill to extend the temporary suspension of duty on Disperse Blue 79:1; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. WATT:

H.R. 1045. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on Disperse Blue 291:1; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. WATT:

H.R. 1046. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on Disperse Orange 29; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. WATT:

H.R. 1047. A bill to extend the temporary suspension of duty on Disperse Orange 30; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. WATT:

H.R. 1048. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on Disperse Orange 73; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. WATT:

H.R. 1049. A bill to extend the temporary suspension of duty on Disperse Red 60; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. WATT:

H.R. 1050. A bill to extend the temporary suspension of duty on Disperse Red 73; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. WATT:

H.R. 1051. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on Disperse Red 92; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. WATT:

H.R. 1052. A bill to extend the temporary suspension of duty on Disperse Red 167:1; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. WATT:

H.R. 1053. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on Disperse Red 177; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. WATT:

H.R. 1054. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on Disperse Yellow 114; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. WATT:

H.R. 1055. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on Disperse Violet 57; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. WATT:

H.R. 1056. A bill to extend the temporary suspension of duty on Acid Black 132; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. WATT:

H.R. 1057. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on Reactive Blue 21; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. WATT:

H.R. 1058. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on Acid Black 194; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. WATT:

H.R. 1059. A bill to extend the temporary suspension of duty on Acid Orange 116; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. WATT:

H.R. 1060. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on Acid Blue 225; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. WATT:

H.R. 1061. A bill to extend the temporary suspension of duty on Direct Black 22; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

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. LAMALFA:

H.R. 1038.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 3 of the United States Constitution, as this legislation regulates commerce with foreign nations, between the states, and with Indian Tribes.

By Mr. FITZPATRICK:

H.R. 1039.

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

Article 1, Section 8

By Mr. BURGESS:

H.R. 1040.

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

The attached bill is constitutional under Article I, Section VIII: "The Congress shall have Power To lay and collect Taxes".

By Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York:

H.R. 1041.

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

This bill is enacted pursuant to the powers granted to the Congress by Article I, Section 8, Clause 3 of the United States Constitution.

By Mr. WATT:

H.R. 1042.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 1 of the United States Constitution, the Taxing and Spending Clause: "The Congress shall have Power To lay and collect Taxes, Duties, Imposts and Excises, to pay the Debts and provide for the common Defence and general Welfare of the United States . . ."

By Mr. WATT:

H.R. 1043.