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## House of Representatives

The House met at 2 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. ROONEY).

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,  
February 18, 2014.

I hereby appoint the Honorable THOMAS J. ROONEY to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

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

### PRAYER

Reverend William Federici, The United Church, Washington, D.C., offered the following prayer:

Most loving, and most gracious God, we come before You this day knowing that You are with us in the story of this time and this age, knowing that You are with us, guiding us, sustaining us, and nurturing us with the gift of Your steadfast love. You are with us today in this place, this House, which represents the dreams and visions of so many.

We pray that that wisdom, justice, and compassion may guide every Member and every member of their staff.

May this House's deliberations and actions be taken in the spirit of respect for our diversity and differences. May this Nation be knit together as one.

May we hold one another true to the covenant of freedom and justice for all.

May we be peaceful.

May we be safe.

May we be grateful.

All this we ask in the presence of and with the power of Divine love, which sustains and transforms all.

Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 2(a) of House Resolution 475, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is 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.

### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under clause 5(d) of rule XX, the Chair announces to the House that, in light of the resignation of the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. ANDREWS), the whole number of the House is 431.

### 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, February 18, 2014.

Hon. JOHN A. BOEHNER,  
*The 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 February 18, 2014 at 10:15 a.m.:

That the Senate passed S. 1254.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

KAREN L. HAAS.

### SENATE BILL REFERRED

A bill of the Senate of the following title was taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. 1254. An act to amend the Harmful Algal Blooms and Hypoxia Research and Control Act of 1998, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology; in addition, to the Committee on Natural Resources 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.

### ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 2(b) of House Resolution 475, the House stands adjourned until 11 a.m. on Friday, February 21, 2014.

Thereupon (at 2 o'clock and 3 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Friday, February 21, 2014, at 11 a.m.

### EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

4779. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's FY 2013 annual performance report to Congress required by the Medical Device User Fee and Modernization Act of 2002; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

4780. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Department's final rule — Export Administration Regulations: Editorial Clean-up or References to Foreign Trade Regulations [Docket No.: 130829771-3771-01] (RIN: 0694-AF97) received February 10, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

4781. A letter from the Attorney-Advisor, Department of Transportation, transmitting a report pursuant to the Federal Vacancies

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

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