

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds being in the affirmative, the yeas have it.

Mr. ROYCE. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until approximately 6:30 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 4 o'clock and 45 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. WOODALL) at 6 o'clock and 30 minutes p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY COMMITTEE ON RULES REGARDING AMENDMENT PROCESS FOR H.R. 1155, H.R. 712, and H.R. 1927

(Mr. SESSIONS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, today, the Rules Committee issued three Dear Colleagues outlining the amendment processes for two packages: the Sunshine for Regulations and Regulatory Decrees and Settlements Act of 2016 and the Fairness in Class Action Litigation and Furthering Asbestos Claim Transparency Act of 2015, as well as H.R. 1155, the SCRUB Act of 2015.

These bills are likely to come before the House the first week back in January 2016. Amendment deadlines have been set for next Tuesday, December 22. Bill text and more detailed information can be found on the Rules Committee Web site.

Please feel free to contact me or my staff if we can be of any assistance or if you have any questions.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, proceedings will resume on questions previously postponed.

Votes will be taken in the following order:

Suspending the rules and agreeing to House Resolution 536; and

Agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal, if ordered.

The first electronic vote will be conducted as a 15-minute vote. Any remaining electronic vote will be conducted as a 5-minute vote.

SUPPORTING FREEDOM OF THE PRESS IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 536) supporting freedom of the press in Latin America and the Caribbean and condemning violations of press freedom and violence against journalists, bloggers, and individuals exercising their right to freedom of speech, as amended, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from California (Mr. ROYCE) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, as amended.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 399, nays 2, not voting 32, as follows:

[Roll No. 694]

YEAS—399

- Abraham
- Adams
- Aderholt
- Aguilar
- Allen
- Amash
- Amodei
- Ashford
- Babin
- Barletta
- Barr
- Barton
- Bass
- Beatty
- Becerra
- Benishek
- Bera
- Beyer
- Bilirakis
- Bishop (GA)
- Bishop (MI)
- Bishop (UT)
- Black
- Blackburn
- Blum
- Blumenauer
- Bonamici
- Bost
- Boustany
- Boyle, Brendan F.
- Brady (PA)
- Brady (TX)
- Brat
- Brooks (AL)
- Brooks (IN)
- Brown (FL)
- Buchanan
- Buck
- Bucshon
- Burgess
- Bustos
- Butterfield
- Byrne
- Calvert
- Capps
- Capuano
- Cárdenas
- Carney
- Carson (IN)
- Carter (GA)
- Carter (TX)
- Cartwright
- Castor (FL)
- Castro (TX)
- Chabot
- Chaffetz
- Chu, Judy
- Cicilline
- Clark (MA)
- Clarke (NY)
- Clawson (FL)
- Clay
- Cleaver
- Clyburn
- Coffman
- Cohen
- Cole
- Collins (GA)
- Collins (NY)
- Comstock
- Conaway
- Connolly
- Conyers
- Cook
- Cooper
- Costa
- Costello (PA)
- Courtney
- Cramer
- Crawford
- Crenshaw
- Crowley
- Culberson
- Cummings
- Curbelo (FL)
- Davis (CA)
- Davis, Danny
- Davis, Rodney
- DeFazio
- Delaney
- DeLauro
- DeBene
- Denham
- Dent
- DeSaulnier
- DesJarlais
- Diaz-Balart
- Dingell
- Doggett
- Dold
- Donovan
- Doyle, Michael F.
- Duckworth
- Duncan (SC)
- Duncan (TN)
- Edwards
- Ellison
- Ellmers (NC)
- Emmer (MN)
- Engel
- Eshoo
- Esty
- Farenthold
- Farr
- Fattah
- Fincher
- Fitzpatrick
- Fleischmann
- Fleming
- Flores
- Forbes
- Fortenberry
- Foster
- Foxx
- Frankel (FL)
- Franks (AZ)
- Frelinghuysen
- Fudge
- Gabbard
- Gallego
- Garamendi
- Garrett
- Gibbs
- Gibson
- Gohmert
- Goodlatte
- Gosar
- Gowdy
- Graham
- Graves (GA)
- Graves (LA)
- Graves (MO)
- Grayson
- Green, Al
- Green, Gene
- Griffith
- Grothman
- Guinta
- Guthrie
- Gutiérrez
- Hahn
- Hanna
- Hardy
- Harper
- Harris
- Hartzler
- Hastings
- Heck (WA)
- Hensarling
- Hice, Jody B.
- Higgins
- Hill
- Himes
- Hinojosa
- Holding
- Honda
- Hoyer
- Hudson
- Huelskamp
- Huffman
- Huizenga (MI)
- Hultgren
- Hunter
- Hurd (TX)
- Hurt (VA)
- Israel
- Jackson Lee
- Jeffries
- Jenkins (KS)
- Jenkins (WV)
- Johnson (GA)
- Johnson (OH)
- Johnson, E. B.
- Johnson, Sam
- Jolly
- Jordan
- Joyce
- Kaptur
- Katko
- Keating
- Kelly (IL)
- Kelly (MS)
- Kelly (PA)
- Kilmer
- Kind
- King (IA)
- King (NY)
- Kinzinger (IL)
- Kirkpatrick
- Kline
- Knight
- Kuster
- LaHood
- LaMalfa
- Lance
- Langevin
- Larsen (WA)
- Larson (CT)
- Latta
- Lawrence
- Lee
- Levin
- Lewis
- Lieu, Ted
- LoBiondo
- Loeb sack
- Lofgren
- Long
- Loudermilk
- Love
- Lowenthal
- Lowe y
- Lucas
- Luetkemeyer
- Lujan Grisham (NM)
- Luján, Ben Ray (NM)
- Lynch
- MacArthur
- Maloney, Carolyn
- Maloney, Sean
- Marino
- Matsui
- McCarthy
- McCaul
- McClintock
- McCollum
- McDermott
- McGovern
- McHenry
- McKinley
- McMorris
- Rodgers
- McNerney
- McSally
- Meadows
- Meehan
- Meeks
- Meng
- Messer
- Mica
- Miller (FL)
- Miller (MI)
- Moolenaar
- Mooney (WV)
- Moulton
- Mullin
- Murphy (FL)
- Murphy (PA)
- Nadler
- Neal
- Neugebauer
- Newhouse
- Nolan
- Norcross
- Nugent
- Nunes
- O'Rourke
- Palazzo
- Pallone
- Palmer
- Pascrell
- Paulsen
- Payne
- Pearce
- Pelosi
- Perlmutter
- Perry
- Peters
- Peterson
- Pingree
- Pittenger
- Pitts
- Pocan
- Poe (TX)
- Poliquin
- Polis
- Pompeo
- Posey
- Price (NC)
- Price, Tom
- Quigley
- Rangel
- Reed
- Reichert
- Renacci
- Ribble
- Rice (NY)
- Rice (SC)
- Richmond
- Rigell
- Roby
- Roe (TN)
- Rogers (AL)
- Rogers (KY)
- Rokita
- Rooney (FL)
- Ros-Lehtinen
- Roskam
- Ross
- Rothfus
- Rouzer
- Roybal-Allard
- Royce
- Ruiz
- Ruppersberger
- Russell
- Ryan (OH)
- Salmon
- Sánchez, Linda T.
- Sanchez, Loretta
- Sanford
- Sarbanes
- Scalise
- Schakowsky
- Schiff
- Schrader
- Schweikert
- Scott (VA)
- Scott, Austin
- Massie
- Not Voting—32
- Issa
- Kennedy
- Kildee
- Labrador
- Lamborn
- Lipinski
- Lummis
- Marchant
- Moore
- Mulvaney
- Napolitano
- Noem
- Olson
- Ratcliffe
- Rohrabacher
- Rush
- Simpson
- Slaughter
- Stivers
- Thompson (CA)
- Valadao

- Scott, David
- Sensenbrenner
- Serrano
- Sessions
- Sewell (AL)
- Sherman
- Shimkus
- Shuster
- Sinema
- Sires
- Smith (MO)
- Smith (NE)
- Smith (NJ)
- Smith (TX)
- Smith (WA)
- Speier
- Stefanik
- Stewart
- Stutzman
- Swalwell (CA)
- Takai
- Takano
- Thompson (MS)
- Thompson (PA)
- Thornberry
- Tiberi
- Tipton
- Titus
- Tonko
- Torres
- Trott
- Tsongas
- Turner
- Upton
- Van Hollen
- Vargas
- Veasey
- Vela
- Velázquez
- Visclosky
- Wagner
- Walberg
- Walden
- Walker
- Walorski
- Walters, Mimi
- Walz
- Wasserman
- Schultz
- Waters, Maxine
- Watson Coleman
- Weber (TX)
- Webster (FL)
- Welch
- Wenstrup
- Westerman
- Westmoreland
- Whitfield
- Williams
- Wilson (FL)
- Wilson (SC)
- Wittman
- Womack
- Woodall
- Yarmuth
- Yoder
- Yoho
- Young (AK)
- Young (IA)
- Young (IN)
- Zeldin
- Zinke

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Ms. ADAMS and Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia changed their vote from "nay" to "yea."

So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the resolution, as amended, was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated for:

Mr. CUELLAR. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, December 15th, I am not recorded on any votes because I was absent due to family reasons. If I had been present, I would have voted: "Yea", on rollcall 694, passage of H. Res. 536—Supporting freedom of the press in Latin America and the Caribbean and condemning violations of press freedom and violence against journalists, bloggers, and individuals exercising their right to freedom of speech.

Mrs. NAPOLITANO. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, December 15th, 2015, I was absent during rollcall vote No. 694. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on the motion to suspend the rules and pass H. Res. 536—Supporting freedom of the press in Latin America and the Caribbean and condemning violations of press freedom and violence against journalists, bloggers, and individuals exercising their right to freedom of speech.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. GROTHMAN). The unfinished business is the question on agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal, which the Chair will put de novo.

The question is on the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

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

APPOINTING THE DAY FOR THE CONVENING OF THE SECOND SESSION OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTEENTH CONGRESS

Mr. MCCARTHY. Mr. Speaker, I send to the desk a joint resolution (H.J. Res. 76) appointing the day for the convening of the second session of the One Hundred Fourteenth Congress, and ask unanimous consent for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the title of the joint resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

The text of the joint resolution is as follows:

H. J. RES. 76

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the second regular session of the One Hundred Fourteenth Congress shall begin at noon on Monday, January 4, 2016.

The joint resolution was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, was read the third time, and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PROVIDING FOR A JOINT SESSION OF CONGRESS TO RECEIVE A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Mr. MCCARTHY. Mr. Speaker, I send to the desk a privileged concurrent res-

olution and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the concurrent resolution, as follows:

H. CON. RES. 102

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That the two Houses of Congress assemble in the Hall of the House of Representatives on Tuesday, January 12, 2016, at 9 p.m., for the purpose of receiving such communication as the President of the United States shall be pleased to make to them.

The concurrent resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

HOOR OF MEETING ON TOMORROW

Mr. MCCARTHY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. tomorrow.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

UNESCO

(Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, the Obama administration is making a push to get Congress to give the President the authority to waive a legal prohibition on U.S. contributions to UNESCO. If the U.S. waives this prohibition and resumes payments to UNESCO, it will erode our credibility, and it will give the Palestinians and the U.N. the green light to continue the scheme to unilaterally declare a Palestinian state without direct negotiations with the democratic Jewish State of Israel.

If you add what our yearly contribution would be plus arrears, the American taxpayers, our constituents, could be on the hook for over half a billion dollars in just a couple of years.

Mr. Speaker, we know that our law has worked to prevent the Palestinians from joining other specialized agencies at the U.N., but if Congress relents on this issue, the Palestinians will say: Let's continue to bypass Israel and go to the U.N. for recognition.

I will continue to vehemently oppose this waiver, Mr. Speaker, and I ask my colleagues to stand with me.

GUN VIOLENCE

(Mr. TAKANO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. TAKANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of two members of my community who lost their lives in the attack on San Bernardino.

Sierra Clayborn was a bright and kind young woman. She was a graduate of the University of California, River-

side, with a degree in biochemistry. Sierra's friends described her as always smiling and always offering an encouraging word. She loved to make people laugh.

Damian Meins will be remembered as a selfless, gentle, and intelligent man. He enjoyed traveling, painting, and serving others, which included dressing up as Santa Claus for school pictures. He leaves behind his high school sweetheart and their two daughters.

Mr. Speaker, yesterday we remembered the massacre at Sandy Hook Elementary School; today we honor the victims at San Bernardino. My question to this body is: Will we do anything to protect our communities from gun violence tomorrow?

REMEMBERING RUDY ESCOBAR, COMMANDER OF THE MACON COUNTY HONOR GUARD

(Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember Rudy Escobar, an honored friend and veteran, who passed away on December 8 of this year at the age of 88.

For over two decades, Mr. Escobar served as the commander of the Macon County Honor Guard in the service of central Illinois veterans. His dedication to his brothers and sisters in uniform was truly remarkable, and he will be missed by many in the Macon County community.

Mr. Speaker, for most of his life, Mr. Escobar worked tirelessly on behalf of his fellow veterans. After his service in World War II as a China Marine, he returned home and cofounded the Macon County Honor Guard, which has since performed over 3,000 honor ceremonies at military funerals.

Active in his community, it became customary for him to voluntarily transport fellow veterans to and from the VA medical center in Danville, Illinois. He was also a member of the American Legion and the VFW posts.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Escobar was a loving husband, father, and grandfather; and most of all, he was a devoted veteran. His commitment to the military community will always be remembered.

VICTIMS OF GUN VIOLENCE

(Mr. PETERS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. PETERS. Mr. Speaker, Mohawk Valley, New York, March 13, 2013: Michael Ransear, 57 years old; Michael Renshaw, 51.

Santa Barbara, California, May 23, 2014: Katherine Cooper, 22 years old; Christopher Michaels-Martinez, 20; Cheng Yuan Hong, 20; Weihang Wang, 20; Veronika Weiss, 19; George Chen, 19 years old.

Roseburg, Oregon, October 1, 2015: Lawrence Levine, 67 years old; Kim