he returns without his signature H.R. 1777, the ''Presidential Allowance Modernization Act of 2016.''

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely,

KAREN L. HAAS,
Clerk of the House.

PRESIDENTIAL ALLOWANCE MODERNIZATION ACT OF 2016—VETO MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES (H. DOC. NO. 114–155)

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following veto message from the President of the United States:

To the House of Representatives:

I am returning herewith without my approval H.R. 1777, the ''Presidential Allowance Modernization Act of 2016,'' which would amend the Former Presidents Act of 1958.

I agree with H.R. 1777's goal of reforming the pensions and allowances provided to former Presidents so as to reduce unnecessary costs to taxpayers. But if implemented as drafted, the bill would have unintended consequences. It would impose onerous and unreasonable burdens on the offices of former Presidents, including by requiring the General Services Administration to immediately terminate salaries and benefits of office employees and to remove furnishings and equipment from offices. It would withdraw the General Services Administration's ability to administer leases and negatively impact operations, with unanticipated implications for the protection and security of former Presidents.

My Administration will work with the authors of the bill and other leaders in the Congress, in consultation with the offices of former Presidents, to explore the best ways to achieve these goals going forward. If the Congress returns the bill having appropriately addressed these concerns, I will sign it. For now, I must veto the bill.

BARACK OBAMA.
THE WHITE HOUSE, *July 22, 2016.*

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The objections of the President will be spread at large upon the Journal, and the veto message and the bill will be printed as a House document.

Without objection, further consideration of the veto message and the bill, H.R. 1777, is postponed until the legislative day of September 23, 2016.

There was no objection.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO CONGRESSIONAL TASK FORCE ON ECONOMIC GROWTH IN PUERTO RICO

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces the Speaker's appointment, pursuant to section 409(b) of the Puerto Rico Oversight, Management, and Economic Stability Act, and the order of the House of January 6, 2015, of the following Members to the Congressional Task Force on Economic Growth in Puerto Rico:

Mr. DUFFY, Wisconsin

Mr. MACARTHUR, New Jersey

DESIGNATION OF CHAIR OF CONGRESSIONAL TASK FORCE ON ECONOMIC GROWTH IN PUERTO RICO

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces the Speaker's designation, pursuant to section 409(d) of the Puerto Rico Oversight, Management, and Economic Stability Act, and the order of the House of January 6, 2015, of the following member of the Congressional Task Force on Economic Growth in Puerto Rico as its chair:

Mr. HATCH, Utah

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, pursuant to Senate Concurrent Resolution 50, 114th Congress, the House stands adjourned until 2 p.m. on Tuesday, September 6, 2016.

There was no objection.

Thereupon (at 12 o'clock and 37 minutes p.m.), pursuant to Senate Concurrent Resolution 50, and under its previous order, the House adjourned until Tuesday, September 6, 2016, at 2 p.m.

EXPENDITURE REPORTS CONCERNING OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL

Reports concerning the foreign currencies and U.S. dollars utilized for Official Foreign Travel during the first, second, and third quarters of 2016, pursuant to Public Law 95–384, are as follows:

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, DELEGATION TO SOUTH AFRICA, EXPENDED BETWEEN MAY 31 AND JUNE 5, 2016

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem [1]		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency [2]	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency [2]	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency [2]	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency [2]
Hon. Steny Hoyer	6/1	6/4	South Africa		1,186.00		15,020.00				16,206.00
Daniel Silverberg	6/1	6/4	South Africa		1,186.00		12,169.00				13,355.00
Betsy Bossart	6/1	6/4	South Africa		1,186.00		9,295.00				10,481.00
Michael Collins	6/1	6/4	South Africa		1,186.00		9,831.00				11,017.00
Committee total					4,744.00		46,315.00				51,059.00

[1] Per diem constitutes lodging and meals.
[2] If foreign currency is used, enter U.S. dollar equivalent; if U.S. currency is used, enter amount expended.

HON. STENY HOYER, July 10, 2016.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, DELEGATION TO CHILE, EXPENDED BETWEEN JUNE 26 AND JULY 1, 2016

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem [1]		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency [2]	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency [2]	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency [2]	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency [2]
Robert Reeves	6/27	6/30	Chile		837.00		10,507.76				11,344.76
Kirsten Gullickson	6/27	6/30	Chile		837.00		10,286.76				11,123.76
Committee total					1,674.00		20,794.52				22,468.52

[1] Per diem constitutes lodging and meals.
[2] If foreign currency is used, enter U.S. dollar equivalent; if U.S. currency is used, enter amount expended.

ROBERT F. REEVES, July 18, 2016.