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Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, February 27, 2017, at 12 p.m.

House of Representatives

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2017

The House met at 9:30 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. MESSER).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
February 24, 2017.

I hereby appoint the Honorable LUKE MESSER to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

PAUL D. RYAN,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

Reverend David Godleski, Jesuit Conference, Washington, D.C., offered the following prayer:

Gracious and loving God, look kindly on those gathered here this morning and grant to all of us a sense of zeal and enthusiasm for the work You have called us to do. We are mindful and our hearts are grateful for the many gifts You have bestowed on us, both as individuals and as a Nation, especially the gift of freedom, the gift of our abundant natural resources, and the gift of opportunities to pursue our hopes and aspirations.

We ask that You continue to bless our country and those who govern it, especially the Members of this House of Representatives. Bestow upon them true wisdom, understanding, and insight in their efforts to discern how best to serve the people of these United

States. Provide them with the strength and courage of will to promote the common good and to work for justice and peace for all people.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 3(a) of House Resolution 123, 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.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS AS CONGRESSIONAL ADVISERS ON TRADE POLICY AND NEGOTIATIONS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces the Speaker's appointment, pursuant to section 161(a) of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2211), and the order of the House of January 3, 2017, of the following Members on the part of the House as Congressional Advisers on Trade Policy and Negotiations:

Mr. BRADY, Texas
Mr. REICHERT, Washington
Mr. NUNES, California

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE UNITED STATES SEMIQUINCENTENNIAL COMMISSION

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces the Speaker's appointment, pursuant to section 4 of the United States Semiquincentennial Commission Act of 2016, (Pub. L. 114-196), and the order of the House of January 3, 2017, of the following Members on the part of the House to the United States Semiquincentennial Commission:

Mr. MEEHAN, Pennsylvania
Mr. ADERHOLT, Alabama

And from private life:

Mr. Jim Koch, Newton, Massachusetts
Mr. Val Crofts, Milton, Wisconsin
Dr. Wilfred McClay, Norman, Oklahoma
Mrs. Lynn Young, Rockdale, Texas

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 3(b) of House Resolution 123, the House stands adjourned until noon on Monday, February 27, 2017, for morning-hour debate and 2 p.m. for legislative business.

Thereupon (at 9 o'clock and 33 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Monday, February 27, 2017, at noon for morning-hour debate.

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

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EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS,
ETC.

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

603. A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Agricultural Bioterrorism Protection Act of 2002; Biennial Review and Republication of the Select Agent and Toxin List; Amendments to the Select Agent and Toxin Regulations; Delay of Effective Date [Docket No.: APHIS-2014-0095] (RIN: 0579-AE08) received February 17, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Agriculture.

604. A letter from the Acting Under Secretary, Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics, Department of Defense, transmitting a letter stating that data reported in the Federal Procurement Data System for purchases from foreign entities in FY 2016 has been certified, the data is now being compiled to address the specific reporting requirements, and that the Department expects to submit the report in May 2017, pursuant to 41 U.S.C. 8305; Public Law 104-201, Sec. 827 (as amended by Public Law 111-350, Sec. 3); (124 Stat. 3833); to the Committee on Armed Services.

605. A letter from the Acting Under Secretary, Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics, Department of Defense, transmitting a report entitled "Strategic and Critical Materials 2017 Report on Stockpile Requirements", pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 98h-5(a); June 7, 1939, ch. 190, Sec. 14 (as amended by Public Law 102-190, Sec. 3313(b)(2)); (105 Stat. 1585); to the Committee on Armed Services.

606. A letter from the Regulations Coordinator, Health Resources and Services Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule — National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program: Revisions to the Vaccine Injury Table; Delay of Effective Date (RIN: 0906-AB01) received February 17, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

607. A letter from the Acting Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to persons undermining democratic processes or institutions in Zimbabwe that was declared in Executive Order 13288 of March 6, 2003, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1641(c); Public Law 94-412, Sec. 401(c); (90 Stat. 1257) and 50 U.S.C. 1703(c); Public Law 95-223, Sec. 204(c); (91 Stat. 1627); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

608. A letter from the Acting Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Venezuela that was declared in Executive Order 13692 of March 8, 2015, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1641(c); Public Law 94-412, Sec. 401(c); (90 Stat. 1257) and 50 U.S.C. 1703(c); Public Law 95-223, Sec. 204(c); (91 Stat. 1627); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

609. A letter from the Acting Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Ukraine that was declared in Executive Order 13660 of March 6, 2014, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1641(c); Public Law 94-412, Sec. 401(c); (90 Stat. 1257) and 50 U.S.C. 1703(c); Public Law 95-223, Sec. 204(c); (91 Stat. 1627); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

610. A letter from the Director, International Cooperation, Office of the Under Secretary, Acquisition, Technology and Logistics, Department of Defense, transmitting

the Department's intent to sign Project Arrangement No. 05 Between the Secretary of Defense on Behalf of the Department of Defense of the United States of America and the Minister of Defence of Australia, Transmittal No. 03-17, pursuant to Sec. 27(f) of the Arms Export Act, and Executive Order 13637; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

611. A letter from the Chief Financial Officer and Assistant Secretary for Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting a letter pursuant to the resolution of advice and consent to ratification of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on Their Destruction (Convention), pursuant to Condition 9 of the resolution and Executive Order 13346; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

612. A letter from the Executive Secretariat, Department of State, transmitting a report pursuant to Sec. 804 of the PLO Commitments Compliance Act of 1989 [Title VIII, Foreign Relations Authorization Act, FY 1990 and 1991 (Public Law 101-246)] as amended, and Secs. 603-604 (Middle East Peace Commitments Act of 2002) and 699 of the Foreign Relations Authorization Act, FY 2003 (Public Law 107-228); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

613. A letter from the Executive Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting the Department's summary of the inventories of commercial and inherently governmental activities for fiscal years 2014 and 2015, as required by the Federal Activities Inventory Reform Act of 1998 (FAIR Act) and the Office of Management and Budget, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 501 note; Public Law 105-270, Sec. 2(c)(1)(A); (112 Stat. 2382); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

614. A letter from the Chairman, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's 2016 Annual Report, pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1827(a)(2); September 21, 1950, ch. 967, Sec. 2(17)(a) (as amended by Public Law 101-73, Sec. 220(a)); (103 Stat. 263) and 31 U.S.C. 3515(a)(1); Public Law 101-576, Sec. 303(a)(1) (as amended by Public Law 107-289, Sec. 2(a)); (116 Stat. 2049); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

615. A letter from the Secretary and Treasurer, Financing Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's Statement on the System of Internal Controls and the 2016 Audited Financial Statements, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 3515(a)(1); Public Law 101-576, Sec. 303(a)(1) (as amended by Public Law 107-289, Sec. 2(a)); (116 Stat. 2049); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

616. A letter from the Secretary and Treasurer, Resolution Funding Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's Statement on the System of Internal Controls and the 2016 Audited Financial Statements, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 3515(a)(1); Public Law 101-576, Sec. 303(a)(1) (as amended by Public Law 107-289, Sec. 2(a)); (116 Stat. 2049); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

617. A letter from the Architect of the Capitol, transmitting the semiannual report of disbursements for the operations of the Architect of the Capitol for the period of July 1, 2016, through December 31, 2016, pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 1868a(a); Public Law 113-76, div. I, title I, Sec. 1301(a); (128 Stat. 428) (H. Doc. No. 115-17); to the Committee on House Administration and ordered to be printed.

618. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's temporary rule — Snapper-Grouper Fishery of the South Atlantic; 2016 Recreational Accountability Measure and Closure for South Atlantic Greater Amberjack [Docket No.: 140819686-5999-02] (RIN: 0648-XF045) received

February 21, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

619. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's temporary rule — Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Atlantic Herring Fishery; 2016 Management Area 1B Directed Fishery Closure [Docket No.: 130919816-4205-02] (RIN: 0648-XF044) received February 21, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

620. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's temporary rule — Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Atlantic Bluefish Fishery; Quota Transfers [Docket No.: 151130999-6225-01] (RIN: 0648-XE949) received February 21, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

621. A letter from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's temporary rule — Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Reallocation of Pacific Cod in the Central Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska [Docket No.: 150818742-6210-02] (RIN: 0648-XF103) received February 21, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

622. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's temporary rule — Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Re-opening of the Commercial Sector for South Atlantic Vermilion Snapper [Docket No.: 130312235-3658-02] (RIN: 0648-XF058) received February 21, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

623. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's temporary rule — Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; 2016 Commercial Accountability Measure and Closure for South Atlantic Gray Triggerfish; July through December Season [Docket No.: 141107936-5399-02] (RIN: 0648-XF081) received February 21, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

624. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's temporary rule — Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Atlantic Bluefin Tuna Fisheries [Docket No.: 150121066-5717-02] (RIN: 0648-XF067) received February 21, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

625. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's temporary rule — Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Summer Flounder Fishery; Quota Transfer [Docket No.: 150903814-5999-02] (RIN: 0648-XF073) received February 21, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

626. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Transportation, transmitting the 29th Annual Report of Accomplishments under the Airport Improvement Program for Fiscal Years 2012 and 2013, pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 47131(a); Public Law 103-272, Sec. 1(e) (as amended by Public Law 112-95, Sec. 152(c)); (126 Stat. 34); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

627. A letter from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule — Medicare Program; Advancing Care Coordination Through Episode Payment Models (EPMs); Cardiac Rehabilitation Incentive Payment Model; and Changes to the Comprehensive Care for Joint Replacement Model; Delay of Effective Date [CMS-5519-F2] (RIN: 0938-AS90) received February 17, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); jointly to the Committees on Energy and Commerce and Ways and Means.

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. GOODLATTE: Committee on the Judiciary. H.R. 720. A bill to amend rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure to improve attorney accountability, and for other purposes (Rept. 115-16). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. GOODLATTE: Committee on the Judiciary. H.R. 725. A bill to amend title 28, United States Code, to prevent fraudulent joinder (Rept. 115-17). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. GOODLATTE: Committee on the Judiciary. H.R. 906. A bill to amend title 11 of the United States Code to require the public disclosure by trusts established under section 524(g) of such title, of quarterly reports that contain detailed information regarding the receipt and disposition of claims for injuries based on exposure to asbestos, and for other purposes (Rept. 115-18). 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. BARLETTA:

H.R. 1214. A bill to require the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to conduct a program to use simplified procedures to issue public assistance for certain projects under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. KING of Iowa:

H.R. 1215. A bill to improve patient access to health care services and provide improved medical care by reducing the excessive burden the liability system places on the health care delivery system; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, 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 Mr. MESSER (for himself, Mr. BANKS of Indiana, Mrs. WALORSKI, Mr. BUCSHON, Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana, Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. BARLETTA, Mr. DESANTIS, and Mr. LAMALFA):

H.R. 1216. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide veterans affected by school closures certain relief and restoration of educational benefits, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Ms. NORTON:

H.R. 1217. A bill to direct the Librarian of Congress to obtain a stained glass panel depicting the seal of the District of Columbia and install the panel among the stained glass panels depicting the seals of States which overlook the Main Reading Room of the Library of Congress Thomas Jefferson Building; to the Committee on House Administration, and in addition to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, 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 Mr. WALBERG:

H.R. 1218. A bill to amend titles II and XVIII of the Social Security Act to establish a Social Security Surplus Protection Account in the Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance Trust Fund to hold the Social Security surplus and a Medicare Surplus Protection Account in the Federal Hospital Insurance Trust Fund to hold the Medicare surplus, to provide for suspension of investment of amounts held in such Accounts until enactment of legislation providing for investment of the Trust Funds in investment vehicles other than obligations of the United States, and to establish a Social Security and Medicare Part A Investment Commission to make recommendations for alternative forms of investment of the Social Security and Medicare surpluses; 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. BARLETTA:

H.R. 1214.

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

Article I, Section 8 of the United States Constitution, specifically Clause 1 (relating to providing for the common defense and general welfare of the United States) and Clause 18 (relating to the power to make all laws necessary and proper for carrying out the powers vested in Congress) and Article I, Section 10, Clause 3 (relating to interstate compacts).

By Mr. KING of Iowa:

H.R. 1215.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 1 of the Constitution (the Spending Clause); Article I, Section 8, Clause 3, of the Constitution, which grants Congress the power to provide for uniform laws that remove barriers to trade and facilitate commerce nationwide; and Article I, Section 8, Clause 9; Article III, Section 1, Clause 1; and Article III, Section 2, Clause 2 of the Constitution, which grant Congress authority over federal courts.

By Mr. MESSER:

H.R. 1216.

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

Article 1, Section 8 of the Constitution of the United States

By Mr. NORTON:

H.R. 1217.

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

clause 18 of section 8 of article I of the Constitution.

By Mr. WALBERG:

H.R. 1218.

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

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 1—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; but all Duties, Imposts and Excises shall be uniform throughout the United States;

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

Under clause 7 of rule XII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions, as follows:

H.R. 38: Mr. MARINO and Mr. MACARTHUR.

H.R. 82: Mr. LAHOOD.

H.R. 92: Ms. PINGREE.

H.R. 115: Mr. POSEY, Mr. BABIN, Mr. REED, Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania, and Mr. MCKINLEY.

H.R. 140: Ms. FOXX.

H.R. 332: Ms. LOFGREN.

H.R. 367: Mr. MARINO.

H.R. 449: Mr. THORNBERY.

H.R. 489: Mr. HASTINGS and Ms. VELÁZQUEZ.

H.R. 496: Mr. CARBAJAL and Mr. FITZPATRICK.

H.R. 520: Mr. GRAVES of Georgia and Mr. JODY B. HICE of Georgia.

H.R. 564: Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. FRANCIS ROONEY of Florida, and Mr. GARRETT.

H.R. 585: Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia.

H.R. 662: Ms. JACKSON LEE, Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois, and Mr. RENACCI.

H.R. 721: Mr. KIND, Mr. POCAN, Mr. BOST, and Mr. CICCLINE.

H.R. 771: Mr. KILMER.

H.R. 781: Mr. HUDSON, Mr. BARR, Mr. LAMALFA, Mr. DESJARLAIS, Mr. YOHO, and Mr. WILSON of South Carolina.

H.R. 785: Mr. FARENTHOLD, Mr. MULLIN, and Mr. HUIZENGA.

H.R. 919: Ms. SHEA-PORTER and Mr. LANDEVIN.

H.R. 931: Mr. CURBELO of Florida, Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN, and Mr. LANGEVIN.

H.R. 947: Mr. YARMUTH.

H.R. 997: Ms. FOXX.

H.R. 1002: Mr. KILDEE and Mr. BRENDAN F. BOYLE of Pennsylvania.

H.R. 1017: Mr. LIPINSKI.

H.R. 1059: Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, Mr. McEACHIN, and Mrs. COMSTOCK.

H.R. 1103: Mr. HIGGINS of New York.

H.R. 1121: Mr. COFFMAN, Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio, Mr. OLSON, and Mr. FITZPATRICK.

H.R. 1155: Mr. MEEHAN.

H.R. 1170: Mr. DESANTIS and Mr. POSEY.

H.R. 1178: Mr. GRAVES of Georgia.

H.R. 1200: Ms. FUDGE and Mr. COHEN.

H.J. Res. 31: Mr. O'HALLERAN.

H.J. Res. 59: Mr. WEBER of Texas.

H. Con. Res. 9: Ms. BROWNLEY of California, Ms. DELAURO, Mr. GUTIERREZ, and Mr. WELCH.

H. Res. 15: Mr. PRICE of North Carolina.

H. Res. 104: Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ.

H. Res. 111: Mr. CONYERS, Mr. PRICE of North Carolina, Mr. AGUILAR, Mr. RASKIN, Mrs. DAVIS of California, Mr. JEFFRIES, and Mr. SWALWELL of California.

PETITIONS, ETC.

Under clause 3 of rule XII, petitions and papers were laid on the clerk's desk and referred as follows:

17. The SPEAKER presented a petition of The Trust for Public Land, San Francisco,

CA, relative to seven petitions from private citizens in opposition to Congress's attempts to sell off public lands and turn them over to states to manage; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

18. Also, a petition of New Orleans City Council, relative to Resolution No. R-17-79,

condemning the Executive Order entitled "Protection of the Nation From Foreign Terrorist Entry Into The United States", issued January 27, 2017; jointly to the Committees on the Judiciary, Foreign Affairs, Homeland Security, and Intelligence (Permanent Select).

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN RECOGNITION OF CAROLYN
RODENBURG AND THE IIB'S
FOUNDATION

HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 24, 2017

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to use this time to recognize a local foundation in Virginia's 10th District that has been strengthening our community and raising breast cancer awareness since 2004. The IIB's Foundation, founded, by 14-year breast cancer survivor and proud Leesburg resident, Carolyn Rodenburg, focuses on ensuring that no woman diagnosed with breast cancer feels afraid or alone.

In April of 2002, at the age of 42, Ms. Rodenburg was diagnosed with breast cancer and underwent a double mastectomy. During this difficult time in her life, she recalled feeling very alone and often helpless. However, Ms. Rodenburg found the inner strength and became determined to make a difference when she realized there were others just like her that needed a support system built on trust and understanding. It was a combination of her sudden diagnosis, surgery, and feelings afterwards that sparked her interest in helping like-minded women that were undergoing similar experiences, and she has been making a difference ever since.

Thus in 2004, Ms. Rodenburg left behind her long career in the corporate world to dedicate her life to comforting and educating other breast cancer survivors by founding the IIB's Foundation. IIB's (pronounced three B's) stands for Bosom Buddy Baskets, which were the original basis on which the foundation came about. The pink Bosom Buddy Baskets are filled with treats, back scratchers, pillows, stuffed animals, and protective post-op gear and are intended for women in post operation recovery following mastectomy surgeries. This gesture helps show other women in recovery that they have a line of support from other survivors.

The IIB's Foundation has grown immensely under Ms. Rodenburg's leadership. Initially, Ms. Rodenburg founded it with the intention of helping friends going through the breast cancer treatment process. Today, the organization has morphed into a well-recognized foundation, hosting several annual fundraisers and events each year. One reoccurring event which has garnered a great deal of popularity is the yearly Pink Tie Charity Ball. It is fun, forward thinking community events, like the Pink Tie Charity Ball, that have helped the organization thrive and grow tremendously over the years into the organization it is today.

To date, Ms. Carolyn Rodenburg and the IIB's Foundation have helped thousands of women and families affected by breast cancer, and I am grateful to have such a prominent and resourceful organization in the 10th District. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in applauding the IIB's Foundation for its dedication to serving our community for so many years. I wish Ms. Rodenburg and the

entire organization the best in their future endeavors.

PROVIDING FOR CONGRESSIONAL
DISAPPROVAL OF FINAL RULE
BY SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND
HUMAN SERVICES

SPEECH OF

HON. DIANE BLACK

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 16, 2017

Mrs. BLACK. Madam Speaker, I include in the RECORD 3 letters, one from myself and Senator JONI ERNST, a letter from the Family Research Council, and one from 25 outside organizations, which support H.J. Res. 43.

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,

Washington, DC, September 23, 2016.

Hon. SYLVIA MATHEWS BURWELL,

Secretary, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Washington, DC.

DEAR SECRETARY BURWELL: We write to express our strong opposition to the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) September 7, 2016, notice of proposed rulemaking titled "Compliance with Title X Requirements by Project Recipients in Selecting Subrecipients." Although we appreciate the Department's intent to follow proper regulatory procedure pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act, HHS's purpose for engaging in the rulemaking appears on its face to be an attempt to subvert the will of elected representatives.

Moreover, apart from the Department's impetus for the notice of proposed rulemaking, we also question whether the Department's stated rationale adequately supports its conclusion that providers with a reproductive health focus are more "effective" than other health providers that offer comprehensive care for women and men. Nowhere in the proposed notice of rulemaking does HHS clearly define what it means to provide Title X services in an "effective" manner. It does appear to assert that a number of factors—such as the range of contraceptive methods on-site, the number of clients in need of publicly funded family planning services served, and the availability of preconception care—distinguish providers with a reproductive health focus as more "effective" and "high quality" than other types of providers. However, that list of factors falls far short of all of the attributes and recommendations included in the Centers for Disease Control and Office of Population Affairs report entitled "Providing Quality Family Planning Services: Recommendations of CDC and the U.S. Office of Population Affairs."

To further complicate the argument about quality and effectiveness, the data cited in the notice of proposed rulemaking is not adequate for determining patient outcomes. The Department relies heavily on utilization and demographic statistics, but appears to lack hard data regarding actual patient outcomes and need, as the Department does not require grantees to track patients or verify their income. As you know, the issue of inadequate data has previously been raised by the Institute of Medicine (IOM), after the HHS Office of Family Planning in 2007 asked IOM to provide a critical review of the Title

X Family Planning Program. In addition to finding "no clear, evidence-based process for establishing or revising program priorities and guidelines," IOM stated the following in its May 2009 Report Brief:

"The committee concludes that the program does not collect all the data needed to monitor and evaluate its impact. Therefore, the committee proposes a comprehensive framework to evaluate the program and assess how well clinics meet the family planning needs of the program's clients. The committee concludes that additional data will be needed in the areas of client needs, structure, process, and outcomes in order to assess the program's overall progress."

We welcome evidence that this recommendation has been fully adopted, but are unaware of any clear evidence confirming that to be the case. If HHS cannot clearly define an "effective" or "high quality" provider, it is unclear to us how state and local project grantees are supposed to do so in order to comply with this proposed rule. It is also therefore unclear how HHS will be able to accurately determine in every case whether state or local project recipients—who are generally closer to and more familiar with subrecipients and the patient base in their geographical region—have considered inappropriate criteria in evaluating subrecipients. Rarely do the American people benefit when the federal government attempts to substitute its judgment for that of state or local governments—particularly when the criteria used to inform that judgment are unclear, and that judgment is not supported by coherent and impartial facts.

Finally, if HHS is going to assert the authority to adapt its rules in order to address changing circumstances, we implore HHS to consider the recent general shift in health care policy toward comprehensive care. As HHS states on its website, in addition to assisting individuals and couples in planning and spacing births, part of the mission of Title X is to contribute to "improved health for women and infants." HHS's suggestion that subrecipients like federally qualified health centers—which provide greater preventive and primary health care services than providers with a reproductive health focus—are per se less "effective" than providers with a reproductive health focus does not comport with that stated mission.

We urge HHS to reconsider this overreaching and ill-supported rule. We will continue to closely monitor this proposed rulemaking, and intend to submit this letter as a formal comment. We look forward to a detailed response from your Department.

Sincerely,

JONI K. ERNST,
United States Senator.

DIANE BLACK,
United States Con-
gressman.

FAMILY RESEARCH COUNCIL,
Washington, DC, February 14, 2017.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC.

DEAR REPRESENTATIVE: On behalf of Family Research Council and the families we represent, I urge you to vote Yes on Rep. Diane

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Black's (R-TN) H.J. Res. 43, a joint resolution of disapproval under the Congressional Review Act to overturn former President Obama's HHS final rule on Title X family planning funds (81 FR 91852, December 19, 2016). This rule blocks states from restricting Title X family planning funds to abortion providers like Planned Parenthood, effectively creating a backdoor handout for the abortion industry. Congress can and must act to overturn this harmful rule, which lacks any statutory basis. FRC will score in favor of this resolution.

This rule prohibits Title X primary grant recipients, including states and some private entities, from "prohibit[ing] an entity from participating for reasons other than its ability to provide Title X services." The stated intent of this rule is to coerce numerous states to give family planning funds to abortion providers like Planned Parenthood. This harms states which have chosen to prioritize these family planning funds to health clinics and community health centers that seamlessly offer a full range of healthcare services, including family planning, but which do not participate in abortion. In addition, the rule disrupts the current health care arrangements of tens of thousands of women who obtain services that are uniquely provided to them by current Title X-funded comprehensive health care clinics in those states.

The Title X statute of the Public Health Service Act itself requires that no funds may be used for "programs where abortion is a method of family planning," but nowhere does the law say that states cannot exclude certain providers, let alone abortion providers. Furthermore, states realize that money is fungible. When Planned Parenthood or other abortion providers receive Title X grant funding, it frees up resources for them to spend more on abortion, their main source of non-governmental income.

States should be free to allocate Title X funds in a way that clearly keeps family planning and abortion separate by not funding abortion providers like Planned Parenthood, which use abortion, the killing of an innocent unborn human being, as a form of "family planning." Obama's HHS rule on Title X is an executive overreach and a handout to the abortion industry that is simply without basis in the law.

Again, on behalf of FRC, I urge you to vote for Rep. Diane Black's H.J. Res. 43, a Congressional resolution of disapproval to overturn this harmful rule. FRC will score in favor of this resolution.

Sincerely,

DAVID CHRISTENSEN,
Vice President for Government Affairs.

FEBRUARY 15, 2017.

DEAR MEMBER OF CONGRESS: On behalf of the millions of members of our national and state-based pro-life and pro-family organizations listed below, we urge you support application of the Congressional Review Act to eliminate former President Obama's 11th-hour rule preventing states from eliminating Title X funding from Planned Parenthood and other abortion providers.

During the 114th Congress, efforts to defund America's abortion giant were spurred by undercover videos which show that Planned Parenthood has been engaged in unethical and possibly illegal practices connected to the trafficking of unborn children's organs for profit. The videos detail Planned Parenthood's willingness to manipulate abortion methods—at times, in ways that raise questions about whether the ban on partial-birth abortion has been violated—to more easily obtain intact hearts, lungs, brains, and other organs to be sold to tissue brokers.

Because of Congressional efforts to defund Planned Parenthood and President Donald Trump's campaign commitment to defend the nation's largest abortion provider, President Obama finalized an 11th-hour rule forcing states to award Title X funds to Planned Parenthood and other abortion providers.

Like other efforts to defund Planned Parenthood, the Congressional Review Act eliminating President Obama's 11th-hour rule would allow states to continue using their legal authority to award Title X funds to family planning clinics that do not engage in abortion or trafficking of baby body parts.

We urge the 115th Congress to act swiftly to undo the bureaucratic protectionism that President Obama put in place to grant America's largest abortion provider permanent and privileged access to our taxpayer dollars.

For Life,

Marjorie Dannenfelser, President, Susan B. Anthony List; Paul Weber, President & CEO, Family Policy Alliance; Tom McClusky, Vice President, March for Life Action; Frank Cannon, President, American Principles Project; Clarke Forsythe, Acting President & Senior Counsel, Americans United for Life Action; Penny Nance, CEO & President, Concerned Women for America; Kristan Hawkins, President, Students for Life; Lauren Muzyka, Executive Director, Sidewalk Advocates for Life; Melissa Ortiz, Able Americans; Eric Teetsel, President, Family Policy Alliance of Kansas; Troy Newman, President, Operation Rescue; Brian Fisher, Human Coalition, President & Co-Founder.

Maria McFadden Maffucci, Editor, Human Life Review; Matt Lockett, Executive Director, Bound4LIFE International; Roland C. Warren, President and CEO, Care Net; Judie Brown, President, American Life League; Jim Sedlak, Founder, STOPP International; Steven Ertelt, Editor, LifeNews.com; Joe Ortwerth, Executive Director, Missouri Family Policy Council; Denise Leipold, Executive Director, Right to Life of Northeast Ohio; Tami L. Fitzgerald, Executive Director, NC Values Coalition; Jeanette Burdell, Executive Director, St Joseph County Right To Life; Nicole Theis, President, Delaware Family Policy Council; John Helmlinger, Chief Executive Officer, Minnesota Family Council; Chris Slattery, Director, Expectant Mother Care-EMC FrontLine Pregnancy Centers.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JACKY ROSEN

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 24, 2017

Ms. ROSEN. Mr. Speaker, on February 14th on roll call vote 89, I was not present because I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "No."

THE INTRODUCTION OF A BILL TO REQUIRE THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS TO INSTALL THE D.C. SEAL IN THE MAIN READING ROOM OF THE THOMAS JEFFERSON BUILDING

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 24, 2017

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduce a bill to require the Library of Congress to install the District of Columbia seal in the Main Reading Room of the Thomas Jefferson Building of the Library of Congress concurrently with the renovation and replacement of the existing glass panels. The House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee passed this bill unanimously last Congress. The Library is one of the few buildings in the District that remains open to the public on most holidays. It provides not only D.C. residents but visitors and researchers from across the nation with access to incomparable resources. The bill requires the Library to depict the District's seal on the stained-glass windows in the Main Reading Room, where the seals of all the states and territories that existed when the building was constructed, except for the District, are depicted. D.C.'s seal was readily available at that time and should have been included. The seals of Hawaii and Alaska are not included in the display because they were not states or territories when the building was constructed. The fact that these two states were not part of the Union at the time of the creation of the stained-glass windows argues for the inclusion of the District, which, after all, was in fact the nation's capital at the time. We are asking that the omission of D.C. be corrected immediately. This omission was brought to my attention by a District resident, Luis Landau, a former docent at the Library.

The residents of the District have always had all the obligations of American citizenship, including paying federal taxes and serving in all the nation's wars, including the War of 1812, during which the Capitol building, which then housed the Library of Congress, was burned, prompting construction of the current Library of Congress building with the state and territory seals. It is, therefore, without question that the District and its residents should receive equal treatment among the stained-glass windows that portray the history of the United States. D.C. residents deserve to have their history and American citizenship recognized.

There is existing evidence that the seal of the District should have been depicted. The Members of Congress room in the Jefferson Building, which is not open to the public, has a painted depiction of the D.C. seal, along with state seals, on its ceiling. This precedent reinforces our request to be represented among the stained-glass windows in the Main Reading Room, which is open to the public. There is no reason why the D.C. seal cannot be added with the planned restoration of the stained-glass. The right time to add the seal of the District would be during the planned restoration.

Congress already includes the District, or has corrected the omission of the District, when honoring the states. For example, the District of Columbia War Memorial honors District residents who served in World War I, the

World War II Memorial includes a column representing the District, and D.C.'s Frederick Douglass statue now sits in the Capitol alongside statues from the 50 states. The National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013 requires the armed services to display the District flag whenever the flags of the states are displayed. Legislation was also enacted to give D.C. a coin after it was omitted from legislation creating coins for the 50 states. We also successfully worked with the U.S. Postal Service to create a D.C. stamp, like the stamps for the 50 states, and worked with the National Park Service to add the D.C. flag alongside the state flags across from Union Station. It is long overdue to display the D.C. seal, along with the seals of the states, in the Main Reading Room of the Library of Congress.

I urge support for this legislation.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE
HONORABLE JONATHAN WAY

HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK
OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 24, 2017

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to use this time to recognize my con-

stituent and friend, the Honorable Jonathan Way for his 9 years of service on the Manassas City Council, both as a Councilman and later as Vice Mayor, and to celebrate his many accomplishments as one of the Commonwealth's most dedicated civil servants.

Prior to retiring and moving to Manassas 18 years ago, Vice Mayor Way had a 37-year career for various Exxon international affiliates in the U.S. and overseas and also served 6 years as a U.S. Naval Reserve Officer. He decided to first enter government service in the City of Manassas when he saw an advertisement in the local newspaper for an opening on the Planning Commission. From that point forward, Vice Mayor Way embarked on a journey of dedication to the city. In 2001, he was appointed to the commission, where he served as a member and as Chairman for 2 years until his appointment to the City Council in 2007, a position he held until 2015 when he was unanimously selected, by the Manassas city council members, to serve as Vice Mayor. He, along with Mayor Hal Parrish, have played a vital role in revitalizing downtown Manassas, establishing strong local relationships, and helping build new housing developments in the area.

During his tenure on the Manassas City Council, Vice Mayor Way served on various committees, including the Budget and Finance Committee, the Economic/Community Devel-

opment and Land Use Committee, the Virginia Railway Express and Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Committees, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments, and the Virginia Municipal League. Additionally, Vice Mayor Way volunteered with various local groups, including the Rotary Club of Manassas, which he joined in 2001. Here he has served on the Club Service Committee for many years and has previously held the position of Secretary. Impressively, he was chosen as Rotarian of the Year in both 2003 and 2008. Despite having to temporarily resign from the rotary in 2013 due to workload demands of City Council, he happily rejoined last year.

Most impressively, throughout the years, Vice Mayor Way kept a near perfect attendance record in attending city council meetings. This is not only a testament to the commitment he has always felt to the council, but also the commitment he felt to the citizens of Manassas. On behalf of the entire 10th District, I thank Vice Mayor Way. It has truly been a privilege to work with him and his colleagues on the Manassas City Council over the years.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in applauding Vice Mayor Way for his service to Manassas, the Commonwealth of Virginia, and the United States. I wish him, his wife, Shirley, his children, and his grandchildren the best in their future endeavors.

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate was not in session and stands adjourned until 12 noon, on Monday, February 27, 2017.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 5 public bills, H.R. 1214–1218, were introduced. **Page H1321**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H1321**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 720, to amend Rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure to improve attorney accountability, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 115–16);

H.R. 725, to amend title 28, United States Code, to prevent fraudulent joinder (H. Rept. 115–17); and

H.R. 906, to amend title 11 of the United States Code to require the public disclosure by trusts established under section 524(g) of such title, of quarterly reports that contain detailed information regarding the receipt and disposition of claims for injuries based on exposure to asbestos, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 115–18). **Page H1321**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Messer to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H1319**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Rev. David Godleski, Jesuit Conference, Washington, DC. **Page H1319**

Congressional Advisers on Trade Policy and Negotiations—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Members on the part of the House as Congressional Advisers on Trade Policy and Negotiations: Representatives Brady (TX), Reichert, and Nunes. **Page H1319**

United States Semiquincentennial Commission—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Members on the part of the House to the United States Semiquincentennial Commission: Representatives Meehan and Aderholt; and from private life: Mr. Jim Koch of Newton, Massachusetts, Mr. Val Crofts of Milton, Wisconsin, Dr. Wilfred McClay of Norman, Oklahoma, and Mrs. Lynn Young of Rockdale, Texas. **Page H1319**

Quorum Calls—Votes: There were no yea-and-nay votes, and there were no recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 9:33 a.m.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2017

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Rules, Full Committee, hearing on H.R. 998, the "SCRUB Act"; H.J. Res. 83, disapproving the

rule submitted by the Department of Labor relating to “Clarification of Employer’s Continuing Obligation to Make and Maintain an Accurate Record of Each Recordable Injury and Illness”, 5 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “Assessing VA’s Risks for Drug Diversion”, 3:30 p.m., 334 Cannon.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

12 noon, Monday, February 27

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12 noon, Monday, February 27

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of Wilbur L. Ross, Jr., of Florida, to be Secretary of Commerce, post-cloture.

At 3 p.m., Senator Sasse will be recognized to deliver Washington's Farewell Address.

At 7 p.m., Senate will vote on confirmation of the nomination of Wilbur L. Ross, Jr., of Florida, to be Secretary of Commerce. Following disposition of the nomination of Wilbur L. Ross, Jr., Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Ryan Zinke, of Montana, to be Secretary of the Interior.

House Chamber

Program for Monday: To be announced.

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