WASHINGTON, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2018

The House met at 11 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. McHENRY).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,


I hereby appoint the Honorable PATRICK T. McHenry to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

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

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer:

God of the universe, we give You thanks for giving us another day.

In the final hour of the First Session of the 115th Congress, we give You thanks for Your faithfulness to our Nation. There have been many struggles, many sorrows, and yet we are still here and able to give You thanks that millions of our citizens live free.

May the work of the second session issue forth with legislation to the benefit of our Nation and its citizens, and where the efforts of this Congress have fallen short, we ask Your forgiveness and the forgiveness of all Americans.

May all that is done this day be for Your greater honor and glory.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Pursuant to section 3(a) of House Resolution 670, 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, Pursuant to clause 4 of rule I, the following enrolled bill was signed by Speaker pro tempore Comstock on Wednesday, January 3, 2018:

S. 2273, to extend the period during which vessels that are shorter than 79 feet in length and fishing vessels are not required to have a permit for discharges incidental to the normal operation of the vessel.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 11 o’clock and 2 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV,

3578. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency’s withdrawal of direct final rule — Voluntary Consensus Standards Update; Formaldehyde Emission Standards for Composite Wood Products [EPA-HQ-OPPT-2017-0245; FRL-9971-38] (RIN: 2070-AK36) received December 8, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C.
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. PEARCE:
H.R. 4735. A bill to provide compensation to persons injured by the Gold King Mine spill and fund certain long-term water quality monitoring programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committees on the Judiciary, Energy and Commerce, and Agriculture, 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. SMITH of Missouri (for himself, Mr. KING of Iowa, and Mrs. HANDEL):
H.R. 4736. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow section 529 education accounts to be used for homeschooling expenses; 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. PEARCE:
H.R. 4735.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article I, Section 8, clause 18 of the United States Constitution.

By Mr. SMITH of Missouri:
H.R. 4736.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article I, Section 8, Clause 1 of the Constitution of the United States.

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

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

H.R. 850: Mr. LAHOOD, Mr. GARRETT, Mr. GRAVES of Louisiana, Mr. KING of Iowa, and Mr. BURGESS.
H.R. 1078: Mrs. LOWEY.
H.R. 1296: Mr. CARTWRIGHT.
H.R. 1456: Mr. PALLONE.
H.R. 2451: Mr. CAPUANO.
H.R. 2460: Mr. CALVERT.
H.R. 2588: Mr. COFFMAN.
H.R. 3635: Mr. MISSERT.
H.R. 4240: Mr. PANETTA.
H.R. 4392: Mr. HIMES and Mr. ADERHOLT.
H.R. 4491: Ms. ROSEN.
H.R. 4547: Mr. TONKO, Mr. DESAULNIER, Ms. DELBENE, and Mr. THOMPSON of California.
H.R. 4633: Mr. HULTGREN.
H.R. 4712: Mr. KING of Iowa.
H. Con. Res. 59: Mr. DELANEY.
H. Con. Res. 62: Mr. SWALWELL of California, Mr. LANGSYN, Mr. BUTTERFIELD, Mr. CLEAVER, and Mr. VELA.
H. Con. Res. 72: Mr. SMITH of Texas, Mr. PARENTHOULD, Ms. BASS, and Mr. POLIS.
EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE SERVICE OF LORIE GRINNAN

HON. JOHN RATCLIFFE
OF TEXAS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 3, 2018

Mr. RATCLIFFE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to both express my deep appreciation and to say thank you, on behalf of the constituents I am privileged to represent in the 4th Congressional District of Texas, to Lorie Grinnan, a member of my staff who has completed 20 years of dedicated service to communities in our district. Notably, my comments today build upon those offered into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD about Mrs. Grinnan by my predecessor, Ralph Hall, on January 16, 2013.

Lorie Grinnan served as a Regional Representative in my Rockwall office during the first three years of my time in Congress. Prior to that, Lorie served for eight years as a Rockwall County Commissioner and, going further back, served Rockwall area communities for nine years on the Rockwall ISD Board of Trustees (including two terms as board president).

As Lorie neared the end of her second term as County Commissioner, she announced that she was not going to seek re-election and planned to conclude her public service when her term expired at the end of 2014. However, as I was preparing to begin my first term in Congress, I asked Lorie to consider foregoing her plans and instead continue serving the public by becoming part of my original district office staff in January 2015. Lorie graciously agreed to set aside her own plans, and to the greater benefit of the three quarters of a million Texans in this district, has selflessly served these past three years as an invaluable member of my congressional staff.

Now, after a full 20 years of service to the public in Rockwall and surrounding communities, Lorie is ready to enjoy the next chapter in her life. Together, we have accomplished much these past three years for our constituents and communities. I will be forever grateful for her service in my office and to our constituents and communities, and for the lives we have been able to touch and change along the way. I am particularly grateful for her help in building and leading our process for identifying and selecting deserving students to receive nominations to our nation’s service academies. During the three years under her leadership, I am proud to say that we have been able to offer more than 75 nominations to incredible young women and men across the 4th District of Texas. As a result of Lorie’s dedication to this mission, I know that our country will be better served by the many outstanding future leaders who have accepted appointments to our nation’s service academies.

Again, I express my sincere gratitude to Lorie Grinnan and to her family for the sacrifices they have made over these past two decades to support her dedicated career of public service. Godspeed to Lorie Grinnan and her family as they look forward to the next chapter of God’s plan for her blessed life.

IN CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE OF DOROTHY MAY WILSON

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL
OF MICHIGAN
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 3, 2018

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in celebration of the life of Dorothy May Wilson.

Throughout her 106 years of life, she impacted countless lives and leaves behind a community of loving family and friends.

Mrs. Dorothy May Wilson was born in Mount Vernon, New York in 1911, where she lived through the Great Depression and met her husband. True to her unrelenting spirit, Mrs. Wilson did not let hard economic conditions deter her and operated a catering business with her husband throughout the Depression and later worked as a nurse. She then moved to Michigan in the 1970s to live closer to family and settled in Ypsilanti, Michigan where she would live for the rest of her life.

After moving to Michigan, Mrs. Wilson became involved with her local ministry, Brown Chapel AME Church. Church members remember her as an active volunteer with a heart for giving and a permanent smile on her face. This past November, those close to Mrs. Wilson hosted a surprise 106th birthday for her at the senior living community where she had been a resident since 1989. Friends and family shared stories of the kindness, leadership, and positivity that Dorothy will be remembered for. On her 106th birthday, Dorothy told her guests that kindness and giving back to others are the two keys to a fulfilled life. She lived her life following these two principles and leaves behind a bright legacy and loving family and friends.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life of a cherished member of our Michigan community, Mrs. Dorothy May Wilson. She impacted countless lives throughout her 106 years and she will be greatly missed.
Wednesday, January 3, 2018

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS
See Interim Résumé of Congressional Activity.

Senate

Chamber Action
The Senate will meet at 12 noon, on Wednesday, January 3, 2018 to convene the 2nd session of the 115th Congress.

Committee Meetings
No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action
Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 2 public bills, H.R. 4735–4736 were introduced. Page H10434
Additional Cosponsors: Page H10434
Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.
Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative McHenry to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. Page H10433
Recess: The House recessed at 11:02 a.m. and reconvened at 11:55 a.m. Page H10433
Quorum Calls—Votes: There were no Yea and Nay votes, and there were no Recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.
Sine Die Adjournment: The House met at 11 a.m. and at 11:55 a.m. the Chair declared the First Session of the One Hundred Fifteenth Congress adjourned sine die, pursuant to the 20th amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

Committee Meetings
No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings
No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS
(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1359)


H.R. 1, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to titles II and V of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2018. Signed on December 22, 2017. (Public Law 115–97)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2018
(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate
No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House
No hearings are scheduled.
# Interim Résumé of Congressional Activity

**FIRST SESSION OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTEENTH CONGRESS**

The first table gives a comprehensive résumé of all legislative business transacted by the Senate and House. The second table accounts for all nominations submitted to the Senate by the President for Senate confirmation.

## DATA ON LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

**January 3, 2017 through January 3, 2018**

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* These figures include all measures reported, even if there was no accompanying report. A total of 198 written reports have been filed in the Senate, 482 reports have been filed in the House.

## DISPOSITION OF EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

**January 3, 2017 through January 3, 2018**

### Civilian nominations, totaling 594, disposed of as follows:
- Confirmed: 322
- Unconfirmed: 146
- Withdrawn: 36
- Returned to White House: 90

### Other Civilian nominations, totaling 1,211, disposed of as follows:
- Confirmed: 1,200
- Returned to White House: 9

### Air Force nominations, totaling 5,978, disposed of as follows:
- Confirmed: 5,899
- Unconfirmed: 76
- Returned to White House: 2

### Army nominations, totaling 6,617, disposed of as follows:
- Confirmed: 6,604
- Unconfirmed: 12
- Returned to White House: 1

### Navy nominations, totaling 4,285, disposed of as follows:
- Confirmed: 4,273
- Unconfirmed: 11
- Returned to White House: 1

### Marine Corps nominations, totaling 1,314, disposed of as follows:
- Confirmed: 1,314

**Summary**

- Total nominations carried over from the First Session: 0
- Total nominations received this Session: 19,999
- Total confirmed: 19,612
- Total withdrawn: 247
- Total unconfirmed: 38
- Total returned to the White House: 102
Next Meeting of the SENATE

12 noon, Wednesday, January 3

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Senate will convene the 2nd session of the 115th Congress and new Senators will be sworn in.

At 5 p.m., Senate will begin consideration of the nomination of John C. Rood, of Arizona, to be Under Secretary of Defense for Policy, with a vote on confirmation thereon at 5:30 p.m.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12 noon, Wednesday, January 3

House Chamber

Program for Wednesday: House will convene the Second Session of the One Hundred Fifteenth Congress.

Extensions of Remarks, as inserted in this issue

HOUSE

Dingell, Debbie, Mich., E1769

Ratcliffe, John, Tex., E1769