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Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, May 19, 2008, at 2 p.m.

House of Representatives

FRIDAY, MAY 16, 2008

The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Ms. HIRONO).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
May 16, 2008.

I hereby appoint the Honorable MAZIE K. HIRONO to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer:

As Your people, born into freedom, we stand humbly before You, our God, desirous to be in dialogue in search of truth. Attentive to Your Word and Your Spirit, we seek Your self-revelation, Almighty God.

Lord, as the House of Representatives today is simply open to receive messages from the U.S. Senate and the President, we take this moment and realize that it will not bring determination but only a continuation of the work of government.

Guide us in our efforts to be open to have dialogue to do what is best for this Nation. Free us and all governments of the world from manipulation of the truth or self-deception. Restrain us from any attempt to redefine reality by simply changing the meaning of

words. Rather make us true instruments of justice and peace both now and forever. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House her approval thereof.

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

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the House stands adjourned until 10:30 a.m. on Monday next for morning-hour debate.

There was no objection.

Accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 7 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Monday, May 19, 2008, at 10:30 a.m., for morning-hour debate.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 8 of rule XII, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

6656. A letter from the Chief Counsel, FEMA, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Final Flood Elevation Determinations — received April 30, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

6657. A letter from the Chief Counsel, FEMA, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Final Flood Elevation Determinations — received January 4, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

6658. A letter from the Special Counsel Legislative and Regulatory Activities Division, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's final rule — Regulatory Review Amendments [Docket ID OCC-2008-0004] (RIN: 1557-AC79) received April 25, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

6659. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Operations, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries off West Coast States; Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery; Emergency Rule Extension [Docket No. 070510101-7101-01] (RIN: 0648-AV57) received April 30, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

6660. A letter from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's final rule — Establishment of the Swan Creek Viticultural Area (2005R-414P) [Docket No. TTB-2007-0012; T.D. TTB-69; Re: Notice No. 63] (RIN: 1513-AB20) received April 28, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

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6661. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Special Rules to Reduce Section 1446 Withholding [TD 9394] (RIN: 1545-BD80) received April 28, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

6662. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Examination of Dividends received Deduction on Separate Accounts of Life Insurance Companies [LMSB Control No.: LMSB-04-0308-010] received April 28, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

6663. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Extension of Transitional Relief for Diversification Requirements for Certain Defined Contribution Plans [Notice 2008-7] received April 30, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

6664. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Section 1274A.—Special Rules for Certain Transactions Where Stated Principal Amount Does Not Exceed \$2,800,000 26 CFR 1.1274A-1: Special rules for certain transactions where stated principal amount does not exceed \$2,800,000. (Also 483, 1274) (Rev. Rul. 2008-3) received April 30, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on 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:

[The following action occurred on May 16, 2008]

Mr. SKELTON: Committee on Armed Services. H.R. 5658. A bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2009 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 2009, and for other purposes; with amendments (Rept. 110-652). 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 were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. RANGEL (for himself, Mr. STARK, Mr. McDERMOTT, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts, Mr. POMEROY, Mrs. JONES of Ohio, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Mr. EMANUEL, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. KIND, Ms. BERKLEY, Mr. CROWLEY, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. MEEK of Florida, Mr. ALTMIRE, Mrs. BOYDA of Kansas, Mr. COHEN, Ms. DELAURO, Mr. ELLSWORTH, Mr. LOEBBACH, Ms. TSONGAS, and Mr. WELCH of Vermont):

H.R. 6081. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide benefits for military personnel, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Ms. DELAURO (for herself, Mr. CARSON, Mr. BOOZMAN, and Mr. PLATTS):

H.R. 6082. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for expanded coverage of paramedic intercept services under the Medicare Program; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, 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 Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas (for herself, Mr. HOYER, Mr. CLYBURN, Mr.

LAMPSON, Mr. ORTIZ, Mr. AL GREEN of Texas, Mr. DOGGETT, Mr. HALL of Texas, Mr. HINOJOSA, Mr. GONZALEZ, Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas, Mr. EDWARDS, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. FILNER, Mr. BACA, Mr. McNULTY, Mr. WYNN, Mrs. CHRISTENSEN, Ms. NORTON, Ms. KILPATRICK, Ms. BORDALLO, Mr. BRALEY of Iowa, Mr. ROTHMAN, Mrs. JONES of Ohio, Mr. FATTAH, Mr. ETHERIDGE, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. BRADY of Texas, Ms. CLARKE, Mr. CAZAYOUX, Mr. WATT, Mr. WEXLER, Mr. ALTMIRE, Mr. BOSWELL, Mr. MELANCON, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. COOPER, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. DINGELL, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. REYES, Mr. BUTTERFIELD, Mr. MEEKS of New York, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. COSTA, Mr. CLAY, and Mr. BACHUS):

H. Con. Res. 353. Concurrent resolution recognizing the 100th birthday of Lyndon Baines Johnson, 36th President, designer of the Great Society, politician, educator, and civil rights enforcer; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Ms. FOXX:

H. Res. 1207. A resolution directing the Chief Administrative Officer of the House of Representatives to provide individuals whose pay is disbursed by the Chief Administrative Officer by electronic funds transfer with the option of receiving receipts of pay and withholdings electronically; to the Committee on House Administration.

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

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

H.R. 5857: Mr. TIAHRT.