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Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, October 19, 2009, at 2 p.m.

House of Representatives

FRIDAY OCTOBER 16, 2009

The House met at 11 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Ms. EDWARDS of Maryland).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
October 16, 2009.

I hereby appoint the Honorable DONNA F. EDWARDS 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: Lord our God, is it some hidden fear of Your power or just our own unfaithful character that causes us to distance ourselves from You? Rather than see You as walking every step of the way with us, we choose at times to keep You in the heavens. Rather than seek You in our everyday undertakings, we put off meeting You to the next life. Why, O Lord?

Scripture reveals Your desire to be our companion and guide, whether in Israel or on the road to Damascus. It is Your friendship we need.

As close friends, we need to listen to each other. Every step of life's journey invites us to draw closer together. Unlike our friends in this world, Lord, You will never abandon us when we are troubled or in need.

We are truly blessed, Lord, if we can rest in Your friendship and place all our trust in You as individuals and as a nation.
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 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday next for morning-hour debate.

There was no objection.

Accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 3 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Tuesday, October 20, 2009, at 12:30 p.m., for morning-hour debate.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

4139. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Department of Labor, transmitting annual report on Operations of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs for Fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Education and Labor.

4140. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy, transmitting the Department's report entitled, "Implementation Report: Energy Conservation Standards Activities", pursuant to Section 141 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

4141. A letter from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Amendment of Section 73.622(i), Final DTV Table of Allotments, Television Broadcast Stations. (Flagstaff, Arizona) [MB Docket No.: 08-110] received September 24, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

4142. A letter from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Amendment of Section 73.622(i), Final DTV Table of Allotments, Television Broadcast Stations. (Boston, Massachusetts) [MB Docket No.: 09-142] received September 24, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

4143. A letter from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Amendment of Section 73.622(i), Final DTV Table of Allotments, Television Broadcast Stations. (Chicago, Illinois) [MB Docket

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

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No.: 09-146] received September 24, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

4144. A letter from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Amendment of Section 73.622(i), Final DTV Table of Allotments, Television Broadcast Stations. (Fort Worth, Texas) [MB Docket No.: 09-132] received September 24, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

4145. A letter from the Chief, Policy Division, International Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Procedures to Govern the Use of Satellite Earth Stations on Board Vessels in the 5925-6425 MHz/3700-4200 MHz Bands and 14.0-14.5 GHz/11.7-12.2 GHz Bands [IB Docket No.: 02-10] received September 11, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

4146. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting the Department's report pursuant to U.S. Policy in Iraq Act, Section 1227(c) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006 (Pub. L. 109-163), as amended by Section 1223 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008 (Pub. L. 110-181); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

4147. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting presidential certification and a memorandum of justification to permit U.S. contributions to the International Fund for Ireland with FY 2008 and 2009 Funds; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

4148. A letter from the Senior Advisor and Executive Secretary, Export-Import Bank, transmitting a report pursuant to the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

4149. A letter from the Chairman, International Trade Commission, transmitting the seventh edition of the United States International Trade Commission's Strategic Plan, which covers the period from fiscal year 2009 through fiscal year 2014; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

4150. A letter from the Director, Administrative Office of the United States Courts, transmitting the 2008 report on statistics mandated by the Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act of 2005; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

4151. A letter from the Director, Administrative Office of the United States Courts, transmitting the Office's report entitled, "Report of the Proceedings of the Judicial Conference of the United States" for the March 2009 session; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

4152. A letter from the Chairman, Commission on Civil Rights, transmitting a report entitled "Department of Justice Voting Rights Enforcement for the 2008 Presidential Election"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

4153. A letter from the Attorney Advisor, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Safety Zone: USCG Barque Eagle transits of Rockland Harbor, ME, Portland Harbor, ME and Portsmouth Harbor, NH [Docket No.: USCG-2009-0685] (RIN: 1625-AA00) received September 25, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

4154. A letter from the Attorney, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Safety Zone: Festivus, Lower Colorado River, Bullhead City, AZ [Docket No.: USCG-2009-0454] (RIN: 1625-AA00) received September 25, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

4155. A letter from the Attorney, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Safety Zone: Hornblower Cruises Fleet Week Fireworks Display, San Francisco Bay, CA [Docket No.: USCG-2009-0631] (RIN: 1625-AA00) received September 25, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

4156. A letter from the Attorney Advisor, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Anchorage Regulations; Port of New York and Vicinity [Docket No.: USCG-2008-0047] (RIN: 1625-AA01) received September 25, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

4157. A letter from the Attorney Advisor, Office of Regulations and Administrative Law, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Definition of Marine Debris for Purposes of the Marine Debris Research, Prevention, and Reduction Act [USCG-2007-0164] (RIN: 0648-AV68; 1625-AB24) received September 25, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

4158. A letter from the Chief Privacy Officer, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting a report entitled, "Privacy Office Annual Report to Congress"; to the Committee on Homeland Security.

4159. A letter from the Chairman, Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting the Board's budget request for the Office of the Inspector General of the Railroad Retirement Board for fiscal year 2011, in accordance with Section 7(f) of the Railroad Retirement Act, pursuant to 45 U.S.C. 231f(f); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

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. OBERSTAR: Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. H.R. 3619. A bill to authorize appropriations for the Coast Guard for fiscal year 2010, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 111-303 Pt. 1). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

DISCHARGE OF COMMITTEE

Pursuant to clause 2 of rule XII the Committee on Homeland Security discharged from further consideration. H.R. 3619 referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

REPORTED BILL SEQUENTIALLY REFERRED

Under clause 2 of rule XII, bills and reports were delivered to the Clerk for printing, and bills referred as follows:

Mr. OBERSTAR: Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. H.R. 3619. A bill to authorize appropriations for the Coast Guard for fiscal year 2010, and for other purposes; with an amendment; referred to the Committee on Homeland Security for a period ending not later than October 16, 2009.

TIME LIMITATION OF REFERRED BILL

Pursuant to clause 2 of rule XII the following action was taken by the Speaker:

H.R. 2989. Referral to the Committee on Ways and Means extended for a period ending not later than November 13, 2009.

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

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

H.R. 3258: Mr. BERMAN.

H.R. 3801: Mr. ANDREWS.

H. Res. 828: Mr. WITTMAN, Mr. CONAWAY, Mr. PLATTS, Mr. WOLF, Mr. ROE of Tennessee, Mr. MICA, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Mr. BUYER, Mr. HARPER, Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, Mr. OLSON, Mr. MILLER of Florida, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. BROWN of South Carolina, Mr. WU, Mr. LAMBORN, Mr. ISSA, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. HONDA, and Mr. KINGSTON.