

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, September 21, 2012.
Hon. JOHN A. BOEHNER,
Speaker, U.S. Capitol, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on September 21, 2012 at 4:21 p.m.:

Appointments:

Public Safety Officer Medal of Valor Review Board.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

KAREN L. HAAS.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, September 24, 2012.
Hon. JOHN A. BOEHNER, Speaker,
U.S. Capitol, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on September 24, 2012 at 12:26 p.m.:

That the Senate concurs in the House amendment S. 300.

That the Senate concurs in the House amendment S. 710.

That the Senate passed S. 3311.

That the Senate passed S. 3193.

That the Senate passed S. 3341.

That the Senate passed S. 3486.

That the Senate passed S. 3625.

That the Senate passed S. 3624.

That the Senate passed S. 3315.

That the Senate passed S. 1956.

That the Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 50.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

KAREN L. HAAS,
Clerk.

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRIES

Ms. EDWARDS. Mr. Speaker, parliamentary inquiry.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentlewoman will state her inquiry.

Ms. EDWARDS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise for the purpose of a parliamentary inquiry to inquire as to whether it is not the case that during these pro forma sessions legislation may be considered by unanimous consent.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentlewoman has put forward a hypothetical upon which the Chair cannot opine.

Ms. EDWARDS. Mr. Speaker, parliamentary inquiry.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentlewoman will state her inquiry.

Ms. EDWARDS. Mr. Speaker, should it not be possible to consider legislation and to complete work on behalf of the American people including middle class tax cuts, which we all agree upon should be extended, jobs legislation, the Violence Against Women Act, the farm bill, and the fiscal cliff looming causing individuals and businesses uncertainty? For the purposes of a parliamentary inquiry, the list goes on and on.

Should it not be possible to consider legislation that the Republican leadership has decided instead to schedule only 8 days of votes between August 3 and November 13?

Should it not be possible to consider legislation given the fact that the Republican leadership has left town for 7 weeks, the earliest Congress has recessed for an election in over 50 years?

Mr. Speaker, for the purposes of a parliamentary inquiry, the American people deserve answers and they deserve action. They deserve more than simply a pro forma session and a do-nothing Congress and Republican obstructionism.

Mr. Speaker, for the purposes of a parliamentary inquiry, Democrats are committed to return to Washington to continue the work of the people, and I would ask my Republican colleagues to join us.

Mr. Speaker, is it possible for us to return to work and do the business of the people rather than this pro forma session?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Sadly, the gentlewoman has not put forward a proper parliamentary inquiry.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess for not more than 15 minutes.

Accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 10 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess.

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. LATOURETTE) at 10 o'clock and 11 minutes a.m.

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DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on September 24, 2012 at 12:26 p.m.:

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 6433.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 6431.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 6375.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 6215.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 6189.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 5512.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 4347.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 4223.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 4158.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 3556.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 2706.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 2240.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 2139.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 1791.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 1272.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

SEPTEMBER 24, 2012.

Hon. JOHN A. BOEHNER,
Speaker, U.S. Capitol, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on September 24, 2012 at 12:26 p.m.:

That the Senate passed with an amendment H.R. 915.

That the Senate passed with amendments H.R. 2606.

That the Senate passed with an amendment H.R. 4850.

That the Senate passed with amendments H.R. 2453.

That the Senate passed with amendments H.R. 2838.

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Sincerely,

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Hon. JOHN A. BOEHNER, Speaker,
U.S. Capitol, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on September 24, 2012 at 9:13 a.m.:

That the Senate passed S.J. Res. 41.

That the Senate agreed to without amendment H.J. Res. 117.

With best wishes, I am
Sincerely,

KAREN L. HAAS,
Clerk.

SENATE BILLS AND JOINT
RESOLUTION REFERRED

Bills and a joint resolution of the Senate of the following titles were taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. 3193. An act to make technical corrections to the legal description of certain land to be held in trust for the Barona Band of Mission Indians, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

S. 3311. An act to designate the United States courthouse located at 2601 2nd Avenue North, Billings, Montana, as the "James F. Battin United States Courthouse"; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

S. 3341. An act to require a quadrennial diplomacy and development review, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

S. 3486. An act to implement the provisions of the Hague Agreement and the Patent Law Treaty; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

S. 3624. An act to amend section 31311 of title 49, United States Code, to permit States to issue commercial driver's licenses to members of the Armed Forces whose duty station is located in the State; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

S.J. Res. 41. Joint resolution expressing the sense of Congress regarding the nuclear program of the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

ENROLLED BILLS AND JOINT
RESOLUTION SIGNED

Karen L. Haas, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly enrolled bills and a joint resolution of the House of

the following titles, which were thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 1272. An act to provide for the use and distribution of the funds awarded to the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, et al., by the United States Court of Federal Claims in Docket Numbers 19 and 188, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1791. An act to designate the United States courthouse under construction at 101 South United States Route 1 in Fort Pierce, Florida, as the "Alto Lee Adams, Sr., United States Courthouse".

H.R. 2139. An act to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the centennial of the establishment of Lions Clubs International.

H.R. 2240. An act to authorize the exchange of land or interest in land between Lowell National Historical Park and the city of Lowell in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2706. An act to prohibit the sale of billfish.

H.R. 3556. An act to designate the new United States courthouse in Buffalo, New York, as the "Robert H. Jackson United States Courthouse".

H.R. 4158. An act to confirm full ownership rights for certain United States astronauts to artifacts from the astronauts' space missions.

H.R. 4223. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit theft of medical products, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4347. An act to designate the United States courthouse located at 709 West 9th Street in Juneau, Alaska, as the "Robert Boochever United States Courthouse".

H.R. 5512. An act to amend title 28, United States Code, to realign divisions within two judicial districts.

H.R. 6189. An act to eliminate unnecessary reporting requirements for unfunded programs under the Office of Justice Programs.

H.R. 6215. An act to amend the Trademark Act of 1946 to correct an error in the provisions relating to remedies for dilution.

H.R. 6375. An act to authorize certain Department of Veterans Affairs major medical facility projects, to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend certain authorities of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6431. An act to provide flexibility with respect to United States support for assistance provided by international financial institutions for Burma, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6433. An act to make corrections with respect to Food and Drug Administration user fees.

H.J. Res. 117. Joint resolution making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2013, and for other purposes.

SENATE ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The Speaker announced his signature to enrolled bills of the Senate of the following titles:

S. 300. An act to prevent abuse of Government charge cards.

S. 70. An act to amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to direct the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to establish a hazardous waste electronic manifest system.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 3(b) of House Resolution 788, the House stands adjourned until 11 a.m. on Friday, September 28, 2012.

Accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 14 minutes a.m.), the House adjourned until Friday, September 28, 2012, at 11 a.m.

EXPENDITURE REPORTS CONCERNING OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL

Reports concerning the foreign currencies and U.S. dollars utilized for Official Foreign Travel during the third quarter of 2012 pursuant to Public Law 95-384 are as follows:

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, JENNIFER M. STEWART, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN AUG. 13 AND AUG. 17, 2012

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
Jennifer M. Stewart	8/14	8/15	United Arab Emirates .....	.....	338.00	.....	9,713.00	.....	.....	.....	10,051.00
	8/15	8/16	Afghanistan .....	.....	56.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	56.00
Committee total .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10,107.00

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. JOHN A. BOEHNER, Sept. 7, 2012.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, DELEGATION TO HAITI, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED ON AUG. 14, 2012

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. Eric Cantor	8/14	8/14	Haiti .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Kristi Way	8/14	8/14	Haiti .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Committee total .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

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. ERIC CANTOR, Sept. 14, 2012.