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Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, December 10, 2012, at 2 p.m.

House of Representatives

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2012

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

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
December 7, 2012.

I hereby appoint the Honorable ANDY HARRIS to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

JOHN A. BOEHNER,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer:
Gracious God, we give You thanks for giving us another day.

You have blessed us with all good gifts, and with thankful hearts we express our gratitude. You have created us with opportunities to serve other people in their need, to share together in respect and affection, and to be faithful in the responsibilities we have been given.

In this moment of prayer, please grant to the Members of this people's House the gifts of wisdom and discernment that, in their words and actions, they will do justice, love with mercy, and walk humbly with You.

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

THE JOURNAL

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

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, December 6, 2012.

Hon. JOHN A. BOEHNER,
The Speaker, 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 December 6, 2012 at 9:42 a.m.:

That the Senate passed S. 1947.

That the Senate passed S. 3254.

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, December 6, 2012.

Hon. JOHN A. BOEHNER,
The Speaker, 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 December 6, 2012 at 5:22 p.m.:

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 6582.

That the Senate passed S. 3666.

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, December 6, 2012.

Hon. JOHN A. BOEHNER,
The Speaker, 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 December 6, 2012 at 3:46 p.m.:

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

Matter set in this typeface indicates words inserted or appended, rather than spoken, by a Member of the House on the floor.



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That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 6634.

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, December 6, 2012.

Hon. JOHN A. BOEHNER,
The Speaker, 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 December 6, 2012 at 12:42 p.m.:

That the Senate passed with an amendment H.R. 4310.

That the Senate requests a conference with the House and appoints conferees.

That the Senate passed S. 3331.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 6156.

With best wishes, I am
Sincerely,

KAREN L. HAAS.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 4 of rule I, the following enrolled bills were signed by the Speaker on Thursday, December 6, 2012:

H.R. 6634, to change the effective date for the Internet publication of certain financial disclosure forms;

S. 2367, to strike the word "lunatic" from Federal law, and for other purposes;

S. 3486, to implement the provisions of the Hague Agreement and the Patent Law Treaty.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. KLINE (at the request of Mr. CANTOR) for December 4 and 5 on account of the passing of his mother, Litta Kline.

SENATE BILLS REFERRED

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

S. 1947. An act to prohibit attendance of an animal fighting venture, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture; in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary 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.

S. 3331. An act to provide for universal intercountry adoption accreditation standards, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

S. 3666. An act to amend the Animal Welfare Act to modify the definition of "exhibitor"; to the Committee on Agriculture.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Karen L. Haas, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly enrolled a bill of the House of the following title, which was thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 6634. An act to change the effective date for the Internet publication of certain financial disclosure forms.

SENATE ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

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

S. 2367. An act to strike the word "lunatic" from Federal law, and for other purposes.

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

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the House stands adjourned until noon on Tuesday, December 11, 2012, for morning-hour debate.

There was no objection.

Accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 5 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Tuesday, December 11, 2012, at noon.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

8629. A letter from the Acting Principal Deputy, Department of Defense, transmitting a letter on the approved retirement of Vice Admiral David J. Venlet, United States Navy, and his advancement to the grade of vice admiral on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

8630. A letter from the Acting Principal Deputy, Department of Defense, transmitting a letter on the approved retirement of Vice Admiral John T. Blake, United States Navy, and his advancement to the grade of vice admiral on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

8631. A letter from the Chairman and President, Export-Import Bank, transmitting a report on transactions involving U.S. exports to United Arab Emirates pursuant to Section 2(b)(3) of the Export-Import Bank Act of 1945, as amended; to the Committee on Financial Services.

8632. A letter from the Chairman and President, Export-Import Bank, transmitting a report on transactions involving U.S. exports to South Korea and China pursuant to Section 2(b)(3) of the Export-Import Bank Act of 1945, as amended; to the Committee on Financial Services.

8633. A letter from the Acting Chairman, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting a report entitled, "Merger Decisions 2011", in accordance with Section 18(c)(9) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act; to the Committee on Financial Services.

8634. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel Regulatory Affairs, Consumer Product Safety Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Safety Standard for Infant Swings [CPSC Docket No.: CPSC-2012-0011] (RIN: 3041-AC90) received November 26, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

8635. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, trans-

mitting the fourth annual report on the Prevention and Reduction of Underage Drinking; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

8636. A letter from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting report prepared by the Department of State concerning international agreements other than treaties entered into by the United States to be transmitted to the Congress within the sixty-day period specified in the Case-Zablocki Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

8637. A letter from the Chairman, Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission, transmitting the Commission's Performance and Accountability Report for Fiscal Year 2012; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

8638. A letter from the Administrator, Agency for International Development, transmitting the semiannual report on the activities of the Office of Inspector General for the period April 1, 2012, through September 30, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 5(b); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

8639. A letter from the Director of Management, Commission on Civil Rights, transmitting the Commission's Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2012; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

8640. A letter from the Chief Executive Officer, Corporation for National and Community Service, transmitting the Inspector General's semiannual report to Congress for the reporting period April 1, 2012 through September 30, 2012; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

8641. A letter from the Chairman, Defense Nuclear Safety Board, transmitting the Board's Performance and Accountability Report for Fiscal Year 2012; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

8642. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Inspector General's semiannual report to Congress for the reporting period ending September 30, 2012; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

8643. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Energy, transmitting the Department's Fiscal Year 2012 Agency Financial Report; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

8644. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Labor, transmitting the Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period April 1, 2012 through September 30, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act), section 5(b); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

8645. A letter from the Chairman, Federal Trade Commission, transmitting the Commission's Performance and Accountability Report for Fiscal Year 2012; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

8646. A letter from the Chief, Branch of Permits and Regulations, Division of Migratory Bird Management, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — Migratory Bird Permits; Delegating Falconry Permitting Authority to Seven States [FWS-HQ-MB-2012-0084; 91200-1231-9BPP] (RIN: 1018-AZ16) received November 29, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

8647. A letter from the Chief, Branch of Listing, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Designation of Critical Habitat for the Southern Selkirk Mountains Population of Woodland Caribou [Docket No.: FWS-R1-ES-2011-0096] (RIN: 1018-AX38) received November 29, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C.