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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 19, 2013.

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

Reverend Andrew Walton, Capitol Hill Presbyterian Church, Washington, D.C., offered the following prayer:

In the name, spirit, and way of all faith traditions of our Nation and world, we pray that the light, peace, hope, compassion, and joy of the season may be ours today.

As the Members and staff of this Congress complete their work at hand and return to communities and families for rest, respite, and celebration, may their lives be enriched and renewed. May those who stay behind to keep the embers of government aglow also be

blessed with slower pace and lighter workload.

May the many people of our land for whom holidays are not so merry or bright be comforted in loss, healed in sickness, and sustained in their needs through the compassion, generosity, and love of fellow brothers and sisters guided by divine spirit.

May grace and blessings be upon our Nation and the entire planet as we celebrate this season of peace and seek to serve and live that same peace each and every day.

Amen.

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CHARLES E. SCHUMER, *Chairman*.

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THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 6(a) of House Resolution 438, 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 Thornberry on Tuesday, December 17, 2013:

H.R. 3458, to treat payments by charitable organizations with respect to certain firefighters as exempt payments.

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 19, 2013.

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 December 19, 2013 at 9:28 a.m.:

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 1402.

Appointments:
Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial Commission.

Board of Visitors of the U.S. Naval Academy.

Board of Visitors of the U.S. Military Academy.

Board of Visitors of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy.

Board of Visitors of the U.S. Air Force Academy.

Board of Visitors of the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy.

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 18, 2013.

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 December 18, 2013 at 11:02 a.m.:

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 3588.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 185.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 2251.

That the Senate passed S. 1847.

That the Senate passed S. 947.

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 17, 2013.

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 December 17, 2013 at 12:17 p.m.:

Appointments:
United States-China Economic Security Review Commission.

WITH BEST WISHES, I AM

Sincerely,

KAREN L. HAAS.

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. 947. An act to ensure access to certain information for financial services industry regulators, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

S. 1847. An act to provide for the redesignation of the Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies as the Daniel K. Inouye Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies; to the Committee on Armed Services.

ENROLLED BILLS 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 pro tempore, Mr. THORNBERRY, on Tuesday, December 17, 2013:

H.R. 3458. An act to treat payments by charitable organizations with respect to certain firefighters as exempt payments.

Karen L. Haas, Clerk of the House, further reported and found truly enrolled bills of the House of the following titles, which were thereupon signed by the Speaker on Wednesday, December 18, 2013:

H.R. 185. An act to designate the United States courthouse located at 101 East Pecan Street in Sherman, Texas, as the "Paul Brown United States Courthouse".

H.R. 2251. An act to designate the United States courthouse and Federal building lo-

cated at 118 South Mill Street, in Fergus Falls, Minnesota, as the "Edward J. Devitt United States Courthouse and Federal Building".

H.R. 3588. An act to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to exempt fire hydrants from the prohibition on the use of lead pipes, fittings, fixtures, solder, and flux.

A BILL PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Karen L. Haas, Clerk of the House, reported that on December 17, 2013, she presented to the President of the United States, for his approval, the following bill:

H.R. 3458. To treat payments by charitable organizations with respect to certain firefighters as exempt payments.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 6(b) of House Resolution 438, the House stands adjourned until 10 a.m. on Monday, December 23, 2013.

Thereupon (at 11 o'clock and 5 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Monday, December 23, 2013, at 10 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

4198. A letter from the Acting Under Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting a letter regarding positions related to the rescinded 1994 Direct Ground Combat Definition and Assignment Rule; to the Committee on Armed Services.

4199. A letter from the Acting Under Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting a letter regarding positions related to the rescinded 1994 Direct Ground Combat Definition and Assignment Rule; to the Committee on Armed Services.

4200. A letter from the Deputy Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting a letter regarding the enforcement of 38 U.S.C. sections 101(3) and 101(31); to the Committee on Armed Services.

4201. A letter from the Counsel, Legal Division, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, transmitting the Bureau's final rule — Amendments to the 2013 Mortgage Rules Under the Equal Credit Opportunity Act (Regulation B), Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act (Regulation X), and the Truth in Lending Act (Regulation Z) [Docket No.: CFPB-2013-0018] (RIN: 3170-AA37) received December 11, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

4202. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation and Energy Efficiency, Department of Energy, transmitting the Department's final rule — Energy Conservation Program: Test Procedures for Electric Motors [Docket No.: EERE-2012-BT-TP-0043] (RIN: 1904-AC89) received December 17, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

4203. A letter from the Program Manager, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule — Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; Maximizing January 1, 2014 Coverage Opportunities [CMS-9945-IFC] (RIN: RIN-0938-AS17)