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House of Representatives

The House met at 1 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. MESSER).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
January 2, 2015.

I hereby appoint the Honorable LUKE MESSER 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: God of the universe, we give You thanks for giving us another day.

In the final hour of the 113th Congress, we give You thanks for Your faithfulness to our Nation. There have been many struggles, many sorrows; and yet we are still here and able to give You thanks that millions of our citizens live free.

May the work of the 113th issue forth to the benefit of our Nation and its citizens. Where the efforts of this Congress have fallen short, we ask Your forgiveness and the forgiveness of all Americans.

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

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 3(a) of House Resolution 775, 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.

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, 2014.

Hon. JOHN A. BOEHNER,
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 17, 2014 at 9:43 a.m.:

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 5771.

That the Senate passed without amendment H. Con. Res. 124.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

KAREN L. HAAS.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

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OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, December 17, 2014.

Hon. JOHN A. BOEHNER,
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 17, 2014 at 10:41 a.m.:

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 3608.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 4030.

That the Senate passed without amendment H. Con. Res. 125.

That the Senate passed S. 1800.

That the Senate passed S. 684.

Appointment: United States-China Economic Security Review Commission.

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 Speaker pro tempore HARRIS on Tuesday, December 16, 2014:

H.R. 83, making consolidated appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for other purposes;

H.R. 2591, to amend certain provisions of the FAA Modernization and Reform Act of 2012;

H.R. 5859, to impose sanctions with respect to the Russian Federation, to provide additional assistance to Ukraine, and for other purposes;

S. 2338, to reauthorize the United States Anti-Doping Agency, and for other purposes;

S. 3008, to extend temporarily the extended period of protection for members of uniformed services relating to mortgages, mortgage foreclosure, and eviction, and for other purposes.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 4 of rule I, the following enrolled bills were signed by Speaker pro tempore HARRIS on Wednesday, December 17, 2014:

H.R. 1206, to grant the Secretary of the Interior permanent authority to authorize States to issue electronic duck stamps, and for other purposes;

□ 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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H.R. 1378, to designate the United States Federal Judicial Center located at 333 West Broadway in San Diego, California, as the “John Rhoades Federal Judicial Center” and to designate the United States courthouse located at 333 West Broadway in San Diego, California, as the “James M. Carter and Judith N. Keep United States Courthouse”;

H.R. 2754, to amend the Hobby Protection Act to make unlawful the provision of assistance or support in violation of that Act, and for other purposes;

H.R. 3027, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 442 Miller Valley Road in Prescott, Arizona, as the “Barry M. Goldwater Post Office”;

H.R. 3572, to revise the boundaries of certain John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System units;

H.R. 3979, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2015 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes;

H.R. 4276, to extend and modify a pilot program on assisted living services for veterans with traumatic brain injury;

H.R. 4416, to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 161 Live Oak Street in Miami, Arizona, as the “Staff Sergeant Manuel V. Mendoza Post Office Building”;

H.R. 4651, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 601 West Baker Road in Baytown, Texas, as the “Specialist Keith Erin Grace, Jr. Memorial Post Office”;

H.R. 5050, to repeal the Act of May 31, 1918, and for other purposes;

H.R. 5185, to reauthorize the Young Women’s Breast Health Education and Awareness Requires Learning Young Act of 2009;

H.R. 5331, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 73839 Gorgonio Drive in Twentynine Palms, California, as the “Colonel M.J. ‘Mac’ Dube, USMC Post Office Building”;

H.R. 5562, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 801 West Ocean Avenue in Lompoc, California, as the “Federal Correctional Officer Scott J. Williams Memorial Post Office Building”;

H.R. 5687, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 101 East Market Street in Long Beach, California, as the “Juanita Millender-McDonald Post Office”;

H.R. 5816, to extend the authorization for the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom.

pro tempore Thornberry on Thursday, December 18, 2014:

H.R. 1068, to enact title 54, United States Code, “National Park Service and Related Programs”, as positive law;

H.R. 2901, to strengthen implementation of the Senator Paul Simon Water for the Poor Act of 2005 by improving the capacity of the United States Government to implement, leverage, and monitor and evaluate programs to provide first-time or improved access to safe drinking water, sanitation, and hygiene to the world’s poorest on an equitable and sustainable basis, and for other purposes;

H.R. 3608, to amend the Act of October 19, 1973, concerning taxable income to members of the Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians;

H.R. 4030, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 18640 NW 2nd Avenue in Miami, Florida, as the “Father Richard Marquess-Barry Post Office Building”;

H.R. 5771, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend certain expiring provisions and make technical corrections, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the tax treatment of ABLE accounts established under State programs for the care of family members with disabilities, and for other purposes.

LAYING ON THE TABLE H.R. 647

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, H.R. 647 is laid on the table. There was no objection.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Karen L. Haas, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly enrolled bills of the House of the following titles, which were thereupon signed by the Speaker pro tempore, Mr. HARRIS, on Tuesday, December 16, 2014:

H.R. 83. An act making consolidated appropriations for fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for other purposes.

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H.R. 5816. An act to extend the authorization for the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom.

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 pro tempore, Mr. THORNBERRY, on Thursday, December 18, 2014:

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The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 4 of rule I, the following enrolled bills were signed by Speaker