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Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Thursday, February 19, 2015, at 10 a.m.

House of Representatives

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2015

The House met at 2 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,
February 17, 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: Gracious God, we give You thanks for giving us another day.

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

We ask as well Your blessing upon those who are especially impacted by the severe winter weather in this city and throughout so much of our country. May those who work to address the needs of the weak and vulnerable at times like this know they do Your work.

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

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 2(a) of House Resolution 100, 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.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 2(b) of House Resolution 100, the House stands adjourned until 11 a.m. on Friday, February 20, 2015.

Thereupon (at 2 o'clock and 2 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Friday, February 20, 2015, at 11 a.m.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII,

Mr. SMITH of Washington (for himself, Mr. HECK of Washington, Mr. McDERMOTT, and Mr. KILMER) introduced a bill (H.R. 1012) to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve the provision of items and services provided to Medicare beneficiaries residing in rural areas, and for other purposes; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a pe-

riod to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY STATEMENT

Pursuant to clause 7 of rule XII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the following statements are submitted regarding the specific powers granted to Congress in the Constitution to enact the accompanying bill or joint resolution.

Mr. SMITH of Washington:

H.R. 1012.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 3 and Clause 14.

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

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

H.R. 136: Mr. DESAULNIER and Mr. AGUILAR.

H.R. 213: Mr. CARTWRIGHT, Mr. SWALWELL of California, Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York, Mr. KINZINGER of Illinois, Mr. HANNA, Ms. ESHOO, Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania, and Mr. RUSSELL.

H.R. 223: Mr. KATKO.

H.R. 248: Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio.

H.R. 281: Mr. FLORES.

H.R. 402: Mr. SHUSTER and Mr. COLLINS of New York.

H.R. 415: Mr. KILDEE and Ms. SCHAKOWSKY.

H.R. 420: Mr. WEBER of Texas and Mr. BABIN.

H.R. 426: Mr. CRAWFORD.

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

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H.R. 453: Mr. FLORES.	H.R. 699: Ms. STEFANIK and Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas.	H.R. 863: Mr. SESSIONS.
H.R. 577: Mr. HARDY, Mr. RUSSELL, and Ms. STEFANIK.	H.R. 734: Mr. SESSIONS.	H.R. 882: Mr. SWALWELL of California.
H.R. 624: Mr. SCHWEIKERT, Mr. DOGGETT, Ms. JENKINS of Kansas, and Mr. PITTS.	H.R. 746: Mr. PETERS.	H.R. 900: Mr. BYRNE.
H.R. 676: Mr. TED LIEU of California.	H.R. 775: Mr. WHITFIELD, Mr. SABLAN, Mr. PAULSEN, Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio, and Mr. LARSEN of Washington.	H.R. 928: Mrs. HARTZLER.
		H.R. 963: Ms. SCHAKOWSKY.
		H.R. 976: Mr. POE of Texas.
		H.R. 1000: Mrs. LAWRENCE.