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House of Representatives

The House met at 11:30 a.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,
May 5, 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

Reverend Anthony Craig, Diocese of Duluth, Pequot Lakes, Minnesota, offered the following prayer:

O Lord, our God, we know that You are here with us, that You see us, and that You hear us.

We thank You and praise You for this day, which is Your gift to us. You are indestructible truth, all-encompassing goodness, and perfection of all beauty. We adore You with profound reverence.

We ask pardon from our sins. We ask You to make this session fruitful in Your service. Help us to be faithful to our marriages, to our families, and to our duties in our state in life. Give us the strength of grace in our hearts so that we might radiate Your image and likeness today.

May we also one day enter our true fatherland of Heaven. There, we hope to enjoy forever the fullness of satisfied desire, eternal gladness, consummate delight, and perfect happiness through Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 4(a) of House Resolution

223, 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, May 4, 2015.

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 May 4, 2015 at 2:47 p.m.:

That the Senate passed S. 665.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

KAREN L. HAAS.

SENATE BILL REFERRED

A bill of the Senate of the following title was taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. 665. An act to encourage, enhance, and integrate Blue Alert plans throughout the United States in order to disseminate information when a law enforcement officer is seriously injured or killed in the line of duty, is missing in connection with the officer's official duties, or an imminent and credible threat that an individual intends to cause

the serious injury or death of a law enforcement officer is received, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

BILL PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Karen L. Haas, Clerk of the House, reported that on March 12, 2015, she presented to the President of the United States, for his approval, the following bill:

H.R. 1213. To make administrative and technical corrections to the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 4(b) of House Resolution 223, the House stands adjourned until 11 a.m. on Friday, May 8, 2015.

Thereupon (at 11 o'clock and 33 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Friday, May 8, 2015, at 11 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

1377. A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Importation of Apples From China [Docket No.: APHIS-2014-0003] (RIN: 0579-AD89) received April 28, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

1378. A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Importation of Papayas From Peru [Docket No.: APHIS-2012-0014] (RIN: 0579-AD68) received April 28, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

1379. A letter from the Administrator, Farm Service Agency, Regulatory Review

□ 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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Group, Office of the Secretary, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's interim rule — Conservation Compliance (RIN: 0560-AI26) received May 4, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

1380. A letter from the Chairman, Military Compensation and Retirement Modernization Commission, transmitting an addendum to the final Report of the Military Compensation and Retirement Modernization Commission; to the Committee on Armed Services.

1381. A letter from the Chairman, Nuclear Weapons Council, Department of Defense, transmitting a certification, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 179(f), that the amounts requested for the National Nuclear Security Administration in the President's budget for FY 2016, meets nuclear stockpile and stockpile stewardship program requirements for such fiscal year and over such four fiscal years; to the Committee on Armed Services.

1382. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a report on U.S. support for Taiwan's participation as an Observer at the 68th World Health Assembly and in the work of the World Health Organization, pursuant to Public Law 108-235, 1(c); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

1383. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a report to Congress on the Millennium Challenge Corporation's FY 2014 obligations and expenditures for assistance provided to each eligible country as required under the Millennium Challenge Act, Pub. L. 108-199, Sec. 613; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

1384. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a report to Congress on the status of the Government of Cuba's compliance with the United States-Cuba September 1994 "Joint Communiqué" and the treatment by the Government of Cuba of persons returned to Cuba in accordance with the United States-Cuba May 1995 "Joint Statement", together known as the Migration Accords, pursuant to Sec. 2245 of the Omnibus Consolidated and Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act of 1999, Pub. L. 105-277; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

1385. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Labor, transmitting the Department's FY 2014 annual report, pursuant to Sec. 203 of the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 (No FEAR Act), Pub. L. 107-174; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

1386. A letter from the Director, Office of Information Policy, Office of the Attorney General, Department of Justice, transmitting the Department's final rule — Revision of Department's Freedom of Information Act Regulations [Docket No.: OAG 140; AG Order No.: 3517-2015] (RIN: 1105-AB27) received May 4, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

1387. A letter from the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, National Park Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — Special Regulations, Areas of the National Park System, Bryce Canyon National Park, Bicycling [NPS-BRCA-17884; PA.PD191235A.00.3] (RIN: 1024-AE23) received May 1, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

1388. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's determination on a petition filed on behalf of workers employed at the St. Louis Airport Storage Site in St. Louis, Missouri to be added to the Spe-

cial Exposure Cohort, pursuant to the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act of 2000 and 42 C.F.R. pt. 83; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

1389. A letter from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting a report required by the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978, as amended, 50 U.S.C. 1801 et seq., and Sec. 118 of the USA PATRIOT Improvement and Reauthorization Act of 2005, Pub. L. 109-177 (2006), providing information regarding all applications made by the Government during calendar year 2014 for authority to conduct electronic surveillance for foreign intelligence purposes under the Act; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

1390. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Employment and Training Administration, Wage and Hour Division, Department of Labor, transmitting the Department's final rule — Wage Methodology for the Temporary Non-Agricultural Employment H-2B Program [Docket No.: ETA-2013-0003] (RIN: 1205-AB69) received May 1, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

1391. A letter from the Deputy Secretary, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting a draft bill to authorize \$997,600,000 for major medical facility construction projects for FY 2015, as well as to amend the Department of Veterans Affairs' Enhanced-Use Lease authority; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

1392. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting a report entitled, "Finalizing Medicare Rules under Section 902 of the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003 for Calendar Year 2014", detailing the instances in which the Department of Health and Human Services failed to publish a final Medicare rule within the timeline established for the final rule; jointly to the Committees on Ways and Means and Energy and Commerce.

1393. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting a report entitled, "Open Payments Program Report to Congress", describing the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services' program integrity Open Payments Program; jointly to the Committees on Ways and Means and Energy and Commerce.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. THORNBERRY: Committee on Armed Services. H.R. 1735. A bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes (Rept. 114-102). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions of the following titles were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. POE of Texas (for himself, Ms. LOFGREN, and Mr. MASSIE):

H.R. 2233. A bill to amend the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 to clarify

the prohibition on warrantless searching of collections of communications for United States persons, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Intelligence (Permanent Select), and 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.

By Mr. CARSON of Indiana (for himself, Mr. HASTINGS, Ms. BROWN of Florida, and Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN):

H.R. 2234. A bill to amend the Small Business Act to provide for contracting preferences and other benefits for emerging business enterprises, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business.

By Mr. CRAWFORD (for himself, Mr. ROE of Tennessee, Mr. WOMACK, and Mr. COLLINS of Georgia):

H.R. 2235. A bill to ensure the continuation of successful fisheries mitigation programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Natural Resources, 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.

By Mrs. DAVIS of California (for herself, Mr. BLUMENAUER, and Mr. DEFAZIO):

H.R. 2236. A bill to direct the Secretary of Agriculture, acting through the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, to submit to Congress, and make available to the public on the Internet, a report on the animals killed under the Wildlife Services program of the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Ms. ESTY (for herself and Mr. MCDERMOTT):

H.R. 2237. A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans to establish within the Department of Veterans Affairs a center of excellence in the prevention, diagnosis, mitigation, treatment, and rehabilitation of health conditions relating to exposure to burn pits; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, 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.

By Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania (for himself, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. MEEHAN, Mr. DEFAZIO, and Mr. MCDERMOTT):

H.R. 2238. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to remove bond requirements and extend filing periods for certain taxpayers with limited excise tax liability; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Ms. MENG (for herself, Ms. MAXINE WATERS of California, and Ms. MOORE):

H.R. 2239. A bill to amend the Export-Import Bank Act of 1945 to increase the target financing of exports by small business concerns; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. RICHMOND (for himself, Mr. JODY B. HICE of Georgia, and Mr. LABRADOR):

H.R. 2240. A bill to amend the Inspector General Act of 1978 relative to the powers of the Department of Justice Inspector General; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Mr. SIRES (for himself and Mr. DIAZ-BALART):

H.R. 2241. A bill to direct the Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development to submit to Congress a report on the development and use of global health innovations in the programs,