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## Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, May 11, 2015, at 3 p.m.

## House of Representatives

FRIDAY, MAY 8, 2015

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

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,  
May 8, 2015.

I hereby appoint the Honorable MAC THORNBERRY to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

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

### PRAYER

Reverend Dominic Langevin, OP, Dominican House of Studies, Washington, D.C., offered the following prayer:

God, our Father, order our distracted minds to Yourself. Help us to be humble, knowing that all works are worthwhile only insofar as they come from You and are oriented back to You.

Bless the work of this House. Strengthen its Members to build bonds that will last: bonds of collaboration among themselves, bonds of fraternity and opportunity in our land, bonds of peace on our planet.

May the cooperation of these elected servants free us all for virtuous excellence rather than the ease of wantonness or the doldrums of indifference.

And, loving Father, as we celebrate Mother's Day this weekend, accept our thanks for the love that You have shown us through our mothers. May we

cherish the dignity and sacrifices of those women whom You have called to bear and sustain life.

Through Jesus Christ, the 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 6, 2015.

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 mes-

sage from the Secretary of the Senate on May 6, 2015 at 9:18 a.m.:

That the Senate agreed to the Conference Report accompanying the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 11.

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, May 7, 2015.

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 May 7, 2015 at 11:50 a.m.:

That the Senate passed S. 1124.

That the Senate passed S. 125.

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:

□ 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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OFFICE OF THE CLERK,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, May 7, 2015.

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 May 7, 2015 at 4:26 p.m.:

That the Senate passed with amendments H.R. 1191.

With best wishes, I am  
Sincerely,

KAREN L. HAAS.

COMMUNICATION FROM STAFF  
MEMBER OF THE OFFICE OF THE  
18TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT  
OF ILLINOIS

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from a staff member of the Office of the 18th Congressional District of Illinois:

MAY 4, 2015.

Hon. JOHN A. BOEHNER,  
*Speaker, House of Representatives,*  
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: This is to notify you formally, pursuant to Rule VIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, that I have been served with a grand jury subpoena for testimony, issued by the U.S. District Court for the Central District of Illinois.

After consultation with counsel, I will make the determinations required by Rule VIII.

Sincerely,

MARGARITA ALMANZA.

COMMUNICATION FROM CON-  
STITUENT SERVICES SPECIALIST  
OF THE OFFICE OF THE 18TH  
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT OF  
ILLINOIS

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Constituent Services Specialist of the Office of the 18th Congressional District of Illinois:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,  
Washington, DC, April 27, 2015.

Hon. JOHN A. BOEHNER,  
*Speaker, House of Representatives,*  
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: This is to notify you formally pursuant to Rule VIII of the Rules

of the House of Representatives that I have been served with a grand jury subpoena for testimony issued by the United States District Court for the Central District of Illinois.

I have determined that compliance with the subpoena is consistent with the privileges and rights of the House.

Sincerely,

GENEVIEVE DEJEAN,  
*Constituent Services Specialist.*

COMMUNICATION FROM THE  
DEMOCRATIC LEADER

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Honorable NANCY PELOSI, Democratic Leader:

MAY 7, 2015.

Hon. JOHN BOEHNER,  
*Speaker of the House, United States Capitol,*  
Washington, DC.

DEAR SPEAKER BOEHNER: Pursuant to Section 3056 of the Carl Levin and Howard "Buck" McKeon National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015 (Public Law 113-291), I am pleased to make the following appointments to the Commission to Study the Potential Creation of a National Women's History Museum:

Ms. Emily Rafferty of New York.  
Ms. Pat Mitchell of Georgia.

Thank you for your consideration of these recommendations.

Sincerely,

NANCY PELOSI,  
*Democratic Leader.*

COMMUNICATION FROM CHAIR OF  
COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION  
AND INFRASTRUCTURE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Chair of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure; which was read and, without objection, referred to the Committee on Appropriations:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, COM-  
MITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND  
INFRASTRUCTURE,

Washington, DC, May 1, 2015.

Hon. JOHN BOEHNER,  
*Speaker of the House, House of Representatives,*  
The Capitol, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: On April 30, 2015, pursuant to section 3307 of Title 40, United States Code, the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure met in open ses-

sion to consider resolutions to authorize two prospectuses, including one construction prospectus and one alteration prospectus included in the General Services Administration's FY2014 and FY2015 Capital Investment and Leasing programs, respectively.

The Committee continues to work to cut waste and the cost of federal property and leases. The resolutions include projects that will reduce space and support consolidations into Government-owned facilities. The space reductions and consolidations will result in saving \$105 million in avoided lease costs. The projects as approved are within amounts included in the relevant appropriations bills.

I have enclosed copies of the resolutions adopted by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure on April 30, 2015.

Sincerely,

BILL SHUSTER,  
*Chairman.*

Enclosures.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

ALTERATION—CONSOLIDATION ACTIVITIES  
PROJECTS, VARIOUS BUILDINGS

*Resolved by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the U.S. House of Representatives, that pursuant to 40 U.S.C. §3307, appropriations are authorized for the reconfiguration and renovation of space within government-owned buildings during fiscal year 2015 to improve space utilization, optimize inventory, and decrease reliance on leased space at a total cost of \$70,000,000, a prospectus as amended by the FY2015 Consolidation Activities Expenditure Plan for which is attached to and included in this resolution.*

*Provided, that an Expenditure Plan for the balance of the authorized amount not reflected in the attached Expenditure Plan be submitted to the Committee prior to the expenditure of any remaining funds.*

*Provided, that consolidation projects result in reduced annual rent paid by the tenant agency over the term of any occupancy agreements.*

*Provided, that no consolidation project exceeds \$20,000,000 in costs.*

*Provided further, that preference is given to consolidation projects that achieve an office utilization rate of 130 usable square feet or less per person.*

*Provided further, that the General Services Administration shall not delegate to any other agency the authority granted by this resolution.*