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House of Representatives

The House met at 3 p.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,
May 26, 2015.

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

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer: Eternal God, we give You thanks for giving us another day.

We thank You once again that we can come before You and ask guidance for the men and women of this assembly. Send Your spirit of peace, honesty, and fairness during this week of constituent visits.

Bless the people of this great Nation with wisdom, knowledge, and understanding, that they might responsibly participate in our American democracy.

Please keep all who work for the people's House in good health. We thank You for their generosity, and the tremendous job so many did this past weekend so that millions of Americans could enjoy a wonderful Capitol concert celebrating Memorial Day.

Bless us this day and every day. May all that is done be for Your greater honor and glory.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 5(a) of House Resolution

273, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. AMASH) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. AMASH 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 22, 2015.

Hon. JOHN A. BOEHNER,
The 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 22, 2015 at 5:15 p.m.:

That the Senate passed S. 1463.
That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 2496.

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 26, 2015.

Hon. JOHN A. BOEHNER,
The 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 26, 2015 at 9:54 a.m.:

That the Senate passed S. 802.
That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 2353.

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 bill was signed by Speaker pro tempore MESSER on Friday, May 22, 2015:

H.R. 2496, to extend the authorization for the replacement of the existing Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Denver, Colorado, to make certain improvements in the Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014, and for other purposes.

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. 1463. An act to amend the Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014 to modify the distance requirement for expanded availability of hospital care and medical services for veterans through the use of agreements with non-Department of Veterans Affairs entities; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs; in addition, to the Committee on the Budget 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.

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

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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. MESSER, on Friday, May 22, 2015:

H.R. 2496. An act to extend the authorization for the replacement of the existing Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Denver, Colorado, to make certain improvements in the Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014, and for other purposes.

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. HARRIS, on Tuesday, May 26, 2015:

H.R. 1690. An act to designate the United States courthouse located at 700 Grant Street in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, as the "Joseph F. Weis Jr. United States Courthouse".

H.R. 2353. An act to provide an extension of Federal-aid highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund, and for other purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 5(b) of House Resolution 273, the House stands adjourned until 10 a.m. on Friday, May 29, 2015.

Thereupon, (at 3 o'clock and 5 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Friday, May 29, 2015, 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:

1587. A letter from the Under Secretary, Acquisition, Technology and Logistics, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's report on "Fiscal Year 2014 Purchases From Foreign Entities", pursuant to 41 U.S.C. 8305, Pub. Law 113-76, Sec. 8028; to the Committee on Armed Services.

1588. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Logistics and Materiel Readiness, Department of Defense, transmitting a notification that the Department will submit the report required by 10 U.S.C. 2466(d)(1) by September 2015; to the Committee on Armed Services.

1589. A letter from the Chairman and President, Export-Import Bank, transmitting a statement, pursuant to Sec. 2(b)(3) of the Export-Import Bank Act of 1945, as amended, on a transaction involving Cargolux Airlines International, S.A. of Sandweiler, Luxembourg; to the Committee on Financial Services.

1590. A letter from the Chairman and President, Export-Import Bank, transmitting a statement, pursuant to Sec. 2(b)(3) of the Export-Import Bank Act of 1945, as amended, on a transaction involving Petroleos Mexicanos of Mexico City, Mexico; to the Committee on Financial Services.

1591. A letter from the Chairman and President, Export-Import Bank, transmitting a statement, pursuant to Sec. 2(b)(3) of the Export-Import Bank Act of 1945, as amended, on a transaction involving Emirates Airlines of Dubai, United Arab Emirates; to the Committee on Financial Services.

1592. A letter from the Chairman and President, Export-Import Bank, transmitting a statement, pursuant to Sec. 2(b)(3) of the Export-Import Bank Act of 1945, as amended, on a transaction involving Comair Limited of Bonagro Park, South Africa; to the Committee on Financial Services.

1593. A letter from the Acting Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Services, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Education, transmitting the Department's final rule — Assistance to States for the Education of Children With Disabilities [Docket ID.: ED-2012-OSERS-0020] (RIN: 1820-AB65) received May 21, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

1594. A letter from the Acting Chief Administrative Law Judge, Office of Administrative Law Judges, Department of Labor, transmitting the Department's final rule — Rules of Practice and Procedure for Administrative Hearings Before the Office of Administrative Law Judges (RIN: 1290-AA26) received May 21, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

1595. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the "Fiscal Year 2012 Report on the Preventive Medicine and Public Health Training Grant and Integrative Medicine Programs", pursuant to Public Law 111-148, Sec. 10501(m)(1); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1596. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the FY 2012 "Report to Congress on the Nurse Education, Practice, Quality and Retention Program", pursuant to Secs. 831 and 831A of Title VIII of the Public Health Service Act; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1597. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Illinois; Emission Limit Infrastructure SIP Requirements for the 2008 Ozone, 2010 NO₂, and 2010 SO₂ NAAQS [EPA-R05-OAR-2011-0969; EPA-R05-OAR-2012-0991; EPA-R05-OAR-2013-0435; FRL-9927-94-Region 5] received May 20, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1598. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Maryland; Determination of Attainment of the 1997 8-Hour Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard for the Baltimore, Maryland Serious Nonattainment Area [EPA-R03-OAR-2014-0883; FRL-9928-15-Region 3] received May 20, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1599. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's direct final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Ohio; Removal of General Conformity Regulations [EPA-R05-OAR-2014-0659; FRL-9927-98-Region 5] received May 20, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1600. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's direct final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Virginia; Revisions to the Attainment Plans for the Commonwealth of Virginia Portion of the Washington, DC-MD-VA 1990 1-Hour and 1997 8-Hour Ozone Nonattainment Areas and the Maintenance Plan for the

Fredericksburg 1997 8-Hour Ozone Maintenance Area to Remove the Stage II Vapor Recovery Program [EPA-R03-OAR-2014-0422; FRL-9927-90-Region 3] received May 20, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1601. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; West Virginia; Permits for Construction and Major Modification of Major Stationary Sources Which Cause or Contribute to Nonattainment Areas [EPA-R03-OAR-2014-0792; FRL-9928-02-Region 3] received May 20, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1602. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; State of Colorado; Regional Haze State Implementation Plan [EPA-R08-OAR-2011-0770; FRL-9928-16-Region 8] received May 20, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1603. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's direct final rule — Approval of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Ohio; Cleveland and Delta; Determination of Attainment for the 2008 Lead Standard [EPA-R05-OAR-2015-0192; FRL-9927-96-Region 5] received May 20, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1604. A letter from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Amendment of Sec. 73.622(i), Post-Transition Table of DTV Allotments, Television Broadcast Stations (Bend, Oregon) [MB Docket No.: 15-88] [RM-11747] received May 21, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1605. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting the termination of the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13617 of June 25, 2012, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1703(b); (H. Doc. No. 114—41); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed.

1606. A letter from the Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — General Services Administration Acquisition Regulation (GSAR); Unique Item Identification (UID) [GSAR Change 63; GSAR Case 2014-G504; Docket No.: 2015-0003; Sequence No. 1] (RIN: 3090-AJ53) received May 21, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

1607. A letter from the Inspector General, U.S. House of Representatives, transmitting the "United States House of Representatives Financial Audit Report" for the fiscal year ending on September 30, 2014; to the Committee on House Administration.

1608. A letter from the Branch Chief, Endangered Species Listing, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Threatened Species Status for Dakota Skipper and Endangered Species Status for Poweshiek Skipperling [Docket No.: FWS-R3-ES-2013-0043; 4500030113] (RIN: 1018-AY01) received May 21, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

1609. A letter from the Chief, Branch of Permits and Regulations, Division of Migratory Bird Management, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior,