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Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Sunday, May 31, 2015, at 4 p.m.

House of Representatives

FRIDAY, MAY 29, 2015

The House met at 10 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 29, 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: Eternal God, we give You thanks for giving us another day.

We ask Your blessing upon the men and women of this, the people's House, during their time away from the Capitol. Keep them aware of Your presence as they face the tasks of this day, that no burden be too heavy, no duty too difficult, and no work too wearisome.

Make this a glorious day in which all are glad to be alive, eager to work, and ready to serve You, our great Nation, and all our fellow brothers and sisters.

May all that is done this day be done 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 Kentucky (Mr. MASSIE) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. MASSIE 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 5(b) of House Resolution 273, the House stands adjourned until noon, Monday, June 1, 2015, for morning-hour debate and 2 p.m. for legislative business.

Thereupon (at 10 o'clock and 3 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Monday, June 1, 2015, at noon for morning-hour debate.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

1616. A letter from the Acting Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, OUSD (AT&L) DPAP/DARS, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Multiyear Contracts-Statutory References and Cancellation Ceiling

Threshold (DFARS Case 2014-D019) (RIN: 0750-AI37) received May 26, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Armed Services.

1617. A letter from the Acting Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, OUSD (AT&L) DPAP/DARS, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Advancing Small Business Growth (DFARS Case 2014-D009) (RIN: 0750-A142) received May 26, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Armed Services.

1618. A letter from the General Counsel, Federal Housing Finance Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Federal Home Loan Bank Community Support Program — Administrative Amendments (RIN: 2590-AA38) received May 26, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

1619. A letter from the General Counsel, Federal Housing Finance Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Minimum Requirements for Appraisal Management Companies (RIN: 2590-AA61) received May 28, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

1620. A letter from the Director, Directorate of Construction, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting the Department's Major final rule — Confined Spaces in Construction [Docket ID: OSHA-2007-0026] (RIN: 1218-AB47) received May 27, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

1621. A letter from the Chief, Planning and Regulatory Affairs Office, OPS, Food and Nutrition Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Professional Standards for State and Local School Nutrition Programs Personnel as Required by the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 [FNS-2011-0030] (RIN: 0584-AE19) received May 26, 2015, pursuant to 5

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U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

1622. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the eighth report to Congress entitled “Fiscal Year 2014 Annual Report on FDA Advisory Committee Vacancies and Public Disclosures”, pursuant to Sec. 712(e) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1623. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency’s final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Alaska [EPA-R10-OAR-2014-0532; FRL-9928-17-Region 10] received May 22, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1624. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency’s final rule — State Implementation Plans: Response to Petition for Rulemaking; Restatement and Update of EPA’s SSM Policy Applicable to SIPs; Findings of Substantial Inadequacy; and SIP Calls to Amend Provisions Applying to Excess Emissions During Periods of Startup, Shutdown and Malfunction [EPA-HQ-OAR-2012-0322; FRL-9924-05-OAR] (RIN: 2060-AR68) received May 22, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1625. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency’s final rule — Completion of Requirement to Promulgate Standards [EPA-HQ-OAR-2004-0505; FRL-9928-25-OAR] (RIN: 2060-AS42) received May 27, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1626. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency’s final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; New York; Infrastructure SIP for the 2008 Lead NAAQS [EPA-R02-OAR-2014-0683, FRL-9928-39-Region 2] received May 27, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1627. 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 2008 8-Hour Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard for the Baltimore, Maryland Moderate Nonattainment Area [EPA-R03-OAR-2014-0884; FRL-9928-42-Region 3] received May 27, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1628. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency’s final rule — Metconazole; Pesticide Tolerances [EPA-HQ-OPP-2014-0230; FRL-9927-11] received May 27, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1629. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency’s final rule — Mesotrione; Pesticide Tolerances [EPA-HQ-OPP-2014-0303; FRL-9927-75] received May 27, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1630. A letter from the General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission’s final rule — Coordination of the Scheduling Processes of Interstate Natural Gas Pipelines and Public Utilities [Docket No.: RM14-2-000; Order No.:

809] received May 26, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1631. A letter from the Secretary, Federal Trade Commission, transmitting the Commission’s final rules — Revisions to Rules of Practice received May 26, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1632. A letter from the Chairman, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission’s “Report to Congress on Abnormal Occurrences: Fiscal Year 2014”, pursuant to Public Law 93-438, Sec. 208 and Public Law 104-66; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1633. A letter from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Security and Incident Response, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission’s final rule — Interim Staff Guidance Emergency Planning Exemption Requests for Decommissioning Nuclear Power Plants [NSIR/DPR-ISG-02] received May 26, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1634. A letter from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Research, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission’s withdrawal of rule — Net Positive Suction Head for Emergency Core Cooling and Containment Heat Removal System Pumps [NRC-2015-0107] received May 26, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1635. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Cooperation Agency, transmitting reports for the second quarter of FY 2015, January 1, 2015–March 31, 2015, in accordance with Secs. 36(a) and 26(b) of the Arms Export Control Act, the March 24, 1979, Report by the Committee on Foreign Affairs (H. Rept. 96-70), and the July 31, 1981, Seventh Report by the Committee on Government Operations (H. Rept. 97-214); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

1636. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Commerce, transmitting a report certifying that the export of the listed item to the People’s Republic of China is not detrimental to the U.S. space launch industry, pursuant to Sec. 1512 of the Strom Thurmond National Defense Authorization Act for FY 1999 (Pub. L. 105-261), as amended by Sec. 146 of the Omnibus Consolidated and Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act for FY 1999 (Pub. L. 105-277), and the President’s September 29, 2009 delegation of authority (74 Fed. Reg. 50,913 (Oct. 2, 2009)); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

1637. A letter from the Assistant Legal Adviser, Office of Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a list of international agreements other than treaties entered into by the United States to be transmitted to Congress within sixty days in accordance with the Case-Zablocki Act, 1 U.S.C. 112b; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

1638. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting the Department’s final rule — Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Policy on Exports to the Republic of Fiji (RIN: 1400-AD77) received May 26, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

1639. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting pursuant to Sec. 401(c) of the National Emergencies Act, 50 U.S.C. 1641(c), and Sec. 204(c) of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, 50 U.S.C. 1703(c), the six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to North Korea that was declared in Executive Order 13466 of June 26, 2008; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

1640. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting pursuant

to Sec. 401(c) of the National Emergencies Act, 50 U.S.C. 1641(c), and Sec. 204(c) of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, 50 U.S.C. 1703(c), and pursuant to Executive Order 13313 of July 31, 2003, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to the Western Balkans that was declared in Executive Order 13219 of June 26, 2001; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

1641. A letter from the Assistant Director, Senior Executive Management Office, Department of Defense, transmitting a report pursuant to the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998, Pub. L. 105-277; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

1642. A letter from the Associate General Counsel for General Law, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting a report pursuant to the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998, Pub. L. 105-277; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

1643. A letter from the Attorney-Advisor, Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting a report pursuant to the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998, Pub. L. 105-277; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

1644. A letter from the President and Chief Executive Officer, Federal Home Loan Bank of Seattle, transmitting the Federal Home Loan Bank of Seattle 2014 management report, pursuant to the Chief Financial Officers Act of 1990; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

1645. A letter from the Associate Administrator for Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting the Administration’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.

1646. A letter from the Attorney-Advisor, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting a report pursuant to the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998, Pub. L. 105-277; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

1647. A letter from the Chair, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting the Commission’s semiannual report from the Office of Inspector General for the period October 1, 2014 through March 31, 2015 along with a separate Management Report containing certain required information; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

1648. A letter from the Executive Director, United States Access Board, transmitting the Board’s FY 2014 annual report, pursuant to Sec. 203(a) 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.

1649. A letter from the Chairman, United States Capitol Police Board, transmitting the Board’s 2014 Year in Review which provides a synopsis of the Board’s many short- and long-term initiatives and highlights the achievements of the Board; to the Committee on House Administration.

1650. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration’s temporary rule — Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Ocean Perch in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area [Docket No.: 131021878-4158-02] (RIN: 0648-XD921) received May 26, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

1651. A letter from the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Magnuson-Stevens Act Provisions; Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Northeast Multispecies Fishery; 2015 and 2016 Sector Operations Plans and 2015 Contracts and Allocation of Northeast Multispecies Annual Catch Entitlements [Docket No.: 140821699-5361-02] (RIN: 0648-XD461) received May 21, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

1652. A letter from the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's interim final rule — Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act Provisions; Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Northeast Groundfish Fishery; Fishing Year 2015; Recreational Management Measures [Docket No.: 150305221-5221-01] (RIN: 0648-BE82) received May 21, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

1653. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Reef Fish Fishery of the Gulf of Mexico; Red Snapper Management Measures [Docket No.: 150226189-5389-02] (RIN: 0648-BE91) received May 29, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

1654. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's temporary rule — Fisheries Off West Coast States; Coastal Pelagic Species Fisheries; Closure [Docket No.: 140417346-4575-02] (RIN: 0648-XD916) received May 29, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

1655. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, NMFS, Office of Protected Resources, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Taking and Importing Marine Mammals; Taking Marine Mammals Incidental to U.S. Marine Corps Training Exercises at Brant Island Bombing Target and Piney Island Bombing Range, USMC Cherry Point Range Complex, North Carolina [Docket No.: 131119976-5119-02] (RIN: 0648-BD79) received May 26, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

1656. A letter from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting the FY 2014 report on the activities of the Community Relations Service, pursuant to Sec. 1004 of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Pub. L. 88-352) and the Reorganization Plan No. 1 of 1966, as revised by 28 C.F.R. 0.30(b); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

1657. A letter from the Associate Administrator, Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs, General Services Administration, transmitting a report to Congress identifying the 9-1-1 capabilities of the multi-line telephone system in use by all Federal agencies in all Federal buildings and properties, pursuant to Sec. 6504 of the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1658. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program Report to Congress for FY 2010, pur-

suant to Sec. 2610(a) of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1981, as amended, and the FY 2010 Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program Home Energy Notebook; jointly to the Committees on Energy and Commerce and Education and the Workforce.

1659. A letter from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting a legislative proposal that would ensure that American Indian and Alaska Natives have access to at least one polling place in their communities to cast their ballots; jointly to the Committees on House Administration and Natural Resources.

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:

[Pursuant to Sec. 4 of H. Res. 273, the following reports were filed on May 27, 2015]

Mr. DIAZ-BALART: Committee on Appropriations. H.R. 2577. A bill making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes (Rept. 114-129). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. CULBERSON: Committee on Appropriations. H.R. 2578. A bill making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes (Rept. 114-130). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

[Submitted May 29, 2015]

Mr. CONAWAY: Committee on Agriculture. H.R. 2393. A bill to amend the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 to repeal country of origin labeling requirements with respect to beef, pork, and chicken, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 114-131). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. CONAWAY: Committee on Agriculture. H.R. 2051. A bill to amend the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 to extend the livestock mandatory price reporting requirements, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 114-132). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. CONAWAY: Committee on Agriculture. H.R. 2088. A bill to amend the United States Grain Standards Act to improve inspection services performed at export elevators at export port locations, to reauthorize certain authorities of the Secretary of Agriculture under such Act, and for other purposes (Rept. 114-133). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. CONAWAY: Committee on Agriculture. H.R. 2289. A bill to reauthorize the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, to better protect futures customers, to provide end-users with market certainty, to make basic reforms to ensure transparency and accountability at the Commission, to help farmers, ranchers, and end-users manage risks, to help keep consumer costs low, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 114-134). 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 Mrs. BLACK (for herself, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. GUTHRIE, and Mr. LOEBACK):

H.R. 2579. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve the risk adjustment under the Medicare Advantage program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, 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. BOUSTANY:

H.R. 2580. A bill to provide for a technical change to the Medicare long-term care hospital moratorium exception, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. BRADY of Texas:

H.R. 2581. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to establish a 3-year demonstration program to test the use of value-based insurance design methodologies under eligible Medicare Advantage plans, to preserve Medicare beneficiary choice under Medicare Advantage, to revise the treatment under the Medicare program of infusion drugs furnished through durable medical equipment, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, 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. BUCHANAN (for himself, Mr. RANGEL, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mrs. BLACK, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. GUTHRIE, and Mr. LOEBACK):

H.R. 2582. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve the risk adjustment under the Medicare Advantage program, to delay the authority to terminate Medicare Advantage contracts for MA plans failing to achieve minimum quality ratings, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, 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. WALDEN (for himself and Mr. KINZINGER of Illinois):

H.R. 2583. A bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to provide for greater transparency and efficiency in the procedures followed by the Federal Communications Commission, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

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.

By Mr. DIAZ-BALART:

H.R. 2577.

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

The principal constitutional authority for this legislation is clause 7 of section 9 of article I of the Constitution of the United States (the appropriation power), which states: "No Money shall be drawn from the Treasury, but in Consequence of Appropriations made by Law . . ." In addition, clause