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Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, October 5, 2015, at 4 p.m.

House of Representatives

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2015

The House met at 1 p.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,
October 2, 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 Cara Spaccarelli, Christ Church, Washington, D.C. offered the following prayer:

O God, Creator of all, lover of life, inspirer of hope even amidst tremendous pain and powerful obstacles, we know that You are as tired of hearing our cries in the face of another gun tragedy as we are tired of witnessing it.

As You comfort the community of Roseburg, Oregon, may we open ourselves to change, may we confess that what we are doing is not working, and that we can do better.

Inspire us out of complacency, out of inertia, out of fear that we might work toward becoming a nation that so honors life that it will do everything in its power to protect it.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands 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, October 1, 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 October 1, 2015 at 5:11 p.m.:

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 1624.

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 bills were signed by Speaker pro tempore UPTON on Thursday, October 1, 2015:

H.R. 1020, to define STEM education to include computer science, and to support existing STEM education programs at the National Science Foundation;

H.R. 2617, to amend the Fair Minimum Wage Act of 2007 to reduce a scheduled increase in the minimum wage applicable to American Samoa.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE DEMOCRATIC LEADER

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

OCTOBER 1, 2015.

Hon. JOHN BOEHNER,
Speaker of the House,
Washington, DC.

DEAR SPEAKER BOEHNER: Pursuant to section 202(a) of the Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014 (Public Law 113-146), I am pleased to recommend the following individual to the Commission on Care.

Ms. Charlene Taylor, Elk Grove, California.

Best regards,

NANCY PELOSI,
Democratic Leader.

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

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ADJOURNMENT FROM FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2015, TO MONDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2015

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, when the House adjourns today, it shall adjourn to meet on Monday next, and the order of the House of January 6, 2015, regarding morning-hour debate shall not apply on that day.

There was no objection.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Karen L. Haas, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly enrolled bills of the House of the following titles, which were thereupon signed by the Speaker pro tempore, Mr. UPTON, on Thursday, October 1, 2015:

H.R. 1020. An act to define STEM education to include computer science, and to support existing STEM education programs at the National Science Foundation.

H.R. 2617. An act to amend the Fair Minimum Wage Act of 2007 to reduce a scheduled increase in the minimum wage applicable to American Samoa.

On Friday, October 2, 2015:

H.R. 1624. An act to amend title I of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and title XXVII of the Public Health Service Act to revise the definition of small employer.

BILLS PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Karen L. Haas, Clerk of the House, reported that on September 30, 2015, she presented to the President of the United States, for his approval, the following bills:

H.R. 719. To require the Transportation Security Administration to conform to existing Federal law and regulations regarding criminal investigator positions, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3614. To amend title 49, United States Code, to extend authorizations for the airport improvement program, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the funding and expenditure authority of the Airport and Airway Trust Fund, and for other purposes.

Karen L. Haas, Clerk of the House, further reported that on October 1, 2015, she presented to the President of the United States, for his approval, the following bills:

H.R. 1020. To define STEM education to include computer science, and to support existing STEM education programs at the National Science Foundation.

H.R. 2617. To amend the Fair Minimum Wage Act of 2007 to reduce a scheduled increase in the minimum wage applicable to American Samoa.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the House stands adjourned until 2 p.m. on Monday, October 5, 2015.

There was no objection.

Thereupon (at 1 o'clock and 4 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Monday, October 5, 2015, at 2 p.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

3016. A letter from the Acting Director, Program Development and Regulatory Analysis, Rural Utilities Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Section 306D Water Systems for Rural and Native Villages in Alaska (RIN: 0572-AC28) received October 1, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Added by Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; to the Committee on Agriculture.

3017. A letter from the Comptroller, Under Secretary of Defense, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's semi-annual Defense Cooperation Account report, period ending March 31, 2015, and semiannual Coalition Contributions: Personal Property report period ending March 31, 2015, as required by 10 U.S.C. 2608; to the Committee on Armed Services.

3018. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's report to Congress entitled "Federal Traumatic Brain Injury Program" for fiscal years 2011-2013, in accordance with 42 U.S.C. 300d-52; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

3019. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting the Department's Determination Under Sec. 506(a)(1) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 for Benin, Cameroon, Chad, Niger, and Nigeria to Support their Efforts Against Boko Haram; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

3020. A letter from the Director, External Affairs, Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board, transmitting the Board's final rule — Default Investment Fund Errors received October 1, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Added by Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

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. BROOKS of Indiana (for herself and Mr. SARBANES):

H.R. 3681. A bill to extend and expand the Medicaid emergency psychiatric demonstration project; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. GUTHRIE:

H.R. 3682. A bill to increase the competitiveness of American manufacturing by reducing regulatory and other burdens, encouraging greater innovation and investment, and developing a stronger workforce for the twenty-first century, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Natural Resources, Ways and Means, Education and the Workforce, the Judiciary, House Administration, Rules, Appropriations, Foreign Affairs, Science, Space, and Technology, and 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 Ms. MENG:

H. Res. 460. A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of the International Day of Non-Violence; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

MEMORIALS

Under clause 3 of rule XII,

140. The SPEAKER presented a memorial of the Legislature of the State of California, relative to Senate Joint Resolution 12, stating that the Legislature supports the nomination of Mitsuye Endo Tsutsumi for the Presidential Medal of Freedom; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

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 Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana:

H.R. 3681.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 3

By Mr. GUTHRIE:

H.R. 3682.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 1—The Congress shall have Power To lay and collect Taxes, Duties, Imposts and Excises, to pay the Debts and provide for the common Defense and general Welfare of the United States;

Article I, Section 8, Clause 3—To regulate Commerce with foreign Nations, and among the several States, and with the Indian Tribes;

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

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

H.R. 583: Mr. JODY B. HICE of Georgia.

H.R. 1233: Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, Mrs. COMSTOCK, and Mr. YOUNG of Iowa.

H.R. 1288: Mr. FITZPATRICK and Ms. BASS.

H.R. 1309: Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN.

H.R. 1610: Mr. FOSTER.

H.R. 1726: Mr. RICHMOND.

H.R. 1767: Mr. SHIMKUS.

H.R. 1786: Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts.

H.R. 1986: Mr. RUSSELL.

H.R. 2126: Mr. FLEMING.

H.R. 2646: Mr. FINCHER.

H.R. 2663: Mr. COFFMAN.

H.R. 2849: Ms. GABBARD.

H.R. 3225: Mr. KIND.

H.R. 3339: Mr. SMITH of New Jersey.

H.R. 3520: Ms. NORTON.

H.R. 3535: Mr. JOLLY.

H.R. 3632: Ms. NORTON.

H.R. 3666: Mr. ENGEL.

H. Res. 12: Ms. BONAMICI.

H. Res. 354: Mr. BURGESS and Mr. CHABOT.

H. Res. 429: Mr. GARAMENDI and Mr. VAN HOLLEN.

H. Res. 451: Mr. LANCE, Mr. YODER, Mr. JOLLY, Mr. BABIN, Mr. ROUZER, and Mr. WESTMORELAND.

H. Res. 458: Ms. SINEMA, Ms. BASS, Mrs. BLACKBURN, and Mrs. MCMORRIS RODGERS.