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Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2015, at 10 a.m.

House of Representatives

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2015

The House met at noon and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. ALLEN).

DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,

November 2, 2015.

I hereby appoint the Honorable RICK W. ALLEN to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

PAUL D. RYAN,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

MORNING-HOUR DEBATE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of January 6, 2015, the Chair would now recognize Members from lists submitted by the majority and minority leaders for morning-hour debate.

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 29, 2015.

Hon. PAUL D. RYAN,
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 Representa-

tives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on October 29, 2015 at 3:22 p.m.:

That the Senate passed S. 1731.

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, October 30, 2015.

Hon. PAUL D. RYAN,
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 30, 2015 at 11:57 a.m.:

That the Senate concur in the House amendment to the Senate amendment H.R. 1314.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

KAREN L. HAAS.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until 2 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 2 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

□ 1400

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker at 2 p.m.

PRAYER

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

Bless the Members of this assembly as they set upon the work of these hours, of these days. Help them to make wise decisions in a good manner and to carry their responsibilities steadily with high hopes for a better future for our great Nation.

Deepen their faith, widen their sympathies, heighten their aspirations, and give them the strength to do what ought to be done for this country.

During this time of transition in the Speaker's office, may all Members renew their hope of a productive dynamic within the House and, with Your grace, be willing to reset relationships both within and between party conferences.

May Your blessing, O God, be with them and with us all this day and every day to come, and may all we do be done for Your greater honor and glory.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

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

□ 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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Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentlewoman from North Carolina (Ms. FOXX) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. FOXX 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.

RESIGNATION FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following resignation from the House of Representatives:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, October 29, 2015.

Hon. PAUL D. RYAN,
Speaker of the House,
Washington, DC.

SPEAKER RYAN: I write to inform you that I have notified Ohio Governor John Kasich of my resignation from the U.S. House of Representatives, effective 11:59 p.m. October 31, 2015.

At this hour, my heart is full with gratitude. I wish to thank the people of Ohio's Eighth District for giving me the opportunity to serve, my staff for being the linchpins of that service, and my colleagues for honoring me with their trust by electing me their Speaker. Together, we banned earmarks, cut spending by more than \$2 trillion, made the first entitlement reforms in nearly two decades, and made it possible for kids in Washington, D.C.'s toughest neighborhoods to go to great schools. Put another way, we did the right things for the right reasons, and good things happened. It has been an honor to serve.

Sincerely,

JOHN A. BOEHNER.

(Representative John A. Boehner's resignation letter to Governor John R. Kasich will be placed in the Congressional Record of November 3, 2015 prior to adjournment.)

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. Under clause 5(d) of rule XX, the Chair announces to the House that, in light of the resignation of the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. Boehner), the whole number of the House is 434.

MIAMI WALK TO END ALZHEIMER'S

(Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to lend my support to the Miami Walk to End Alzheimer's, and I urge my fellow south Floridians to come out to Museum Park in downtown Miami this Saturday, November 7, to help advance Alzheimer's support, care, and research in our community and, indeed, across our great Nation.

Alzheimer's is a growing problem in Florida, with over half a million sen-

iors impacted. And it is not just patients who suffer. Family members and caregivers, too, often bear the brunt of this tragic and emotionally draining disease. I know this personally, having lost my mother to complications from Alzheimer's on January 28, 2011.

Please consider taking a few hours out of your weekend to benefit Alzheimer's awareness and research for south Florida's elderly and the families who support and love them.

RECOGNIZING AMERICA'S VETERANS AND MILITARY FAMILIES

(Ms. FOXX asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, next week this Nation will celebrate Veterans Day, where we rightly pay tribute to the members of our military, past and present, and honor them with the respect and gratitude they deserve. Liberty is bought and paid for by the incomprehensible generosity of these patriots.

We also honor the commitment and sacrifices of our military families by celebrating Military Family Month in November. Through deployments, separations, and moves across the country and overseas, these families inspire us as they endure the extended absence of their loved ones with grace, strength, and devotion.

America is the land of the free because we are the home of the brave. I thank our veterans for seeing the value of freedom and rising to America's defense with unfailing strength. I thank our military families for standing with our servicemembers, supporting that great bravery, and sharing in the sacrifice.

CONGRATULATIONS TO PAUL DAVIS RYAN

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, congratulations to America's new Speaker of the House, PAUL DAVIS RYAN.

I have been grateful to serve with the Speaker for a number of years, and I know he is a proven conservative. I know his positive commitment to the people of the First District of Wisconsin and every corner of our Nation, which he visited while campaigning in 2012.

I look forward to Speaker RYAN's conservative leadership, cited in the National Journal Daily as "chief Democratic villain in Washington." He was also condemned as a "budget-slashing fiend." Despite these attacks, his service will advance meaningful, conservative change for the American people, limiting government, and expanding freedom. Congress has a positive leader, as we work to promote a strong national defense of peace through strength.

The Economist identified the Speaker as a dogmatic conservative with faith in supply-side reform for growth-boosting.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and the President, by his actions, must never forget September the 11th in the global war on terrorism.

Our sympathy and prayers to the people of Russia upon the deaths of 224 persons onboard the Metrojet charter flight in Egypt.

RECOGNIZING LINDA CHMIELEWSKI

(Mr. EMMER of Minnesota asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. EMMER of Minnesota. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Linda Chmielewski from St. Cloud for receiving a 2015 Nurse of the Year award from the Minnesota March of Dimes.

Linda, who is the vice president and chief nursing officer at St. Cloud Hospital—CentraCare Health, was named a recipient of the leadership award. She has effectively overseen the hospital's nursing department and ensures that her patients receive quality care, making her fully deserving of this award.

This is not the first time that Linda has been recognized for exemplary work. In 2014, she was honored by the Women's Health Leadership Trust, again, for her leadership in the healthcare field.

Nursing is a noble profession. We have all been cared for by a nurse, so we all know they go to great lengths for their patients. Without caring individuals like Linda, our healthcare system would suffer. So it is an honor to recognize her and all nurses for their service.

Linda, thank you for your hard work and dedication to our community.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. DENHAM) 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 30, 2015.

Hon. PAUL D. RYAN,
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, I have the honor to transmit a sealed envelope received from the White House on October 30, 2015, at 3:12 p.m., and said to contain a message from the President whereby he notifies the Congress of his intention to terminate the designation of Burundi as a beneficiary sub-Saharan African country under the African Growth and Opportunity Act.

With best wishes, I am
Sincerely,

KAREN L. HAAS,
Clerk of the House.