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Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, January 11, 2016, at 2 p.m.

House of Representatives

TUESDAY, JANUARY 5, 2016

The House met at 2 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. SMITH of Nebraska).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
January 5, 2016.

I hereby appoint the Honorable ADRIAN SMITH to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

PAUL D. RYAN,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

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

We give You thanks also for the first session of the 114th Congress, and Your sustaining us with Your presence, wisdom, patience, and love. We ask that the efforts of the first session might prove fruitful in the benefits redounding to our Nation and its people.

We ask as well Your forgiveness for the smallness of actions on some occasions and the inability to work together when so many were adversely affected. We know that this is not what You wish for us, not what the American people wish for our Nation, and not what the Members of this people's House have been elected for. Lord, have mercy.

We ask Your blessing now on each Member of Congress, that they might

be their best selves in representing not only their constituents, but also the entire American citizenry. They have taken oaths to do so. Give them the strength and the wisdom to fulfill those oaths.

We thank You as well for this marvelous forum, where the important business of this Nation has been done in the past and will be done in the upcoming second session. May the work to be done be inspired by the wisdom of prophets and the love of saintly people.

May all that we do be done for Your greater honor and glory.

Amen.

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, January 5, 2016.

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

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Under clause 2(g) of rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, I herewith designate Mr. Robert Reeves, Deputy Clerk, to sign any and all papers and do all other acts for me under the name of the Clerk of the House which they would be authorized to do by virtue of this designation, except such as are provided by statute, in case of my temporary absence or disability.

This designation shall remain in effect for the 114th Congress or until modified by me. With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

KAREN L. HAAS,
Clerk of the House.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until approximately 6:30 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 2 o'clock and 3 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

□ 1830

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker at 6 o'clock and 30 minutes p.m.

CALL OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER. The Clerk will use the electronic system to ascertain the presence of a quorum.

Members will record their presence by electronic device.

The call was taken by electronic device, and the following Members responded to their names:

[Roll No. 1]

ANSWERED "PRESENT"—397

Abraham	Barletta	Bishop (MI)
Adams	Barr	Bishop (UT)
Aderholt	Barton	Black
Aguilar	Beatty	Blackburn
Allen	Benish	Blum
Amash	Bera	Blumenauer
Amodei	Beyer	Bonamici
Ashford	Bilirakis	Bost
Babin	Bishop (GA)	Boustany

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

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Boyle, Brendan F.	Fox	Lujan Grisham (NM)	Sánchez, Linda T.	Stefanik	Walker
Brady (TX)	Frankel (FL)	Luján, Ben Ray (NM)	Sanford	Stewart	Walorski
Brat	Frelinghuysen	Lummis	Sarbanes	Stivers	Walters, Mimi
Bridenstine	Gabbard	Lynch	Scalise	Swalwell (CA)	Walz
Brooks (AL)	Gallago	MacArthur	Schakowsky	Takai	Wasserman
Brooks (IN)	Garamendi	Maloney, Carolyn	Schiff	Takano	Schultz
Brown (FL)	Garrett	Marino	Schrader	Thompson (CA)	Walters, Maxine
Brownley (CA)	Gibbs	Massie	Schweikert	Thompson (MS)	Watson Coleman
Buchanan	Gibson	Matsui	Scott (VA)	Thompson (PA)	Weber (TX)
Buck	Gohmert	McCarthy	Scott, Austin	Thornberry	Welch
Bucshon	Goodlatte	McCaul	Sensenbrenner	Tiberi	Wenstrup
Burgess	Gosar	McClintock	Serrano	Tipton	Westerman
Bustos	Gowdy	McCollum	Sessions	Tonko	Westmoreland
Butterfield	Graham	McDermott	Sewell (AL)	Torres	Williams
Byrne	Granger	McGovern	Sherman	Trott	Wilson (FL)
Calvert	Graves (GA)	McHenry	Shimkus	Tsongas	Wilson (SC)
Capps	Graves (LA)	McKinley	Shuster	Turner	Wittman
Capuano	Graves (MO)	McMorris	Simpson	Upton	Womack
Cárdenas	Grayson	Rodgers	Sinema	Valadao	Woodall
Carney	Green, Al	McNerney	Sires	Van Hollen	Yarmuth
Carson (IN)	Green, Gene	McSally	Slaughter	Vargas	Yoder
Carter (GA)	Griffith	Meadows	Smith (MO)	Veasey	Yoho
Carter (TX)	Grothman	Meehan	Smith (NE)	Vela	Young (AK)
Cartwright	Guinta	Meng	Smith (NJ)	Velázquez	Young (IA)
Castor (FL)	Guthrie	Messer	Smith (TX)	Visclosky	Young (IN)
Castro (TX)	Gutiérrez	Mica	Smith (WA)	Walberg	Zeldin
Chabot	Hahn	Miller (FL)		Walden	Zinke
Chaffetz	Hanna	Moolenaar			
Chu, Judy	Hardy	Mooney (WV)			
Ciilline	Harper	Moore			
Clark (MA)	Hartzel	Moulton			
Clarke (NY)	Hastings	Mullin			
Clawson (FL)	Heck (NV)	Mulvaney			
Clay	Heck (WA)	Murphy (FL)			
Cleaver	Hensarling	Murphy (PA)			
Clyburn	Herrera Beutler	Nadler			
Coffman	Hice, Jody B.	Napolitano			
Cohen	Hill	Neal			
Collins (GA)	Himes	Neugebauer			
Collins (NY)	Holding	Newhouse			
Comstock	Honda	Noem			
Conaway	Hoyer	Nolan			
Connolly	Hudson	Norcross			
Conyers	Huelskamp	Nunes			
Cook	Huffman	O'Rourke			
Cooper	Huizenga (MI)	Olson			
Costa	Hultgren	Palazzo			
Costello (PA)	Hunter	Pallone			
Courtney	Hurd (TX)	Palmer			
Cramer	Hurt (VA)	Pascrell			
Crawford	Israel	Paulsen			
Crenshaw	Jeffries	Payne			
Crowley	Jenkins (KS)	Pearce			
Cuellar	Jenkins (WV)	Pelosi			
Culberson	Johnson (GA)	Perlmutter			
Cummings	Johnson (OH)	Perry			
Curbeo (FL)	Johnson, E. B.	Peters			
Davis (CA)	Johnson, Sam	Peterson			
Davis, Danny	Jolly	Pittenger			
Davis, Rodney	Jones	Pitts			
DeFazio	Jordan	Pocan			
DeGette	Joyce	Poe (TX)			
Delaney	Kaptur	Poliquin			
DelBene	Katko	Polis			
Denham	Keating	Pompeo			
Dent	Kelly (IL)	Posey			
DeSantis	Kelly (MS)	Price (NC)			
DeSaulnier	Kelly (PA)	Price, Tom			
DesJarlais	Kildee	Quigley			
Diaz-Balart	Kilmer	Rangel			
Dingell	King (NY)	Ratcliffe			
Doggett	Kinzing (IL)	Reed			
Dold	Kirkpatrick	Reichert			
Donovan	Kline	Renacci			
Doyle, Michael F.	Knight	Ribble			
Duckworth	Kuster	Rice (SC)			
Duffy	LaHood	Richmond			
Duncan (SC)	LaMalfa	Rigell			
Duncan (TN)	Lamborn	Roby			
Edwards	Lance	Roe (TN)			
Ellison	Langevin	Rogers (AL)			
Ellmers (NC)	Edwards	Rogers (KY)			
Emmer (MN)	Ellison	Rokita			
Engel	Latta	Rooney (FL)			
Eshoo	Lawrence	Ros-Lehtinen			
Esty	Lee	Roskam			
Farenthold	Levin	Ross			
Farr	Lewis	Rothfus			
Fattah	Lieu, Ted	Rouzer			
Fitzpatrick	LoBiondo	Royal-Allard			
Fleischmann	Loeb sack	Royce			
Fleming	Lofgren	Ruiz			
Flores	Long	Ruppersberger			
Forbes	Loudermilk	Ryan (WI)			
Fortenberry	Love	Salmon			
Foster	Lowenthal				
	Lowe				
	Lucas				
	Luetkemeyer				

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

APPOINTMENT AS MEMBERS OF COMMITTEE TO NOTIFY THE PRESIDENT, PURSUANT TO HOUSE RESOLUTION 576

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to House Resolution 576, the Chair appoints the following Members to the committee to notify the President of the United States that a quorum of the House has assembled and that the House is ready to receive any communication that he may be pleased to make:

the gentleman from California (Mr. MCCARTHY) and
the gentlewoman from California (Ms. PELOSI).

NOT VOTING—37

Bass	Kennedy	Rush
Becerra	Kind	Russell
Brady (PA)	King (IA)	Ryan (OH)
Cole	Labrador	Sanchez, Loretta
DeLauro	Larsen (WA)	Scott, David
Fincher	Lipinski	Speier
Fudge	Maloney, Sean	Stutzman
Grijalva	Marchant	Titus
Harris	Miller (MI)	Wagner
Higgins	Nugent	Webster (FL)
Hinojosa	Pingree	Whitfield
Issa	Rice (NY)	
Jackson Lee	Rohrabacher	

□ 1857

The SPEAKER. On this roll call, 397 Members have recorded their presence. A quorum is present.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the proceedings of January 4, 2016, and announces to the House his approval thereof.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Texas (Mr. POE) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. POE of Texas 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.

PROVIDING FOR A COMMITTEE TO NOTIFY THE PRESIDENT OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. MCCARTHY. Mr. Speaker, I send to the desk a privileged resolution and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 576

Resolved, That a committee of two Members be appointed by the Speaker to notify the President of the United States that a quorum of the House has assembled and that the House is ready to receive any communication that he may be pleased to make.

□ 1900

TO INFORM THE SENATE THAT A QUORUM OF THE HOUSE HAS ASSEMBLED

Mr. MCCARTHY. Mr. Speaker, I send to the desk a privileged resolution and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 577

Resolved, That the Clerk of the House inform the Senate that a quorum of the House is present and that the House is ready to proceed with business.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PROVIDING FOR THE HOUR OF MEETING OF THE HOUSE

Mr. MCCARTHY. Mr. Speaker, I send to the desk a privileged resolution and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 578

Resolved, That unless otherwise ordered, the hour of daily meeting of the House shall be 2 p.m. on Mondays; noon on Tuesdays (or 2 p.m. if no legislative business was conducted on the preceding Monday); noon on Wednesdays and Thursdays; and 9 a.m. on all other days of the week.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

MAKING IN ORDER MORNING-HOUR DEBATE

Mr. MCCARTHY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the order of the House of January 6, 2015, providing for morning-hour debate be extended for the remainder of the 114th Congress, except that House Resolution 578 shall supplant House Resolution 9.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.