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Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 26, 2016, at 10 a.m.

House of Representatives

MONDAY, JANUARY 25, 2016

The House met at 2 p.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,
January 25, 2016.

I hereby appoint the Honorable LUKE MESSER to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

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

PRAYER

Reverend Gene Hemrick, St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Washington, D.C., offered the following prayer:

Heavenly Father, in our Library of Congress, a beautiful lunette containing the words of Psalm 4 remind us of an enriching lifelong pursuit: "Wisdom is the principal thing. Therefore, get wisdom, and with all thy getting, get understanding."

In present times that are transitioning from a pre-technological age to a technological age at a torrid pace, we pray, Lord: Bless this Congress with the wisdom and understanding needed to effectively meet our post-modern challenges.

May its legacy be a nation that has blessed us and future generations with the beauty, goodness, and wholesome progress God intends for our world.

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, January 15, 2016.

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 January 15, 2016 at 11:18 a.m.:

That the Senate agreed to without amendment H. Con. Res. 107.

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, January 21, 2016.

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 January 21, 2016 at 10:50 a.m.:

That the Senate passed S. 607.

That the Senate passed S. 2422.

That the Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 28.

That the Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 29.

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 and joint resolution were signed by Speaker pro tempore MESSER on Friday, January 15, 2016:

S. 142, to require special packaging for liquid nicotine containers, and for other purposes;

S. 1115, to close out expired grants;

S. 1629, to revise certain authorities of the District of Columbia courts, the

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

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Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency for the District of Columbia, and the Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia, and for other purposes;

S.J. Res. 22, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Corps of Engineers and the Environmental Protection Agency relating to the definition of "waters of the United States" under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act.

POSTPONING FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF VETO MESSAGE ON H.R. 3762, RESTORING AMERICANS' HEALTH CARE FREEDOM RECONCILIATION ACT OF 2015

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, notwithstanding the order of the House of January 8, 2016, further consideration of the veto message and the bill (H.R. 3762) to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 2002 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2016, is postponed until the legislative day of February 2, 2016.

There was no objection.

POSTPONING FURTHER PROCEEDINGS ON H.R. 3662, IRAN TERROR FINANCE TRANSPARENCY ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, further proceedings on the question of passage of the bill (H.R. 3662) to enhance congressional oversight over the administration of sanctions against certain Iranian terrorism financiers, and for other purposes, may be postponed through the legislative day of February 2, 2016, as though under clause 8 of rule XX. Pursuant to that order, further proceedings on H.R. 3662 are postponed.

There was no objection.

COMMUNICATION FROM CHIEF OF STAFF, THE HONORABLE ANN M. KUSTER, MEMBER OF CONGRESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from Abigail Curran Horrell, Chief of Staff, the Honorable ANN M. KUSTER, Member of Congress:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
January 15, 2016.

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

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: This is to notify you formally, pursuant to Rule VIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, that I have received two subpoenas, issued by the United States District Court for the District of Connecticut, in connection with a particular civil case. One of those subpoenas purports to require that I produce certain official documents, and the other purports to require that I both produce certain official documents and appear to testify at a deposition on official matters.

After consulting with the Office of General Counsel, I will make the determinations required by Rule VIII.

Sincerely,

ABIGAIL CURRAN HORRELL,
Chief of Staff, Hon. Ann McLane Kuster.

ADJOURNMENT FROM MONDAY, JANUARY 25, 2016, TO THURSDAY, JANUARY 28, 2016

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, when the House adjourns today, it shall adjourn to meet at 2 p.m. on Thursday, January 28, 2016.

There was no objection.

SENATE BILLS REFERRED

Bills of the Senate of the following titles were taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. 607. An act to provide for a five-year extension of the Medicare rural community hospital demonstration program; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

S. 2422. An act to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out certain major medical facility projects for which appropriations are being made for fiscal year 2016; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

SENATE ENROLLED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTION SIGNED

The Speaker pro tempore, Mr. MESSER, on Friday, January 15, 2016, announced his signature to enrolled bills and a joint resolution of the Senate of the following titles:

S. 142. An act to require special packaging for liquid nicotine containers, and for other purposes.

S. 1115. An act to close out expired grants.

S. 1629. An act to revise certain authorities of the District of Columbia courts, the Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency for the District of Columbia, and the Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia, and for other purposes.

S.J. Res. 22. Joint Resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Corps of Engineers and the Environmental Protection Agency relating to the definition of "waters of the United States" under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the House stands adjourned until 2 p.m. on Thursday, January 28, 2016.

There was no objection.

Thereupon (at 2 o'clock and 6 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Thursday, January 28, 2016, 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:

4061. A letter from the Assistant to the Board, Board of Governors of the Federal Re-

serve System, transmitting the Board's Major final rule — Extensions of Credit by Federal Reserve Banks [Regulation A; Docket No.: R-1476] (RIN: 7100-AE08) received January 15, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Added by Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Financial Services.

4062. A letter from the Director, Office of Legislative Affairs, Legal, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's Major interim final rule — Margin and Capital Requirements for Covered Swap Entities (RIN: 3064-AE21) received January 15, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Added by Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Financial Services.

4063. A letter from the Director, Office of Legislative Affairs, Legal, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's Major final rule — Margin and Capital Requirements for Covered Swap Entities (RIN: 3064-AE21) received January 15, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Added by Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Financial Services.

4064. A letter from the General Counsel, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's final rule — Allocation of Assets in Single-Employer Plans; Valuation of Benefits and Assets; Expected Retirement Age received January 14, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Added by Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

4065. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation and Energy Efficiency, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy, transmitting the Department's Major final rule — Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Refrigerated Bottled or Canned Beverage Vending Machines [Docket No.: EERE-2013-BT-STD-0022] (RIN: 1904-AD00) received January 14, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Added by Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

4066. 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; Texas; Infrastructure and Interstate Transport for the 2008 Lead National Ambient Air Quality Standards [EPA-R06-OAR-2011-0864; FRL-9941-29-Region 6] received January 13, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Added by Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

4067. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Partial Approval and Disapproval of Nevada Air Plan Revisions, Clark County [EPA-R09-OAR-2015-0673; FRL-9941-13-Region 9] received January 13, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Added by Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

4068. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's direct final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Arkansas; Crittenden County Base Year Emission Inventory [EPA-R06-OAR-2015-0647; FRL-9941-21-Region 6] received January 13, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Added by Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

4069. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation