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Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 13, 2016, at 8:30 a.m.

House of Representatives

MONDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2016

The House met at 3 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. YOUNG of Iowa).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,

December 12, 2016.

I hereby appoint the Honorable DAVID YOUNG 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: Gracious and merciful God, we give You thanks for giving us another day.

In this Chamber, where the people's House gathers, we pause to offer You gratitude for the gift of this good land on which we live and for this great Nation which You have inspired in developing over so many years. Continue to inspire the American people, that through the difficulties of these days we might keep liberty and justice alive in our Nation and in the world.

During this season of holy days for so many Americans, give to us and all people a vivid sense of Your presence, that we may learn to understand each other, to respect each other, to work with each other, to live with each other, and to do good to each other. So shall we make our Nation great in goodness and good in its greatness.

May all that is done this day be for Your greater honor and glory. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 2(a) of House Resolution 944, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is 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.

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 HARRIS on Friday, December 9, 2016:

H.R. 2028, making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes;

S. 1632, to require a regional strategy to address the threat posed by Boko Haram;

S. 2974, to ensure funding for the National Human Trafficking Hotline, and for other purposes;

S. 3028, to redesignate the Olympic Wilderness as the Daniel J. Evans Wilderness;

S. 3183, to prohibit the circumvention of control measures used by Internet ticket sellers to ensure equitable consumer access to tickets for any given event, and for other purposes.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE DEMOCRATIC LEADER

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

DECEMBER 9, 2016.

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

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to section 3(b) of the Public Safety Officer Medal of Valor Act of 2001 (42 U.S.C. 15202), I am pleased to appoint Joanne Hayes-White of San Francisco, California to the Medal of Valor Review Board.

Thank you for your consideration of this appointment.

Best regards,

NANCY PELOSI,
Democratic Leader.

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:

□ 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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OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, December 9, 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 December 9, 2016, at 11:25 p.m.:

That the Senate concurs in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate H.R. 2028.

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, December 12, 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 December 12, 2016, at 9:41 a.m.:

That the Senate passed with an amendment H.R. 5602.

That the Senate passed with amendments H.R. 3842.

That the Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 183.

Appointments:

Advisory Committee on International Exchange Rate Policy.

United States-China Economic Security Review Commission.

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, December 12, 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 December 12, 2016, at 12:49 p.m.:

That the Senate passed S. 3346.

That the Senate passed S. 3021.

That the Senate passed S. 8.

That the Senate passed S. 290.

That the Senate passed S. 1831.

That the Senate passed S. 3112.

That the Senate passed S. 1168.

That the Senate passed S. 1776.

That the Senate passed S. 2852.

That the Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 57.

That the Senate agreed to without amendment H. Con. Res. 181.

That the Senate agreed to the amendment of the House S. 612.

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, December 12, 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 H of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on December 12, 2016, at 1:12 p.m.:

That the Senate concurs in House amendment to the bill S. 546.

That the Senate concurs in House amendment to the bill S. 1635.

That the Senate passed S. 2781.

That the Senate passed S. 3086.

That the Senate passed S. 3336.

That the Senate passed without amendment H. Con. Res. 179.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 6416.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 5889.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 5877.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 5798.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 5687.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 5676.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 5591.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 5356.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 5309.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 5150.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 5065.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 5015.

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, December 12, 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 December 12, 2016, at 1:48 p.m.:

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 4887.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 4618.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 3784.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 3218.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 2726.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 960.

That the Senate passed with an amendment H.R. 710.

That the Senate passed with an amendment H.R. 1150.

That the Senate passed with an amendment H.R. 4245.

That the Senate passed with an amendment H.R. 4939.

That the Senate passed with amendments H.R. 6302.

With best wishes, I am,
Sincerely,

KAREN L. HAAS.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Karen L. Haas, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly enrolled a bill of the House of the following title, which was thereupon signed by the Speaker pro tempore, Mr. HARRIS, on Friday, December 9, 2016:

H.R. 2028. An act making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes.

SENATE ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The Speaker pro tempore, Mr. HARRIS, on Friday, December 9, 2016, announced his signature to enrolled bills of the Senate of the following titles:

S. 1632. An act to require a regional strategy to address the threat posed by Boko Haram.

S. 2974. An act to ensure funding for the National Human Trafficking Hotline, and for other purposes.

S. 3028. An act to redesignate the Olympic Wilderness as the Daniel J. Evans Wilderness.

S. 3183. An act to prohibit the circumvention of control measures used by Internet ticket sellers to ensure equitable consumer access to tickets for any given event, and for other purposes.

BILLS PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Karen L. Haas, Clerk of the House, reported that on December 8, 2016, she presented to the President of the United States, for his approval, the following bill:

H.R. 34. To accelerate the discovery, development, and delivery of 21st century cures, and for other purposes.

Karen L. Haas, Clerk of the House, further reported that on December 10, 2016, she presented to the President of the United States, for his approval, the following bill:

H.R. 2028. Making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 2(b) of House Resolution 944, the House stands adjourned until 2:30 p.m. tomorrow.