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The House met at 9:30 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. MOONEY of West Virginia).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
December 29, 2017.

I hereby appoint the Honorable ALEXANDER X. MOONEY to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

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

PRAYER

Reverend Gary Studniewski, St. Peter's Catholic Church, Washington, D.C., offered the following prayer:

Almighty God and Father, as we come to the end of another year, it is fitting that this House and this country give pause to reflect on the blessings You have bestowed on our lives and on our work. We thank You for the prosperity and peace Your mercy extends.

As we conclude our service this year and anticipate the challenges of the next, we recall Your heartening words: "The faithful love of the Lord never ends. His mercies never cease. Great is His faithfulness; His mercies begin afresh each morning."

We count on Your mercies, Lord, as we look upon the task before us, to lead and govern our Nation informed by Your will and purposes, so that we may enjoy the union, the peace, and the justice that is Your intention for all peoples.

Bless all who work and assemble in this House, and bless this session with Your spirit that it may result in much good fruit and lasting peace.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 3(a) of House Resolution 670, 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.

BILLS PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Karen L. Haas, Clerk of the House, reported that on December 21, 2017, she presented to the President of the United States, for his approval, the following bills:

H.R. 1370. To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to issue Department of Homeland Security-wide guidance and develop training programs as part of the Department of Homeland Security Blue Campaign, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1. To provide for reconciliation pursuant to titles II and V of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2018.

Karen L. Haas, Clerk of the House, further reported that on December 27, 2017, she presented to the President of the United States, for his approval, the following bills:

H.R. 1927. To amend title 54, United States Code, to establish within the National Park Service the African American Civil Rights Network, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1306. To provide for the conveyance of certain Federal land in the State of Oregon, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1242. To establish the 400 Years of African-American History Commission, and for other purposes.

H.R. 560. To amend the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area Improvement

Act to provide access to certain vehicles serving residents of municipalities adjacent to the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area, and for other purposes.

H.R. 267. To redesignate the Martin Luther King, Junior, National Historic Site in the State of Georgia, and for other purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 3(b) of House Resolution 670, the House stands adjourned until noon on Tuesday, January 2, 2018.

Thereupon (at 9 o'clock and 33 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Tuesday, January 2, 2018, at noon.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

3551. A letter from the Director, Defense Pricing/Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Trade Agreements Thresholds (DFARS Case 2018-D001) [Docket: DARS-2017-0017] (RIN: 0750-AJ65) received December 21, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Armed Services.

3552. A letter from the Director, Defense Pricing/Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: New Qualifying Country-Latvia (DFARS Case 2017-D037) [Docket: DARS-2017-0020] (RIN: 0750-AJ47) received December 21, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Armed Services.

3553. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Air Plan Approval; CT; Decommissioning of State II Vapor Recovery Systems [EPA-R01-OAR-2015-0654; A-1-FRL-9966-28-Region 1] received December 8, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law

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104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

3554. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's withdrawal of direct final rule — Air Plan Approval; Florida; Stationary Sources Emissions Monitoring [EPA-R04-OAR-2017-0500; FRL-9971-72-Region 4] received December 8, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

3555. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's withdrawal of direct final rule — Air Plan Approval; Illinois; Regional Haze Progress Report [EPA-R05-OAR-2017-0082; FRL-9971-79-Region 5] received December 8, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

3556. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's withdrawal of direct final rule — Air Plan Approval; Michigan; Regional Haze Progress Report [EPA-R05-OAR-2016-0058; FRL-9971-80-Region 5] received December 8, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

3557. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's withdrawal of direct final rule — Air Plan Approval; Wisconsin; Regional Haze Progress Report [EPA-R05-OAR-2017-0157; FRL-9971-75-Region 5] received December 8, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

3558. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's withdrawal of direct final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; District of Columbia; Interstate Transport Requirements for the 2010 1-Hour Sulfur Dioxide Standard [EPA-R03-OAR-2014-0701; FRL-9971-70-Region 3] received December 8, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C.

801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

3559. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's withdrawal of direct final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Minnesota; Regional Haze Progress Report [EPA-R05-OAR-2015-0034; FRL-9971-78-Region 5] received December 8, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

3560. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Department's final rule — Amendments to Existing Validated End-User Authorization in the People's Republic of China: Lam Research Service Co., Ltd. [Docket No.: 170721693-7693-01] (RIN: 0694-AH40) received December 22, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

3561. A letter from the Executive Director, Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency, transmitting the Council's interim final rule — Privacy Act Regulations (RIN: 3219-AA00) received December 21, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

3562. A letter from the Acting Director, Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency for the District of Columbia, transmitting the District Court Services FY 2017 Agency Financial Report, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 3515(a)(1); Public Law 101-576, Sec. 303(a)(1) (as amended by Public Law 107-289, Sec. 2(a)); (116 Stat. 2049); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

3563. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting the Department's Office of Inspector General Semiannual Report to Congress for the 6-month period of April 1, 2017, through September 30, 2017, pursuant to the Inspector General Act of 1978; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

3564. A letter from the General Counsel, Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board, transmitting the Board's final rule — Blended Retirement System received December 21, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

3565. A letter from the Acting Director, United States Office of Personnel Management, transmitting the Office's Semiannual Report of the Inspector General and the Management Response for the period of April 1, 2017, to September 30, 2017, pursuant to Sec. 5 of Public Law 95-452, as amended; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

3566. A letter from the Acting Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's determination on a petition filed on behalf of workers at the Idaho National Laboratory (INL) in Scoville, Idaho, to be added to the Special Exposure Cohort (SEC), pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 7384q(c)(2); Public Law 106-398, Sec. 1 (as amended by Public Law 108-375, Sec. 3166(b)(1)); (118 Stat. 2188); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

3567. A letter from the Under Secretary, Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's report entitled, "Military Child Initiative Pilot Program Report of Activities, Fiscal Year 2017" pursuant to Sec. 233 of the Carl Levin and Howard P. "Buck" McKeon National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015; jointly to the Committees on Armed Services and Education and the Workforce.

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

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

H. Res. 671: Mr. SMITH of Texas, Mrs. NOEM, Mr. BARLETTA, Ms. STEFANIK, Mr. BRAT, and Mr. PEARCE.