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## Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Thursday, February 23, 2017, at 9 a.m.

## House of Representatives

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2017

The House met at 2:30 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. THOMAS J. ROONEY of Florida).

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,  
February 21, 2017.

I hereby appoint the Honorable THOMAS J. ROONEY to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

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

### PRAYER

Reverend Cara Spaccarelli, Christ Church Washington Parish, Washington, D.C., offered the following prayer:

God of all the nations, You have called all people to lives of service. You have called all people to lives of peace and justice.

We confess that sometimes we have cared more for lofty places than we have for places of service. We confess that sometimes we have worked more for power than for peace.

Bless now those who gather in this place. Orient them to serve one another and our country towards the work of peace and justice for all. Grant them the wisdom, the vision, and the resilience that they need. And may this place be a sign of hope that we, Your people, can work together through

many difficulties to bring about Your intentions for creation.  
Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 3(a) of House Resolution 123, 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.

### 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, February 17, 2017.

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 February 17, 2017, at 2:46 p.m.:

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 609.

That the Senate agreed to without amendment H. Con. Res. 23.

With best wishes, I am  
Sincerely,

KAREN L. HAAS.

### APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE MEXICO-UNITED STATES INTERPARLIAMENTARY GROUP

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces the Speaker's appointment, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 276h and the order of the House of January 3, 2017, of the following Members on the part of the House to the Mexico-United States Interparliamentary Group:

Ms. SÁNCHEZ, California  
Mr. GENE GREEN, Texas  
Mr. POLIS, Colorado  
Mrs. TORRES, California  
Ms. LOFGREN, California

### ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 3(b) of House Resolution 123, the House stands adjourned until 9:30 a.m. on Friday, February 24, 2017.

Thereupon (at 2 o'clock and 33 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Friday, February 24, 2017, at 9:30 a.m.

### EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

601. A letter from the Regulations Coordinator, Substance Abuse and Mental Health

□ 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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Services Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule — Confidentiality of Substance Use Disorder Patient Records; Delay of Effective Date [SAMHSA-4162-20] (RIN: 0930-AA21) received February 16, 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.

602. A letter from the Regulations Coordinator, Division of Select Agents and Toxins, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule — Possession, Use, and Transfer of Select Agents and Toxins; Biennial Review and Enhanced Biosafety Requirements; Delay of Effective Date [Docket No.: CDC-2015-0045] (RIN: 0920-AA59) received February 16, 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.

### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. CHAFFETZ: Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. H.R. 998. A bill to provide for the establishment of a process for the review of rules and sets of rules, and for other purposes (Rept. 115-14, Pt. 1). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. CHAFFETZ: Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. H.R. 1004. A bill to amend chapter 3 of title 5, United States Code, to require the publication of information relating to pending agency regulatory actions, and for other purposes (Rept. 115-15). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

#### DISCHARGE OF COMMITTEE

Pursuant to clause 2 of rule XIII, the Committee on the Judiciary discharged from further consideration. H.R. 998 referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

### PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions of the following titles were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois (for himself, Miss RICE of New York, Mr. CICILLINE, Mr. TURNER, Mr. PASCRELL, Mr. GARAMENDI, Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts, Mr. CUMMINGS, Ms. LEE, Mr. CALVERT, Mr. LANGEVIN, Mr. CONNOLLY, Mr. MULLIN, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Ms. TSONGAS, Mr. JOYCE of Ohio, Mr. SHIMKUS, Mr. SHERMAN, Mr. LARSEN of Washington, Mr. PRICE of North Carolina, Mr. RYAN of Ohio, Mr. TED LIEU of California, Mr. VEASEY, Mr. GUTHRIE, Ms. DELBENE, Mrs. DAVIS of California, Mrs. DINGELL, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Ms. ESHOO, Mr. WITTMAN, Mr. POCAN, Ms. JUDY CHU of California, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. KATKO, Mr. SWALWELL of California, Mr. POLIQUIN, Mr. KINZINGER, Mr. BOST, Mr. VALADAO, Mr. LOEBACK, Mr. MCNERNEY, Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania, Ms. LOFGREN, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. FOSTER, Mr. ROYCE of California, Mr. LIPINSKI, Mr. BRENDAN F. BOYLE of Pennsylvania, Mr. DEFazio, Mr. MURPHY

of Pennsylvania, Mr. AGUILAR, Mr. MICHAEL F. DOYLE of Pennsylvania, Ms. PINGREE, Ms. SPEIER, Mr. RUPERSBERGER, Ms. BROWNLEY of California, Mr. O'ROURKE, Ms. SANCHEZ, Mr. MCGOVERN, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Mr. RUSH, Mrs. BUSTOS, Mr. YOUNG of Iowa, Mr. BERA, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. COSTA, Mr. MASSIE, Mr. LOBIONDO, Mr. SARBANES, Mrs. BEATTY, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. NADLER, Mr. TAKANO, Mr. SIRES, Mr. HIMES, Ms. FRANKEL of Florida, and Mr. RICHMOND):

H.R. 1205. A bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to repeal the Government pension offset and windfall elimination provisions; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. MESSER (for himself, Mr. LARSEN of Washington, Mr. RYAN of Ohio, Mr. CONNOLLY, Mr. WALKER, Mr. YARMUTH, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, Miss RICE of New York, Mr. RUSH, Mr. GARAMENDI, Mr. HECK, Mr. LOWENTHAL, Mr. DELANEY, Mr. CICILLINE, Ms. JUDY CHU of California, Mr. LIPINSKI, Mr. BYRNE, Mr. LOBIONDO, Ms. STEFANK, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. KATKO, Mr. KING of New York, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. PERLMUTTER, Mr. WITTMAN, Mrs. DINGELL, Mr. CARBAJAL, Mr. MEEHAN, Mr. ISSA, Mrs. BUSTOS, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. STIVERS, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Mr. FASO, and Mr. FRANKS of Arizona):

H.R. 1206. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to include the cost of applying to an institution of higher learning as part of the benefits provided under the Post-9/11 Educational Assistance Program; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. CUELLAR:

H.R. 1207. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 306 River Street in Tilden, Texas, as the "Tilden Veterans Post Office"; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Mr. CUELLAR:

H.R. 1208. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 9155 Schaefer Road, Converse, Texas, as the "Converse Veterans Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Mr. CUELLAR:

H.R. 1209. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 901 N. Francisco Avenue, Mission, Texas, as the "Mission Veterans Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Mr. CUELLAR:

H.R. 1210. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 122 W. Goodwin Street, Pleasanton, Texas, as the "Pleasanton Veterans Post Office"; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Mr. CUELLAR:

H.R. 1211. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 400 N. Main Street, Encinal, Texas, as the "Encinal Veterans Post Office"; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Mr. HUNTER (for himself, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. GRAVES of Missouri, Mrs. BUSTOS, Mrs. DINGELL, and Mr. ROTHFUS):

H.R. 1212. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to increase certain veteran funeral benefits, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. RUSH:

H.R. 1213. A bill to require, as a condition on the receipt of Federal funds, that States

require law enforcement agencies to have in effect a policy regarding the use of body-worn cameras and dashboard cameras; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BYRNE:

H.J. Res. 83. A joint resolution disapproving the rule submitted by the Department of Labor relating to "Clarification of Employer's Continuing Obligation to Make and Maintain an Accurate Record of Each Recordable Injury and Illness"; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

### CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY STATEMENT

Pursuant to clause 7 of rule XII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the following statements are submitted regarding the specific powers granted to Congress in the Constitution to enact the accompanying bill or joint resolution.

By Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois:

H.R. 1205.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 9, Clause 7, giving Congress the authority to control the expenditures of the federal government.

By Mr. MESSER:

H.R. 1206.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I Section 8 of the Constitution of the United States.

By Mr. CUELLAR:

H.R. 1207.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 7: To establish post offices and post roads;

By Mr. CUELLAR:

H.R. 1208.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 7: To establish post offices and post road;

By Mr. CUELLAR:

H.R. 1209.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 7: To establish post offices and post road;

By Mr. CUELLAR:

H.R. 1210.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 7: To establish post offices and post road;

By Mr. CUELLAR:

H.R. 1211.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 7: To establish post offices and post road;

By Mr. HUNTER:

H.R. 1212.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8: To make all laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into execution the foregoing powers, and all other powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United States, or in any Department or Officer thereof.

By Mr. RUSH:

H.R. 1213.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 1: "The Congress shall have power to . . . provide for the . . . general welfare of the United States . . ."; and

Article I, Section 8, Clause 18: "To make all laws which shall be necessary and proper