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Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, February 27, 2017, at 12 p.m.

House of Representatives

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2017

The House met at 9:30 a.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,
February 24, 2017.

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 David Godleski, Jesuit Conference, Washington, D.C., offered the following prayer:

Gracious and loving God, look kindly on those gathered here this morning and grant to all of us a sense of zeal and enthusiasm for the work You have called us to do. We are mindful and our hearts are grateful for the many gifts You have bestowed on us, both as individuals and as a Nation, especially the gift of freedom, the gift of our abundant natural resources, and the gift of opportunities to pursue our hopes and aspirations.

We ask that You continue to bless our country and those who govern it, especially the Members of this House of Representatives. Bestow upon them true wisdom, understanding, and insight in their efforts to discern how best to serve the people of these United

States. Provide them with the strength and courage of will to promote the common good and to work for justice and peace for all people.
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.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS AS CONGRESSIONAL ADVISERS ON TRADE POLICY AND NEGOTIATIONS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces the Speaker's appointment, pursuant to section 161(a) of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2211), and the order of the House of January 3, 2017, of the following Members on the part of the House as Congressional Advisers on Trade Policy and Negotiations:

Mr. BRADY, Texas
Mr. REICHERT, Washington
Mr. NUNES, California

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE UNITED STATES SEMIQUINCENTENNIAL COMMISSION

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces the Speaker's appointment, pursuant to section 4 of the United States Semiquincentennial Commission Act of 2016, (Pub. L. 114-196), and the order of the House of January 3, 2017, of the following Members on the part of the House to the United States Semiquincentennial Commission:

Mr. MEEHAN, Pennsylvania
Mr. ADERHOLT, Alabama

And from private life:

Mr. Jim Koch, Newton, Massachusetts
Mr. Val Crofts, Milton, Wisconsin
Dr. Wilfred McClay, Norman, Oklahoma
Mrs. Lynn Young, Rockdale, Texas

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 3(b) of House Resolution 123, the House stands adjourned until noon on Monday, February 27, 2017, for morning-hour debate and 2 p.m. for legislative business.

Thereupon (at 9 o'clock and 33 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Monday, February 27, 2017, at noon for morning-hour debate.

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

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EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS,
ETC.

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

603. A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Agricultural Bioterrorism Protection Act of 2002; Biennial Review and Republication of the Select Agent and Toxin List; Amendments to the Select Agent and Toxin Regulations; Delay of Effective Date [Docket No.: APHIS-2014-0095] (RIN: 0579-AE08) received February 17, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Agriculture.

604. A letter from the Acting Under Secretary, Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics, Department of Defense, transmitting a letter stating that data reported in the Federal Procurement Data System for purchases from foreign entities in FY 2016 has been certified, the data is now being compiled to address the specific reporting requirements, and that the Department expects to submit the report in May 2017, pursuant to 41 U.S.C. 8305; Public Law 104-201, Sec. 827 (as amended by Public Law 111-350, Sec. 3); (124 Stat. 3833); to the Committee on Armed Services.

605. A letter from the Acting Under Secretary, Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics, Department of Defense, transmitting a report entitled "Strategic and Critical Materials 2017 Report on Stockpile Requirements", pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 98h-5(a); June 7, 1939, ch. 190, Sec. 14 (as amended by Public Law 102-190, Sec. 3313(b)(2)); (105 Stat. 1585); to the Committee on Armed Services.

606. A letter from the Regulations Coordinator, Health Resources and Services Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule — National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program: Revisions to the Vaccine Injury Table; Delay of Effective Date (RIN: 0906-AB01) received February 17, 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.

607. A letter from the Acting Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to persons undermining democratic processes or institutions in Zimbabwe that was declared in Executive Order 13288 of March 6, 2003, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1641(c); Public Law 94-412, Sec. 401(c); (90 Stat. 1257) and 50 U.S.C. 1703(c); Public Law 95-223, Sec. 204(c); (91 Stat. 1627); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

608. A letter from the Acting Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Venezuela that was declared in Executive Order 13692 of March 8, 2015, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1641(c); Public Law 94-412, Sec. 401(c); (90 Stat. 1257) and 50 U.S.C. 1703(c); Public Law 95-223, Sec. 204(c); (91 Stat. 1627); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

609. A letter from the Acting Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Ukraine that was declared in Executive Order 13660 of March 6, 2014, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1641(c); Public Law 94-412, Sec. 401(c); (90 Stat. 1257) and 50 U.S.C. 1703(c); Public Law 95-223, Sec. 204(c); (91 Stat. 1627); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

610. A letter from the Director, International Cooperation, Office of the Under Secretary, Acquisition, Technology and Logistics, Department of Defense, transmitting

the Department's intent to sign Project Arrangement No. 05 Between the Secretary of Defense on Behalf of the Department of Defense of the United States of America and the Minister of Defence of Australia, Transmittal No. 03-17, pursuant to Sec. 27(f) of the Arms Export Act, and Executive Order 13637; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

611. A letter from the Chief Financial Officer and Assistant Secretary for Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting a letter pursuant to the resolution of advice and consent to ratification of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on Their Destruction (Convention), pursuant to Condition 9 of the resolution and Executive Order 13346; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

612. A letter from the Executive Secretariat, Department of State, transmitting a report pursuant to Sec. 804 of the PLO Commitments Compliance Act of 1989 [Title VIII, Foreign Relations Authorization Act, FY 1990 and 1991 (Public Law 101-246)] as amended, and Secs. 603-604 (Middle East Peace Commitments Act of 2002) and 699 of the Foreign Relations Authorization Act, FY 2003 (Public Law 107-228); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

613. A letter from the Executive Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting the Department's summary of the inventories of commercial and inherently governmental activities for fiscal years 2014 and 2015, as required by the Federal Activities Inventory Reform Act of 1998 (FAIR Act) and the Office of Management and Budget, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 501 note; Public Law 105-270, Sec. 2(c)(1)(A); (112 Stat. 2382); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

614. A letter from the Chairman, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's 2016 Annual Report, pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1827(a)(2); September 21, 1950, ch. 967, Sec. 2(17)(a) (as amended by Public Law 101-73, Sec. 220(a)); (103 Stat. 263) and 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.

615. A letter from the Secretary and Treasurer, Financing Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's Statement on the System of Internal Controls and the 2016 Audited Financial Statements, 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.

616. A letter from the Secretary and Treasurer, Resolution Funding Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's Statement on the System of Internal Controls and the 2016 Audited Financial Statements, 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.

617. A letter from the Architect of the Capitol, transmitting the semiannual report of disbursements for the operations of the Architect of the Capitol for the period of July 1, 2016, through December 31, 2016, pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 1868a(a); Public Law 113-76, div. I, title I, Sec. 1301(a); (128 Stat. 428) (H. Doc. No. 115-17); to the Committee on House Administration and ordered to be printed.

618. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's temporary rule — Snapper-Grouper Fishery of the South Atlantic; 2016 Recreational Accountability Measure and Closure for South Atlantic Greater Amberjack [Docket No.: 140819686-5999-02] (RIN: 0648-XF045) received

February 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 Natural Resources.

619. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's temporary rule — Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Atlantic Herring Fishery; 2016 Management Area 1B Directed Fishery Closure [Docket No.: 130919816-4205-02] (RIN: 0648-XF044) received February 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 Natural Resources.

620. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's temporary rule — Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Atlantic Bluefish Fishery; Quota Transfers [Docket No.: 151130999-6225-01] (RIN: 0648-XE949) received February 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 Natural Resources.

621. A letter from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's temporary rule — Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Reallocation of Pacific Cod in the Central Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska [Docket No.: 150818742-6210-02] (RIN: 0648-XF103) received February 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 Natural Resources.

622. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's temporary rule — Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Re-opening of the Commercial Sector for South Atlantic Vermilion Snapper [Docket No.: 130312235-3658-02] (RIN: 0648-XF058) received February 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 Natural Resources.

623. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's temporary rule — Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; 2016 Commercial Accountability Measure and Closure for South Atlantic Gray Triggerfish; July through December Season [Docket No.: 141107936-5399-02] (RIN: 0648-XF081) received February 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 Natural Resources.

624. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's temporary rule — Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Atlantic Bluefin Tuna Fisheries [Docket No.: 150121066-5717-02] (RIN: 0648-XF067) received February 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 Natural Resources.

625. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's temporary rule — Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Summer Flounder Fishery; Quota Transfer [Docket No.: 150903814-5999-02] (RIN: 0648-XF073) received February 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 Natural Resources.