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The House met at 11 a.m., and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. HARRIS).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
May 30, 2017.

I hereby appoint the Honorable ANDY HARRIS 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: Eternal God, we give You thanks for giving us another day.

We thank You once again that we can come before You and ask guidance for the men and women of this assembly. Send Your spirit of peace, honesty, and fairness during this week of constituent visits.

Bless the people of this great Nation with wisdom, knowledge, and understanding, that they might responsibly participate in our American democracy.

Please keep all who work for the people's House in good health. We thank You for their generosity and the tremendous jobs so many did this past weekend so millions of Americans could enjoy a wonderful Capital concert celebrating Memorial Day.

Bless us this day, and every day, and may all that is done be for Your greater honor and glory.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

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

352, 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.

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:

H.R. 657. An act to amend title 5, United States Code, to extend certain protections against prohibited personnel practices, and for other purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 3(b) of House Resolution 352, the House stands adjourned until 10:30 a.m. on Friday, June 2, 2017.

Thereupon (at 11 o'clock and 3 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Friday, June 2, 2017, at 10:30 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

1460. A letter from the Director, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting a report entitled "OMB Report to the Congress on the Joint Committee Reductions for Fiscal Year 2018", pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 901(a)(7)(B); Public Law 99-177, Sec. 251(a)(7)(B) (as amended by Pub-

lic Law 114-113, Sec. 1003); (129 Stat. 3035); to the Committee on Appropriations.

1461. A letter from the Director, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting a report entitled "OMB Sequestration Preview Report to the President and Congress for Fiscal Year 2018", pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 904(c); Public Law 99-177, Sec. 254 (as amended by Public Law 112-25, Sec. 103(1)); (125 Stat. 246); to the Committee on Appropriations.

1462. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting a letter on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Frederick B. Hodges, United States Army, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 1370(c)(1); Public Law 96-513, Sec. 112 (as amended by Public Law 104-106, Sec. 502(b)); (110 Stat. 293); to the Committee on Armed Services.

1463. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 22-54, "Defending Access to Women's Health Care Services Temporary Amendment Act of 2017", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

1464. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 22-67, "Electric Company Infrastructure Improvement Financing Amendment Act of 2017", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

1465. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting the Department's semiannual report of the Office of Inspector General for the period October 1, 2016, through March 31, 2017, pursuant to Sec. 5(a) of the Inspector General Act of 1978, as amended; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

1466. A letter from the Acting Administrator, General Services Administration, transmitting the Administration's Semiannual Management Report to the Congress for the period of October 1, 2016, through March 31, 2017, pursuant to the Inspector General Act of 1978 as amended (5 U.S.C. App Sec. 5); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

1467. A letter from the Associate General Counsel for General Law, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting a notification of a federal

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nomination, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 3349(a); Public Law 105-277, 151(b); (112 Stat. 2681-614); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

1468. A letter from the Chairman, United States International Trade Commission, transmitting the Commission's Annual Performance Report for FY 2016 and Annual Performance Plan for FY 2017-18, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1115(b); Public Law 111-352, Sec. 3; (124 Stat. 3867) and 5 U.S.C. 306(a); Public Law 111-352, Sec. 2; (124 Stat. 3866); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

1469. A letter from the Acting Under Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a report to the Congress concerning the extension of the waiver authority for Belarus, pursuant to 19 U.S.C. 2432(d)(1); Public Law 93-618, Sec. 402(d)(1); (88 Stat. 2056) and 19 U.S.C. 2439(b); Public Law 93-618, Sec. 409(b); (88 Stat. 2064); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

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. LYNCH (for himself, Mr. CUMMINGS, Ms. MAXINE WATERS of California, Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. TED LIEU of California, Mr. O'HALLERAN, Mr. MCGOVERN, Ms. NORTON, Mr. CLAY, Mrs. DEMINGS, Ms. KAPTUR, Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER, Mr. CARSON of Indiana, Ms. TITUS, Ms. BROWNLEY of California, Ms. SHEA-PORTER, Mr. COOPER, Mr. RASKIN, Mr. EVANS, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. PASCRELL, Mr. DEFAZIO, Ms. JACKSON LEE, and Mr. ELLISON):

H.R. 2762. A bill to require that waivers and authorizations for certain Federal employees relating to ethics requirements are made public and submitted to the Office of Government Ethics, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. KNIGHT (for himself and Mrs. MURPHY of Florida):

H.R. 2763. A bill to amend the Small Business Act to improve the Small Business Innovation Research program and Small Business Technology Transfer program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business, and in addition to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Ms. ADAMS (for herself, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mr. PAYNE, Ms. MENG, Mr. LAWSON of Florida, Mr. TAKANO, and Ms. SHEA-PORTER):

H.R. 2764. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to establish a small business start-up tax credit for veterans; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. BILIRAKIS (for himself, Mr. RUSH, Mr. COOK, and Mr. DUNN):

H.R. 2765. A bill to provide for the issuance of a forever stamp to honor the sacrifices of the brave men and women of the Armed Forces who are still prisoner, missing, or unaccounted for, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Ms. KAPTUR (for herself, Mr. COHEN, Mr. RYAN of Ohio, Mr. NOLAN, and Mr. GRIJALVA):

H.R. 2766. A bill to require that, in cases in which the annual trade deficit between the United States and another country is \$10,000,000,000 or more for 3 consecutive years, the President take the necessary steps to create a more balanced trading relationship with that country; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mrs. MURPHY of Florida:

H.R. 2767. A bill to amend the Small Business Act to require senior procurement executives, procurement center representatives, and the Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization to assist small business concerns participating in the Small Business Innovation Research Program and the Small Business Technology Transfer Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business, and in addition to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. TIPTON:

H.R. 2768. A bill to designate certain mountain peaks in the State of Colorado as "Fowler Peak" and "Boskoff Peak"; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

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. LYNCH:

H.R. 2762.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 18

By Mr. KNIGHT:

H.R. 2763.

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

Art. I, § 8, cl. 2; Art. I, § 8, cl. 7; and Art. I, § 8, cl. 12.

By Ms. ADAMS:

H.R. 2764.

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

Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution:

The Congress shall have power to lay and collect taxes, duties, imposts and excises, to pay the debts and provide for the common defense and general welfare of the United States.

By Mr. BILIRAKIS:

H.R. 2765.

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

This bill is enacted pursuant to Article I, Section 8, Clause 1 of the Constitution of the United States and Article I, Section 8, Clause 7 of the Constitution of the United States.

By Ms. KAPTUR:

H.R. 2766.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 18:

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 of Office thereof.

By Mrs. MURPHY of Florida:

H.R. 2767.

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

Article I, Section 8 grants Congress the power to regulate commerce among the several states, and to make all laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into execution this power.

By Mr. TIPTON:

H.R. 2768.

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

Article IV, Section 3, Clause 2 (the Property Clause), which confers on Congress the power to make all needful Rules and Regulations respecting the property belonging to the United States.

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

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

H.R. 93: Ms. BARRAGÁN and Ms. LOFGREN.

H.R. 351: Ms. PINGREE, Mr. TONKO, Mr. COHEN, Ms. HANABUSA, and Mr. NOLAN.

H.R. 463: Mr. CARTWRIGHT.

H.R. 619: Mr. MOONEY of West Virginia.

H.R. 750: Mr. RASKIN.

H.R. 849: Mr. DUFFY, Mr. VEASEY, Mr. SANFORD, Mr. CARTER of Texas, and Mrs. MIMI WALTERS of California.

H.R. 952: Mr. PERLMUTTER.

H.R. 1017: Mr. LOUDERMILK.

H.R. 1141: Mr. HUFFMAN and Ms. SHEA-PORTER.

H.R. 1143: Ms. BROWNLEY of California and Mr. SCHIFF.

H.R. 1203: Mr. JOHNSON of Louisiana.

H.R. 1225: Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. BEYER, and Ms. JACKSON LEE.

H.R. 1317: Mr. JONES.

H.R. 1375: Mr. LANGEVIN.

H.R. 1698: Mr. CLAY, Mr. FRANCIS ROONEY of Florida, and Mr. NUNES.

H.R. 1704: Mr. SMUCKER.

H.R. 1752: Mr. MASSIE.

H.R. 1928: Mr. OLSON, Mr. HECK, Mr. CARSON of Indiana, Mr. MEEKS, and Ms. JACKSON LEE.

H.R. 2004: Mr. POLIQUIN.

H.R. 2029: Mr. CARTER of Texas.

H.R. 2056: Mr. HARRIS.

H.R. 2176: Mr. KEATING.

H.R. 2198: Mr. GROTHMAN, Ms. BORDALLO, and Mr. BISHOP of Georgia.

H.R. 2240: Ms. FRANKEL of Florida.

H.R. 2372: Mr. BERGMAN.

H.R. 2422: Mr. PALAZZO and Mrs. BEATTY.

H.R. 2472: Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas and Mr. DONOVAN.

H.R. 2542: Ms. SCHAKOWSKY.

H.R. 2645: Mr. RASKIN.

H.J. Res. 51: Mr. TED LIEU of California, Mr. SANFORD, and Mrs. MIMI WALTERS of California.

H. Con. Res. 8: Mr. GRAVES of Georgia.

H. Con. Res. 63: Mr. DEFAZIO, Ms. MAXINE WATERS of California, and Mrs. DEMINGS.

H. Res. 135: Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mr. POE of Texas, and Mr. COOK.

H. Res. 218: Mr. HIGGINS of New York and Mr. SUOZZI.

H. Res. 227: Ms. NORTON.

H. Res. 309: Mr. RASKIN.

H. Res. 311: Mr. SENSENBRENNER and Mr. ESPAILLAT.

H. Res. 347: Miss RICE of New York.

H. Res. 354: Mr. OLSON, Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts, Mr. CAPUANO, and Mr. COSTA.

H. Res. 370: Ms. BASS, Mr. BROWN of Maryland, Mr. TED LIEU of California, and Mr. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY of New York.