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## House of Representatives

The House met at noon and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. SIMPSON).

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,  
January 17, 2017.

I hereby appoint the Honorable MICHAEL K. SIMPSON 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.

Our Nation prepares for the ritual transfer of power, celebrated with the inauguration of our 45th President. Bless us all this week. 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 3(a) of House Resolution 40, 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 MEMBER TO BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to sections 5580 and 5581 of the revised statutes (20 U.S.C. 42-43), and the order of the House of January 3, 2017, of the following Member on the part of the House to the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution:

Ms. MATSUI, California

### APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER TO BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE JOHN F. KENNEDY CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces the Speaker's appointment, pursuant to section 2(a) of the National Cultural Center Act (20 U.S.C. 76h(a)), amended by Public Law 107-117, and the order of the House of January 3, 2017, of the following Member on the part of the House to the Board of Trustees of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts:

Mr. KENNEDY, Massachusetts

### APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO JOHN F. KENNEDY CENTENNIAL COMMISSION

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces the Speaker's appointment, pursuant to section 4(a) of the John F. Kennedy Centennial Commission Act (Public Law 114-215), and

the order of the House of January 3, 2017, of the following Members on the part of the House to the John F. Kennedy Centennial Commission:

Mr. MCCARTHY, California  
Ms. STEFANIK, New York

### REAPPOINTMENT OF INDIVIDUAL TO COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces the Speaker's reappointment, pursuant to section 2 of the Civil Rights Commission Amendments Act of 1994 (42 U.S.C. 1975), and the order of the House of January 3, 2017, of the following individual on the part of the House to the Commission on Civil Rights for a term expiring December 15, 2022:

Upon the recommendation of the minority leader:

Mr. Michael Yaki, San Francisco, California

### ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 3(b) of House Resolution 40, the House stands adjourned until 10 a.m. on Friday, January 20, 2017.

Thereupon (at 12 o'clock and 4 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Friday, January 20, 2017, at 10 a.m.

### EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

208. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's 2015 Progress Report on Understanding the Long-Term Health Effects of Living Organ Donation, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 273b, Public Law 110-144; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

209. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting a six-

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month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to transnational criminal organizations that was declared in Executive Order 13581 of July 24, 2011, 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.

210. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting a letter designating Rhonda Schnare Schmidlein as Chair of the United States International Trade Commission, pursuant to 19 U.S.C. 1330(c)(1); June 17, 1930, ch. 497, Sec. 330(c)(1) (as amended by Public Law 95-106, Sec. 1); (91 Stat. 867) (H. Doc. No. 115-7); to the Committee on Ways and Means and ordered to be printed.

211. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting notification that the national emergency with respect to Libya, that was declared in Executive Order 13566 of February 25, 2011, is to continue in effect beyond February 25, 2017, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1622(d); Public Law 94-412, Sec. 202(d); (90 Stat. 1257) (H. Doc. No. 115-8); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed.

212. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting notification that the national emergency with respect to Iran, originally declared on March 15, 1995, by Executive Order 12957 is to continue in effect beyond March 15, 2017, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1622(d); Public Law 94-412, Sec. 202(d); (90 Stat. 1257) (H. Doc. No. 115-9); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed.

213. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting notification that the national emergency regarding terrorists who threaten to disrupt the Middle East peace process, that was declared in Executive Order 12947 of January 23, 1995, is to continue in effect beyond January 23, 2017, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1622(d); Public Law 94-412, Sec. 202(d); (90 Stat. 1257) (H. Doc. No. 115-10); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed.

214. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting notification that the national emergency with respect to the situation in Venezuela that was declared in Executive Order 13692 of March 8, 2015, is to continue in effect beyond March 8, 2017, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1622(d); Public Law 94-412, Sec. 202(d); (90 Stat. 1257) (H. Doc. No. 115-11); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed.

215. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting notification that the national emergency with respect to the actions and policies of persons that undermine democratic processes and institutions in Ukraine, that was declared in Executive Order 13660 of March 6, 2014, is to continue in effect beyond March 6, 2017, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1622(d); Public Law 94-412, Sec. 202(d); (90 Stat. 1257) (H. Doc. No. 115-12); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed.

216. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting notification that the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13288 of March 6, 2003, with respect to the actions and policies of certain members of the Government of Zimbabwe and other persons to undermine Zimbabwe's democratic processes or institutions, is to continue in effect beyond March 6, 2017, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1622(d); Public Law 94-412, Sec. 202(d); (90 Stat. 1257) (H. Doc. No. 115-13); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed.

217. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting notification that the national emergency with respect to Cuba that was declared on March 1,

1996, in Proclamation 6867, as amended by Proclamation 7757 on February 26, 2004, and Proclamation 9398 on February 25, 2016, is to continue in effect beyond February 25, 2017, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1622(d); Public Law 94-412, Sec. 202(d); (90 Stat. 1257) (H. Doc. No. 115-14); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed.

218. A letter from the Administrator, General Services Administration, transmitting notification of the adjustment of 2017 mileage reimbursement rates for Federal employees who use privately owned vehicles (POVs), including privately owned automobiles, motorcycles, and airplanes, while on official travel, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 5707(b)(1)(A); Public Law 89-554 (as added by Public Law 113-291, Sec. 915(b)(1)); (128 Stat. 3476); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

219. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting the Office's Semiannual Report of the Inspector General and the Management Response for the period of April 1, 2016, through September 30, 2016, pursuant to Sec. 5, Public Law 95-452, as amended; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

220. A letter from the Chair, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting the Commission's inventories of commercial and inherently governmental activities performed for fiscal years 2014 and 2015, 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.

221. A letter from the Attorney General, Department of Justice, transmitting a decision of the United States District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania, Michael L. Keyes and Jonathan K. Yox v. Lynch, No. 1:15-cv-457, 2016 WL 3670852 (M.D. Pa. July 11, 2016), pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 530(d)(a)(1); Public Law 107-273, Sec. 202(a); (116 Stat. 1771); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

222. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting a report on the activities of the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 1315a(g); Aug. 14, 1935, ch. 531, title XI, Sec. 1115A(g) (as amended by Public Law 111-148, Sec. 3021(a)); (124 Stat. 394); jointly to the Committees on Energy and Commerce and 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. GOHMERT (for himself, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mr. BRADY of Texas, Mr. KING of Iowa, Mr. FARENTHOLD, Mr. MCCAUL, Mr. CULBERSON, Mr. YOHIO, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. SHIMKUS, Mrs. BLACK, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. FRANKS of Arizona, Mr. ADERHOLT, Mr. BURGESS, and Mr. CUELLAR):

H.R. 582. A bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to require multi-line telephone systems to have a configuration that permits users to directly initiate a call to 9-1-1 without dialing any additional digit, code, prefix, or post-fix, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mrs. BLACKBURN:

H.R. 583. A bill to direct the Federal Communications Commission to revoke certain changes to the ownership reporting requirements for noncommercial educational broadcast stations; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. DONOVAN (for himself, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. MCCAUL, and Mr. RATCLIFFE):

H.R. 584. A bill to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to enhance preparedness and response capabilities for cyber attacks, bolster the dissemination of homeland security information related to cyber threats, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security.

By Mr. ELLISON (for himself, Mr. CAPUANO, Mr. LYNCH, Mr. MEEKS, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. HECK, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. POCAN, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, and Mr. SERRANO):

H.R. 585. A bill to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to prohibit mandatory pre-dispute arbitration agreements, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. JODY B. HICE of Georgia (for himself, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. CARTER of Georgia, Mr. COLLINS of Georgia, Mr. CRAWFORD, Mr. DUNCAN of South Carolina, Mr. FARENTHOLD, Mr. FERGUSON, Mr. FRANKS of Arizona, Mr. GRAVES of Georgia, Mr. GROTHMAN, Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio, Mr. LATTA, Mr. LONG, Mr. LOUDERMILK, Mr. OLSON, Mr. ROE of Tennessee, Mr. RUSSELL, Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, and Mr. WOODALL):

H.R. 586. A bill to provide that human life shall be deemed to begin with fertilization; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. KENNEDY:

H.R. 587. A bill to amend the Federal Power Act to provide that any inaction by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission that allows a rate change to go into effect shall be treated as an order by the Commission for purposes of rehearing and court review; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. PALLONE:

H.R. 588. A bill to direct the Federal Communications Commission to conduct a study on network resiliency during times of emergency, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, 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.

## 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. GOHMERT:

H.R. 582.  
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Under Article I, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution, "The Congress shall have Power . . . to regulate Commerce . . . among the several States." Telecommunication devices, such as a multi-line telephone system (MLTS), enable the interstate transmission of voice telephony communication. Additionally, MLTS devices enter the stream of commerce as part of an economic enterprise and affect interstate commerce in that they are bought, sold and transported across state lines, and under Article I, Section 8 Congress has the authority to regulate products in