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## House of Representatives

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

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,  
August 15, 2017.

I hereby appoint the Honorable MICHAEL C. BURGESS to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

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

### PRAYER

Monsignor Stephen Rossetti, Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C., offered the following prayer:

Gracious God, it is right for us to begin this session and all of our lives recognizing You, the source of all that is just and good.

Today, may we recognize the many ways we have failed to do what is just and good.

We implore Your divine mercy for ourselves and for our Nation.

May we return to Your ways; fervently seeking to do what is just and what is good, thus acting in conformity with You.

Thank you for hearing our prayer, You who are our merciful God.  
Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 3(a) of House Resolution 481, 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.

### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 4 of rule I, the following enrolled bills were signed by Speaker pro tempore COMSTOCK on Friday, August 11, 2017:

H.R. 339, to amend Public Law 94-241 with respect to the Northern Mariana Islands;

H.R. 2288, to amend title 38, United States Code, to reform the rights and processes relating to appeals of decisions regarding claims for benefits under the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

### ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Karen L. Haas, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly enrolled bills of the House of the following titles, which were thereupon signed by the Speaker pro tempore, Mrs. COMSTOCK, on Friday, August 11, 2017:

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H.R. 2288. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to reform the rights and processes relating to appeals of decisions regarding claims for benefits under the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

### ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 3(b) of House Resolution 481, the House stands adjourned until 10 a.m. on Friday, August 18, 2017.

Thereupon (at 9 o'clock and 32 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the

House adjourned until Friday, August 18, 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:

2221. A letter from the Acting Under Secretary, Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics, Department of Defense, transmitting the 2017 Major Automated Information System (MAIS) Annual Reports, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 2445b(a); Public Law 109-364, Sec. 816(a)(1); (120 Stat. 2323); to the Committee on Armed Services.

2222. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting a letter authorizing Captain Thomas J. Moreau, United States Navy, to wear the insignia of the grade of rear admiral (lower half), pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 777(b)(3)(B); Public Law 104-106, Sec. 503(a)(1) (as added by Public Law 108-136, Sec. 509(a)(3)); (117 Stat. 1458); to the Committee on Armed Services.

2223. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting a letter authorizing Brigadier General James B. Jarrard, United States Army, to wear the insignia of the grade of major general, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 777(b)(3)(B); Public Law 104-106, Sec. 503(a)(1) (as added by Public Law 108-136, Sec. 509(a)(3)); (117 Stat. 1458); to the Committee on Armed Services.

2224. A letter from the Acting Under Secretary, Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense, transmitting a 7-Year Update on the Longitudinal Study on Traumatic Brain Injury Incurred by Members of the Armed Forces in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 1074 note; Public Law 109-364, Sec. 721(e); (120 Stat. 2295); to the Committee on Armed Services.

2225. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Air Plan Approval; Connecticut; Infrastructure Requirement for the 2010 Sulfur Dioxide National Ambient Air Quality Standard [EPA-R01-OAR-2015-0198; A-1-FRL-9965-52-Region 1] received August 1, 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.

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

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2226. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's direct final rule — Air Plan Approval; Georgia: New Source Review and Permitting Updates [EPA-R04-OAR-2017-0078; FRL-9965-60-Region 4] received August 1, 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.

2227. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Air Plan Approval; Kentucky; Infrastructure Requirements for the 2012 PM<sub>2.5</sub> National Ambient Air Quality Standard [EPA-R04-OAR-2016-0213; FRL-9965-56-Region 4] received August 1, 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.

2228. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of State Implementation Plans; Nevada; Regional Haze Progress Report [EPA-R09-OAR-2015-0316; FRL-9964-74-Region 9] received August 1, 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.

2229. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's withdrawal of direct final rule — Approval and Promulgation of State Plans for Designated Facilities and Pollutants: Colorado, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, and Wyoming; Negative Declarations [EPA-R08-OAR-2017-0171; FRL-9965-78-Region 8] received August 1, 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.

2230. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of State Plans for Designated Facilities and Pollutants: Colorado, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, and Wyoming; Negative Declarations; Correction [EPA-R08-OAR-2017-0171; FRL-9965-11-Region 8] received August 1, 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.

2231. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval of California Air Plan Revisions, San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District [EPA-R09-OAR-2017-0034; FRL-9965-26-Region 9] received August 1, 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.

2232. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Beta cyclodextrin, methyl ethers; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance [EPA-HQ-OPP-2016-0507; FRL-9963-58] received August 1, 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.

2233. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Cyclaniliprole; Pesticide Tolerances and Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance [EPA-HQ-OPP-2014-0679; FRL-9963-02] received August 1, 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.

2234. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Ethaboxam; Pesticide Tolerances [EPA-HQ-OPP-2015-0676; FRL-9961-69] received August 1, 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.

2235. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Revisions to Test Methods, Performance Specifications, and Testing Regulations for Air Emission Sources; Technical Correction [EPA-HQ-OAR-2014-0292; FRL-9965-63-OAR] received August 1, 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.

2236. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Commerce, transmitting a report certifying that the export of the listed items to the People's Republic of China is not detrimental to the U.S. space launch industry, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2778 note; Public Law 105-261, Sec. 1512 (as amended by Public Law 105-277, Sec. 146); (112 Stat. 2174); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

2237. A letter from the Acting Director, Defense Security Cooperation Agency, Department of Defense, transmitting Transmittal No. DDTC 16-55, pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

2238. A letter from the Acting Director, Defense Security Cooperation Agency, Department of Defense, transmitting Transmittal No. 17-38, pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

2239. A letter from the Acting Director, Defense Security Cooperation Agency, Department of Defense, transmitting Transmittal No. 17-30, pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

2240. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting the Office's report on Federal agencies' use of the Physicians' Comparability Allowance (PCA) program, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 5948(j); Public Law 103-114, Sec. 2(a); (107 Stat. 1116); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

2241. A letter from the Secretary, Judicial Conference of the United States, transmitting the Report of the Proceedings of the Judicial Conference of the United States for the March 2017 session; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

2242. A letter from the Acting Under Secretary, Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense, transmitting the 2016 National Security Education Program (NSEP) annual report, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1906(a); jointly to the Committees on Education and the Workforce and Intelligence (Permanent Select).

2243. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting notification of the Secretary's determination that, by reason of the statutory debt limit, the Secretary will be unable to fully invest the portion of the Civil Service Retirement and Disability Fund (CSRDF) not immediately required to pay beneficiaries, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 8348(l)(2); Public Law 89-554, Sec. 8348(l)(2) (as added by Public Law 99-509, Sec. 6002(c)); (100 Stat. 1933); jointly to the Committees on Ways and Means and Oversight and Government Reform.

## 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. HENSARLING: Committee on Financial Services. H.R. 1257. A bill to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to require the Securities Exchange Commission to refund or credit excess payments made to the Commission; with an amendment (Rept. 115-275). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. HENSARLING: Committee on Financial Services. H.R. 1558. A bill to amend the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968 to ensure community accountability for areas repetitively damaged by floods, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 115-276). 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. CROWLEY (for himself and Mr. ELLISON):

H.R. 3653. A bill to provide for MyRA accounts, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Ms. JACKSON LEE:

H.R. 3654. A bill to limit the removal of a special counsel, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SMITH of New Jersey (for himself, Mr. NORCROSS, Mr. LOBIONDO, Mr. MACARTHUR, Mr. GOTTHEIMER, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. LANCE, Mr. SIRES, Mr. PASCRELL, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN, and Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN):

H.R. 3655. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1300 Main Street in Belmar, New Jersey, as the "Dr. Walter S. McAfee Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Ms. JAYAPAL (for herself, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Mr. HASTINGS, Mr. BRENDAN F. BOYLE of Pennsylvania, Mr. COHEN, Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY, Mr. LAWSON of Florida, Mr. EVANS, Mr. DESAULNIER, Mr. PAYNE, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Mr. FOSTER, Ms. SHEA-PORTER, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mr. HUFFMAN, Mr. NADLER, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. MOULTON, Mrs. DINGELL, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. KHANNA, Mr. BEYER, Ms. PINGREE, and Mr. VARGAS):

H. Con. Res. 77. Concurrent resolution condemning fear-mongering, racism, anti-Semitism, bigotry, and violence perpetrated by hate groups; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

## 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. CROWLEY:  
H.R. 3653.