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

DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
September 11, 2017.

I hereby appoint the Honorable PAUL MITCHELL to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

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

MORNING-HOUR DEBATE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of January 3, 2017, the Chair will now recognize Members from lists submitted by the majority and minority leaders for morning-hour debate.

The Chair will alternate recognition between the parties. All time shall be equally allocated between the parties, and in no event shall debate continue beyond 1:50 p.m. Each Member, other than the majority and minority leaders and the minority whip, shall be limited to 5 minutes.

KANSANS HELPING FELLOW AMERICANS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Kansas (Mr. MARSHALL) for 5 minutes.

Mr. MARSHALL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge and speak in support of my friends in Texas and Florida who are currently fighting and recovering from Hurricanes Harvey and Irma. While my thoughts and prayers go out to all those affected, I am also reminded of the courage and resilience Americans display in these trying times. I am especially proud of my

State of Kansas' National Guard, who has assembled and are currently assisting those affected.

Airmen in the 184th Intelligence Wing out of McConnell Air Force Base, Wichita, Kansas, are currently conducting incident awareness and assessment activities in both Texas and Florida. They are compiling information by analyzing video footage and imagery of the affected areas, pinpointing where immediate assistance is required.

Additionally, soldiers from the 69th Troop Command in Topeka are also advising senior National Guard leaders to ensure the National Guard is successful in their response efforts and critical information is effectively communicated to the public.

I am incredibly proud of the National Guard and all Kansans who are currently helping our neighbors in Florida and Texas in multiple capacities. It is incredibly empowering to watch Americans come together during these trying times and lend a hand to the most in need.

ACKNOWLEDGING THE MANY AGRICULTURAL PRODUCERS ACROSS KANSAS

Mr. MARSHALL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the many agricultural producers across Kansas who work tirelessly to keep the very heart of our Nation beating. I represent the largest agriculture-producing district in the country, and over recess I spent a great deal of time traveling 2,000 miles and holding some 10 farm bill listening sessions to find out exactly how we in Congress can best serve the needs of our producers.

On one of my farm bill listening tours, I was reminded of just how important the farm bill is to my district and countless others across the Nation. We must protect our farmers and ranchers, especially in this depressed agriculture economy. Farming is one of the riskiest, high-tech, most intricately complicated businesses out there.

As a member of the House Agriculture Committee, I look forward to working with my colleagues to take the voice of American farmers and translate it into an appropriate and well-defined farm bill. We must send the message to our farmers and small communities that we will continue to support them and ensure that their livelihoods are protected.

To do this, we must increase flexibility and make sure that crop insurance is available to all those who need it most. Crop insurance doesn't just protect the farmers, it protects the loan at the local bank, it protects downtown communities like yours and mine, it protects the co-ops, and it protects Main Street, America. America is protected by crop insurance.

I firmly believe it is our duty to make sure that those who put food on our tables aren't struggling to put food on theirs.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until 2 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 3 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

□ 1400

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. MITCHELL) at 2 p.m.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer:

Dear Lord, we give You thanks for giving us another day.

On this anniversary of the 9/11 tragedy, we ask Your blessing of peace upon our Nation and the world. May

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Your healing presence continue to imbue the lives of those who were personally assaulted on that momentous day, and ease the mourning of those who lost their loved ones.

We ask Your continued blessing on those whose lives have been disrupted by so many natural disasters: hurricanes, ongoing fires, and their aftermaths. May the efforts of so many to help them recover and establish themselves be a hopeful beginning of many months of work and rebuilding thanks to the efforts of so many Americans and good neighbors.

Through all this, bless the Members of this people's House with the wisdom and perseverance they need to attend the pressing needs of the Nation.

May all that is done this day be for Your greater honor and glory.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands 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.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message in writing from the President of the United States was communicated to the House by Mr. Brian Pate, one of his secretaries.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 2 o'clock and 2 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

□ 1623

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. MARSHALL) at 4 o'clock and 23 minutes p.m.

EMERGENCY AID TO AMERICAN SURVIVORS OF HURRICANES IRMA AND JOSE OVERSEAS ACT

Mr. REICHERT. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Ways and Means and the Committee on the Budget be dis-

charged from further consideration of the bill (H.R. 3732) to amend section 1113 of the Social Security Act to provide authority for increased fiscal year 2017 and 2018 payments for temporary assistance to United States citizens returned from foreign countries, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Washington?

There was no objection.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 3732

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Emergency Aid to American Survivors of Hurricanes Irma and Jose Overseas Act".

SEC. 2. INCREASE IN AGGREGATE PAYMENTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017 AND 2018 FOR TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE TO UNITED STATES CITIZENS RETURNED FROM FOREIGN COUNTRIES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1113(d) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1313(d)) is amended—

(1) by striking "fiscal year 2010" and inserting "fiscal years 2017 and 2018"; and

(2) by striking "that fiscal year" and inserting "each such fiscal year".

(b) EMERGENCY DESIGNATION.—The amounts made available by the amendments made by subsection (a) are designated as an emergency requirement pursuant to section 4(g) of the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010 (2 U.S.C. 933(g)).

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, was read the third time, and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO CERTAIN TERRORIST ATTACKS—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES (H. DOC. NO. 115-67)

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following message from the President of the United States; which was read and, together with the accompanying papers, referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed:

To the Congress of the United States:

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act, 50 U.S.C. 1622(d), provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, within 90 days of the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. Consistent with this provision, I have sent to the *Federal Register* the enclosed notice, stating that the emergency declared in Proclamation 7463 of September 14, 2001, "National Emergency by Reason of Certain Terrorist Attacks," is to continue in effect beyond September 14, 2017.

The threat of terrorism that resulted in the declaration of a national emergency on September 14, 2001, continues. The authorities that have been invoked under that declaration of a national emergency continue to be critical to the ability of the Armed Forces of the United States to perform essential missions in the United States and around the world to address the continuing threat of terrorism. For these reasons, I have determined that it is necessary to continue in effect the national emergency declared on September 14, 2001, in response to certain terrorist attacks.

DONALD J. TRUMP.

THE WHITE HOUSE, September 11, 2017.

BILLS PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Karen L. Haas, Clerk of the House, reported that on September 8, 2017, she presented to the President of the United States, for his approval, the following bills:

H.R. 601. Making continuing appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2018, and for other purposes.

H.R. 624. To restrict the inclusion of social security account numbers on Federal documents sent by mail, and for other purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. REICHERT. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 4 o'clock and 26 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Tuesday, September 12, 2017, at 10 a.m. for morning-hour debate.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

2421. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting designation for Overseas Contingency Operations/Global War on Terrorism all funding (including the rescission of funds) and contributions from foreign governments so designated by the Congress, pursuant to Public Law 115-31, Sec. 6(a) (H. Doc. No. 115-65); to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

2422. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting designation of funding as an emergency requirement, pursuant to Public Law 115-31, Sec. 6(a) (H. Doc. No. 115-66); to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

2423. A letter from the Chief Counsel, National Telecommunications and Information Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Department's final rule — Scope of NTIA's Authority Regarding FirstNet Fees [Docket No.: 151209999-7323-02] (RIN: 0660-AA30) received September 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.

2424. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, FDA, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule —