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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. MOONEY of West Virginia).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
November 17, 2017.

I hereby appoint the Honorable ALEXANDER X. MOONEY 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.

Send Your spirit of peace and calm, that all might have confidence in Your faithfulness to us, and that no matter what lies ahead, Your grace is abundantly available.

Now we approach a week during which all Americans will gather to remember who we are, a nation generously blessed not only by You, our God, but by courageous ancestors, faithful allies, and the best good wishes of people everywhere who long for freedom, who would glory in the difficult work of participative government, and who do not enjoy the bounty we are privileged to possess.

Bless the Members of this assembly, and us all, that we would be worthy of the call we have been given as Americans. Help us all to be truly thankful and appropriately generous in our response.

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 619, 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 the Speaker on Thursday, November 16, 2017:

H.R. 1545, to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the authority of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to disclose certain patient information to State controlled substance monitoring programs, and for other purposes;

H.R. 3949, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the designation of State approving agencies for multi-State apprenticeship programs for purposes of the educational assistance programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs;

H.R. 4374, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to authorize additional emergency uses for medical products to reduce deaths and severity of injuries caused by agents of war, 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 on Thursday, November 16, 2017:

H.R. 1545. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the authority of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to disclose certain patient information to State controlled substance monitoring programs, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3949. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the designation of State approving agencies for multi-State apprenticeship programs for purposes of the educational assistance programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

H.R. 4374. An act to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to authorize additional emergency uses for medical products to reduce deaths and severity of injuries caused by agents of war, and for other purposes.

BILLS PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Karen L. Haas, Clerk of the House, reported that on November 17, 2017, she presented to the President of the United States, for his approval, the following bills:

H.R. 1545. To amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the authority of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to disclose certain patient information to State controlled substance monitoring programs, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3949. To amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the designation of State approving agencies for multi-State apprenticeship programs for purposes of the educational assistance programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 3(b) of House Resolution 619, the House stands adjourned until 11 a.m. on Tuesday, November 21, 2017.

Thereupon (at 10 o'clock and 2 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Tuesday, November 21, 2017, at 11 a.m.

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

Matter set in this typeface indicates words inserted or appended, rather than spoken, by a Member of the House on the floor.



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OATH FOR ACCESS TO CLASSIFIED INFORMATION

Under clause 13 of rule XXIII, the following Member executed the oath for access to classified information:

John R. Curtis

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV,

3191. A letter from the Director, Office of Financial Management, United States Capitol Police, transmitting the Statement of Disbursements for the United States Capitol Police for the period of April 1, 2017 through September 30, 2017, pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 1910(a); Public Law 109-55, Sec. 1005; (119 Stat. 575) (H. Doc. No. 115—79), was taken from the Speaker's table, referred to the Committee on House Administration and ordered to be printed.

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. PITTENGER:

H.R. 4452. A bill to amend the Equal Credit Opportunity Act to repeal a small business loan data collection requirement; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. PEARCE:

H.R. 4453. A bill to provide a process by which certain wounded warriors who face medical discharge from the Armed Forces may instead continue to serve in the Armed Forces as remotely piloted aircraft pilots or remotely piloted aircraft sensor operators in the Air Force; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. PITTENGER (for himself, Mr. PEARCE, Mrs. HARTZLER, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mr. FRANKS of Arizona, Mr. GROTHMAN, Mr. HULTGREN, Mr. BABIN, Mr. SHIMKUS, Mr. HARRIS, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. WESTERMAN, Mr. KELLY of Mississippi, Mr. COLE, Mr. ROSS, Mr. ESTES of Kansas, Mr.

LOUDERMILK, Mr. POSEY, Mr. CHABOT, Mr. OLSON, Mr. BANKS of Indiana, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mr. JODY B. HICE of Georgia, Mr. NORMAN, Mr. LAMALFA, Mr. ADERHOLT, Mr. WALBERG, Mr. JONES, Mr. FLORES, Mr. HUDSON, Mr. HARPER, Mr. POLIQUIN, Mr. CLEAVER, Mr. JOHNSON of Louisiana, and Mr. LAMBORN):

H. Con. Res. 94. Concurrent resolution recognizing the opening of the nonsectarian Museum of the Bible in Washington, D.C., the only museum of its size and scope in the world devoted exclusively to the Bible; 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. PITTENGER:

H.R. 4452.

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

The explicit power of Congress to regulate commerce in and among the states, as enumerated in Article 1, Section 8, Clause 3, the Commerce Clause, of the United States Constitution.

Additionally, Article 1, Section 7, Clause 2 of the Constitution allows for every bill passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate and signed by the President to be codified in to law; and therefore implicitly allows Congress to repeal any bill that has been passed by both chambers and signed in to law by the President.

By Mr. PEARCE:

H.R. 4453.

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

Article 1, Section 8

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

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

H.R. 173: Mr. WOMACK and Mr. POE of Texas.

H.R. 754: Mr. KING of Iowa, Mrs. HARTZLER, and Mr. GAETZ.

H.R. 930: Mr. GIANFORTE.

H.R. 1148: Mr. BLUM, Mr. BURGESS, and Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania.

H.R. 1200: Ms. NORTON.

H.R. 1276: Mr. SCHIFF and Ms. LOFGREN.

H.R. 1318: Mr. AL GREEN of Texas, Mr. PAULSEN, Mr. DONOVAN, and Mr. Knight.

H.R. 1456: Ms. CASTOR of Florida and Mr. EVANS.

H.R. 1820: Mr. YARMUTH.

H.R. 1880: Mr. TAKANO.

H.R. 1898: Mr. CULBERSON.

H.R. 2147: Ms. KAPTUR.

H.R. 2345: Ms. NORTON and Mr. VISCLOSKY.

H.R. 2482: Mr. DIAZ-BALART.

H.R. 2953: Mr. MICHAEL F. DOYLE of Pennsylvania.

H.R. 3127: Mr. HARPER.

H.R. 3128: Mr. HARPER.

H.R. 3183: Mr. CONNOLLY.

H.R. 3559: Ms. JAYAPAL, Mr. CARBAJAL, Miss RICE of New York, Mr. DESAULNIER, and Ms. SCHAKOWSKY.

H.R. 3596: Mr. FARENTHOLD, Mrs. HARTZLER, Ms. ADAMS, Ms. CHENEY, Mr. HILL, and Mr. KINZINGER.

H.R. 3687: Mr. BLUMENAUER, Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire, and Mr. RYAN of Ohio.

H.R. 3699: Mr. VISCLOSKY.

H.R. 3730: Mr. KING of Iowa.

H.R. 3776: Mr. KINZINGER and Mr. SHERMAN.

H.R. 3867: Mr. PAYNE.

H.R. 4007: Mr. FITZPATRICK and Mr. MARINO.

H.R. 4101: Mr. KATKO.

H.R. 4115: Ms. LOFGREN.

H.R. 4143: Ms. JENKINS of Kansas, Mr. MOOLENAAR, Mrs. WAGNER, Mr. GONZALEZ of Texas, Mr. VELA, Ms. FRANKEL of Florida, Mr. KILDEE, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. BUCK, and Mr. ROSS.

H.R. 4163: Ms. SLAUGHTER and Mr. KHANNA.

H.R. 4306: Mr. PALAZZO and Mr. PALLONE.

H.R. 4328: Mr. COOK and Mrs. RADEWAGEN.

H.R. 4427: Mr. PITTENGER.

H. Con. Res. 60: Mr. DELANEY.

H. Res. 613: Mr. CALVERT.