



United States  
of America

# Congressional Record

PROCEEDINGS AND DEBATES OF THE 115<sup>th</sup> CONGRESS, SECOND SESSION

Vol. 164

WASHINGTON, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2018

No. 203

## House of Representatives

The House met at noon and was called to order by the Speaker.

### PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer: Loving God, we give You thanks for giving us another day.

Lord, You know there are many Americans who look to the people's House as uncertainty about the future of the economy and their livelihoods hang in the balance. Petty partisanship and ever-politicizing rhetoric should have no place at all when men and women of goodwill come together to serve the common good.

We ask again that You bless the Members of the people's House with the understanding that it is their work to develop the strategies and the plans to assuage the fears of their fellow countrymen and -women.

We ask again that You impel those who possess power here in the Capitol to be mindful of those whom they represent who possess little or no power and whose lives are made all the more difficult by a failure to work out serious differences.

May all that is done today be for Your greater honor and glory.  
Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. 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. Will the gentlewoman from Minnesota (Ms. MCCOLLUM) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. MCCOLLUM 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.

### RECESS

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

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 2 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

□ 1759

### AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker at 5 o'clock and 59 minutes p.m.

### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to clause 4 of rule I, the following enrolled bill was signed by the Speaker on Friday, December 21, 2018:

S. 3628, to reauthorize the National Flood Insurance Program.

### COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, December 21, 2018.

Hon. PAUL D. RYAN,  
*The Speaker, House of Representatives,*  
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on December 21, 2018, at 7:58 p.m.:

That the Senate agreed to H. Con. Res 148.  
With best wishes, I am,  
Sincerely,

KAREN L. HAAS.

### COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, December 22, 2018.

Hon. PAUL D. RYAN,  
*The Speaker, House of Representatives,*  
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on December 22, 2018, at 11:14 a.m.:

That the Senate passed S. 2274.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely,

ROBERT F. REEVES.

### COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, December 22, 2018.

Hon. PAUL D. RYAN,  
*The Speaker, House of Representatives,*  
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on December 22, 2018, at 5:18 p.m.:

That the Senate passed S. 573.

That the Senate agrees to the House amendment to the bill S. 3661.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 672.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 4689.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 5636.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 6602.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 7279.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 7318.

□ 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.



Printed on recycled paper.

H10589

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 7319.

That the Senate agreed to without amendment H. Con. Res. 149.

That the Senate passed with an amendment H.R. 1967.

That the Senate passed with an amendment H.R. 4203.

That the Senate passed with an amendment H.R. 4969.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely,

ROBERT F. REEVES.

#### ADJOURNMENT FROM SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2018, TO MONDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2018

The SPEAKER. Without objection, when the House adjourns—

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. For what purpose does the gentleman seek recognition?

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, reserving the right to object—and I will not object—I had hoped to have been recognized earlier to offer a unanimous consent request to call up H.R. 7397, Democratic whip STENY HOYER's bill to end the Trump government shutdown and fund the government through February 8. I was told that I would be blocked from doing that.

For the life of me, I don't understand why President Trump and congressional Republicans have shut the government down three days before Christmas. I think it is embarrassing and it is wrong. 800,000 Federal employees will not get paid during this holiday season because of the shutdown.

The Senate passed a continuing resolution unanimously. We were set to do the same thing in the House, until the President had a temper tantrum.

It is frustrating that Republicans won't allow us to proceed to end this shutdown. I would hope that maybe the Speaker would be open to a unanimous consent request so I could bring this legislation up so we can fund the government and end the shutdown.

The SPEAKER. Does the gentleman withdraw his reservation?

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I withdraw my reservation of objection.

The SPEAKER. Without objection, when the House adjourns today, it shall adjourn to meet at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, December 24, 2018.

There was no objection.

#### 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:

H.R. 1660. An act to direct the Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development to submit to Congress a report on the development and use of global health innovations in the programs, and activities of the Agency.

H.R. 2200. An act to reauthorize the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3460. An act to designate the United States courthouse located at 323 East Chapel

Hill Street in Durham, North Carolina, as the "John Hervey Wheeler United States Courthouse".

H.R. 6287. An act to provide competitive grants for the operation, security, and maintenance of certain memorials to victims of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001.

#### SENATE ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The Speaker on Friday, December 21, 2018, announced his signature to an enrolled bill of the Senate of the following title:

S. 3628. An act to reauthorize the National Flood Insurance Program.

The Speaker on Saturday, December 22, 2018, announced his signature to enrolled bills of the Senate of the following titles:

S. 7. An act to amend title 51, United States Code, to extend the authority of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration to enter into leases of non-excess property of the Administration.

S. 2200. An act to reauthorize the National Integrated Drought Information System, and for other purposes.

S. 2276. An act to require agencies to submit reports on outstanding recommendations in the annual budget justification submitted to Congress.

S. 2652. An act to award a Congressional Gold Medal to Stephen Michael Gleason.

S. 2679. An act to provide access to and manage the distribution of excess or surplus property to veteran-owned small business.

S. 2765. An act to amend the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 to exempt investment advisers who solely advise certain rural business investment companies, and for other purposes.

S. 2896. An act to require disclosure by lobbyists of convictions for bribery, extortion, embezzlement, illegal kickbacks, tax evasion, fraud, conflicts of interest, making false statements, perjury, or money laundering.

S. 2961. An act to reauthorize subtitle A of the Victims of Child Abuse Act of 1990.

S. 3031. An act to amend chapter 5 of title 40, United States Code, to improve the management of Federal personal property.

S. 3191. An act to provide for the expeditious disclosure of records related to civil rights cold cases, and for other purposes.

S. 3367. An act to amend certain transportation-related reporting requirements to improve congressional oversight, reduce reporting burdens, and promote transparency, and for other purposes.

S. 3444. An act to designate the community-based outpatient clinic of the Department of Veterans Affairs in Lake Charles, Louisiana, as the "Douglas Fournet Department of Veterans Affairs Clinic".

S. 3777. An act to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a tiger team dedicated to addressing the difficulties encountered by the Department of Veterans Affairs in carrying out section 3313 of title 38, United States Code, after the enactment of sections 107 and 501 of the Harry W. Colmery Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2017.

#### BILLS PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Karen L. Haas, Clerk of the House, reported that on December 21, 2018, she presented to the President of the United States, for his approval, the following bills:

H.R. 7327. To require the Secretary of Homeland Security to establish a security

vulnerability disclosure policy, to establish a bug bounty program for the Department of Homeland Security, to amend title 41, United States Code, to provide for Federal acquisition supply chain security, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2606. To amend the Act of August 4, 1947 (commonly known as the Stigler Act), with respect to restrictions applicable to Indians of the Five Civilized Tribes of Oklahoma, and for other purposes.

H.R. 7243. To amend Public Law 115-217 to change the address of the postal facility designated by such Public Law in honor of Sergeant First Class Alwyn Crendall Cashe, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5923. To direct the Secretary of Agriculture to exchange certain public lands in Ouachita National Forest, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5787. To amend the Coastal Barrier Resources Act to give effect to more accurate maps of units of the John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System that were produced by digital mapping of such units, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5057. To encourage, enhance, and integrate Ashanti Alert plans throughout the United States, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5509. To direct the National Science Foundation to provide grants for research about STEM education approaches and the STEM-related workforce, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4819. To promote inclusive economic growth through conservation and biodiversity programs that facilitate transboundary cooperation, improve natural resource management, and build local capacity to protect and preserve threatened wildlife species in the greater Okavango River Basin of southern Africa.

H.R. 4227. To require the Secretary of Homeland Security to examine what actions the Department of Homeland Security is undertaking to combat the threat of vehicular terrorism, and for other purposes.

H.R. 767. To establish the Stop, Observe, Ask, and Respond to Health and Wellness Training pilot program to address human trafficking in the health care system.

H.R. 3383. To designate the flood control project in Sedgwick County, Kansas, commonly known as the Wichita-Valley Center Flood Control Project, as the "M.S. 'Mitch' Mitchell Floodway".

H.R. 1162. To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program to provide access to magnetic EEG/EKG-guided resonance therapy to veterans.

H.R. 6348. To adjust the real estate appraisal thresholds under the section 504 program to bring them into line with the thresholds used by the Federal banking regulators, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6893. To amend the Overtime Pay for Protective Services Act of 2016 to extend the Secret Service overtime pay exception through 2020, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6400. To require the Secretary of Homeland Security to conduct a threat and operational analysis of ports of entry, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1850. To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 907 Fourth Avenue in Lake Odessa, Michigan, as the "Donna Sauers Besko Post Office".

H.R. 5475. To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 108 North Macon Street in Bevier, Missouri, as the "SO2 Navy SEAL Adam Olin Smith Post Office".

H.R. 5205. To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 701 6th Street in Hawthorne, Nevada, as the "Sergeant Kenneth Eric Bostic Post Office".

H.R. 6167. To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 5707