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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,
February 23, 2018.

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

Reverend Alisa Lasater Willoo, Capitol Hill United Methodist Church, Washington, D.C., offered the following prayer:

O God, at the end of this week where we have raised up great men, celebrating the life of George Washington and mourning the death of Billy Graham, focus us now on the life and death of Jesus, example to some and Saviour to others.

At the start, He was tempted in the wilderness to put himself above You. Save us, Lord, from lies about our own power.

At every opportunity, Jesus found the sick, the lame, and the ones overlooked by the religious and political establishments. Send us today to those without earthly power but treasured by You.

At His death, He refused to pick up a weapon, and willfully loved those who meant Him harm. God, may we do the same.

And at the tomb, He rose out of the impossible, empowering a few women to share the good news. May we, too, from the highest ranking Member to the newest staffer, be authentic messengers of Your love.

Amen and Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 4(a) of House Resolution 736, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. WALKER) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. WALKER 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.

COMMUNICATION FROM CHIEF OF STAFF, THE HONORABLE ED ROYCE, MEMBER OF CONGRESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from Amy Porter, Chief of Staff, the Honorable ED ROYCE, Member of Congress:

EDWARD R. ROYCE,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, February 16, 2018.

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

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: This is to notify you formally, pursuant to rule VIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, that I have been served with a subpoena for testimony in a criminal trial issued by the United States District Court for the District of Columbia.

After consultation with the Office of General Counsel, I have determined that compliance with the subpoenas is consistent with the privileges and rights of the House.

Sincerely,
AMY PORTER,
Chief of Staff for Congressman Ed Royce.

COMMUNICATION FROM SENIOR ADVISOR, OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from Salley Wood, Senior Advisor, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer:

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, February 22, 2018.

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

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: This is to notify you formally, pursuant to Rule VIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, that I have been served with a subpoena for testimony in a criminal trial issued by the United States District Court for the District of Columbia.

After consultation with the Office of General Counsel, I have determined that compliance with the subpoenas is consistent with the privileges and rights of the House.

Sincerely,
SALLEY WOOD,
Senior Advisor,
Office of the Chief Administrative Officer.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE ON SOLVENCY OF MULTIEMPLOYER PENSION PLANS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces the Speaker's appointment, pursuant to section 30422(b)(3) of the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018 (Pub. L. 115-123), and the order of the House of January 3, 2017, of the following Members on the part of the House to the Joint Select Committee on Solvency of Multiemployer Pension Plans:

Ms. FOXX, North Carolina
Mr. ROE, Tennessee
Mr. BUCHANAN, Florida
Mr. SCHWEIKERT, Arizona

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

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APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE ON BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS PROCESS REFORM

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces the Speaker's appointment, pursuant to section 30442(b)(3) of the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018 (Pub. L. 115-123), and the order of the House of January 3, 2017, of the following Members on the part of the House to the Joint Select Committee on Budget and Appropriations Process Reform:

Mr. WOMACK, Arkansas
Mr. SESSIONS, Texas
Mr. WOODALL, Georgia
Mr. ARRINGTON, Texas

COMMUNICATION FROM THE DEMOCRATIC LEADER

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Honorable NANCY PELOSI, Democratic Leader:

FEBRUARY 20, 2018.

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

DEAR SPEAKER RYAN: Pursuant to section 931 of the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act of 2016, Public Law 114-198, I am pleased to appoint the following individuals to serve as Commissioners to the Creating Options for Veterans' Expedited Recovery (COVER) Commission:

Dr. Michael J. Potoczniak of El Cerrito, California

Dr. Shira Maguen of San Francisco, California

Thank you for your attention to these recommendations.

Sincerely,

NANCY PELOSI,
Democratic Leader.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE DEMOCRATIC LEADER

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Honorable NANCY PELOSI, Democratic Leader:

FEBRUARY 23, 2018.

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

DEAR SPEAKER RYAN: Pursuant to section 30422(b)(3) of the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018 (Pub. L. 115-123), I am pleased to appoint the following Members to serve on the Joint Select Committee on Solvency of Multiemployer Pension Plans:

The Honorable Richard Neal of Massachusetts

The Honorable Bobby Scott of Virginia
The Honorable Donald Norcross of New Jersey

The Honorable Debbie Dingell of Michigan
Thank you for your attention to these appointments.

Sincerely,

NANCY PELOSI,
Democratic Leader.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE DEMOCRATIC LEADER

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following commu-

nication from the Honorable NANCY PELOSI, Democratic Leader:

FEBRUARY 23, 2018.

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

DEAR SPEAKER RYAN: Pursuant to section 30442(b)(3) of the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018 (Pub. L. 115-123), I am pleased to appoint the following Members to serve on the Joint Select Committee on Budget and Appropriations Process Reform:

The Honorable Nita Lowey of New York
The Honorable John Yarmuth of Kentucky
The Honorable Lucille Roybal-Allard of California

The Honorable Derek Kilmer of Washington

Thank you for your attention to these appointments.

Sincerely,

NANCY PELOSI,
Democratic Leader.

AUTHORIZING REVEREND BILLY GRAHAM TO LIE IN HONOR IN THE ROTUNDA OF THE CAPITOL

Mr. WALKER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on House Administration be discharged from further consideration of House Concurrent Resolution 107, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the concurrent resolution.

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

There was no objection.

The text of the concurrent resolution is as follows:

H. CON. RES. 107

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring),

SECTION 1. AUTHORIZING REVEREND BILLY GRAHAM TO LIE IN HONOR IN ROTUNDA OF CAPITOL.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Reverend Billy Graham shall be permitted to lie in honor in the rotunda of the Capitol from February 28, 2018, to March 1, 2018.

(b) IMPLEMENTATION.—The Architect of the Capitol, under the direction and supervision of the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President pro tempore of the Senate, shall take the necessary steps to implement subsection (a).

The concurrent resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

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. 1725. An act to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit certain reports relating to medical evidence submitted in support of claims for benefits under the laws administered by the Secretary.

H.R. 3122. An act to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to include on the internet website of the Department of Veterans Affairs a warning regarding dishonest, predatory, or otherwise unlawful practices targeting individuals who are eligible for in-

creased pension on the basis of need for regular aid and attendance, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4533. An act to designate the health care system of the Department of Veterans Affairs in Lexington, Kentucky, as the "Lexington VA Health Care System" and to make certain other designations.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 4(b) of House Resolution 736, the House stands adjourned until noon on Monday, February 26, 2018, for morning-hour debate and 2 p.m. for legislative business.

Thereupon (at 10 o'clock and 9 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Monday, February 26, 2018, at noon 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:

4065. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Director, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Indaziflam; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions [EPA-HQ-OPP-2017-0551; FRL-9973-10] received February 16, 2018, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Agriculture.

4066. A letter from the Director, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting the Office's Report to the Congress on the Joint Committee Reductions for Fiscal Year 2019, pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 901a(9); Public Law 99-177, Sec. 251A (as added Public Law 112-25, Sec. 302(a)); (125 Stat. 256); to the Committee on Appropriations.

4067. A letter from the Director, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting the Office's Sequestration Preview Report to the President and Congress for Fiscal Year 2019, pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 904(c); Public Law 99-177, Sec. 254 (as amended by Public Law 112-25, Sec. 103(1)); (125 Stat. 246); to the Committee on Appropriations.

4068. A letter from the Secretary of the Army, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's report titled "Report on the Effects of Military Helicopter Noise on National Capital Region Communities and Individuals", pursuant to Public Law 114-328, Sec. 1073(d)(1); (130 Stat. 2415); to the Committee on Armed Services.

4069. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Education, transmitting the Department's interim final rule — Federal Policy for the Protection of Human Subjects: Delay of the Revisions to the Federal Policy for the Protection of Human Subjects received January 25, 2018, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

4070. A letter from the Acting Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Affairs, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's final rule — Benefits Payable in Terminated Single-Employer Plans; Interest Assumptions for Paying Benefits received January 25, 2018, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.