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House of Representatives

The House met at 1:30 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. HARRIS).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
March 1, 2018.

I hereby appoint the Honorable ANDY HARRIS to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

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

PRAYER

Reverend Gene Hemrick, St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Washington, D.C., offered the following prayer:

Lord, on the east side of our U.S. Capitol stands a statue of peace that is a divine quality of Your love. We pray that You inspire the creativity of our Congress in pursuing peace in a world that is more hostile than nonviolent. May our Congress embrace Your wisdom for opening hearts in which reconciliation is preferred to strife; a time when lion and lamb will lie down together.

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. Will the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. BUDD) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. BUDD 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 THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

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

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, February 28, 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 February 28, 2018, at 12:59 p.m.:

That the Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 35. Appointments:
Joint Select Committee on Budget and Appropriations Process Reform.
Joint Select Committee on Solvency of Multiemployer Pension Plans.
Public Interest Declassification Board.
With best wishes, I am,
Sincerely,

KAREN L. HAAS.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

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

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, March 1, 2018.

Hon. PAUL D. RYAN,
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 mes-

sage from the Secretary of the Senate on March 1, 2018, at 10:59 a.m.:

That the Senate agreed to S. J. Res. 53.
That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 535.
That the Senate passed with an amendment H.R. 1625.
That the Senate agreed to without amendment H. Con. Res. 106.
With best wishes, I am,
Sincerely,

KAREN L. HAAS.

REAPPOINTMENT OF INDIVIDUAL TO THE SOCIAL SECURITY ADVISORY BOARD

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces the Speaker's reappointment, pursuant to section 703 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 903), and the order of the House of January 3, 2017, of the following individual on the part of the House to the Social Security Advisory Board for a term of 6 years:

Ms. Nancy Altman, Bethesda, Maryland

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces, on behalf of the Speaker and majority leader of the Senate, their joint 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 Member to the Joint Select Committee on Budget and Appropriations Process Reform as co-chair:

Mr. WOMACK, Arkansas

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces, on behalf of the

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Speaker and majority leader of the Senate, their joint 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 Senator to the Joint Select Committee on Solvency of Multiemployer Pension Plans as co-chair:

Mr. HATCH, Utah

COMMUNICATION FROM THE DEMOCRATIC LEADER

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

MARCH 1, 2018.

Hon. PAUL D. RYAN,
*Speaker of the House of Representatives, U.S.
Capitol, 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 announce the joint appointment, together with the Minority Leader of the Senate, of the Honorable NITA LOWEY of New York to serve as co-chair of the Joint Select Committee on Budget and Appropriations Process Reform.

Thank you for your attention to this appointment.

Sincerely,

NANCY PELOSI,
Democratic Leader.

EXPRESSING THE CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON THE DEATH OF THE REVEREND BILLY GRAHAM

Mr. BUDD. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform be discharged from further consideration of House Resolution 759, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the 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 resolution is as follows:

H. RES. 759

Resolved, That the House of Representatives offers its deep sympathies to the members of the family of the late Reverend Billy Graham.

Resolved, That the House of Representatives honors the legacy of Reverend Billy Graham for his life-long commitment to preaching the Gospels, his fight for civil rights, his opposition to communism, and the spiritual guidance that he provided to millions of people in the United States and around the world.

Resolved, That when the House adjourns today, it do so as a mark of respect to the memory of the late Billy Graham.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION REFERRED

A joint resolution of the Senate of the following title was taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S.J. Res. 53. Joint resolution honoring the life of William "Billy" F. Graham, Jr.; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Karen L. Haas, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly enrolled a bill of the House of the following title, which was thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 535. An act to encourage visits between the United States and Taiwan at all levels, and for other purposes.

BILLS PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Karen L. Haas, Clerk of the House, reported that on February 28, 2018, she presented to the President of the United States, for his approval, the following bills.

H.R. 1725. 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. 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 increased pension on the basis of need for regular aid and attendance, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4533. 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

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 1 o'clock and 36 minutes p.m.), under its previous order and pursuant to House Resolution 759, the House adjourned until Monday, March 5, 2018, at noon for morning-hour debate, as a mark of respect to the memory of the late Billy Graham.

EXPENDITURE REPORTS CONCERNING OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL

Reports concerning the foreign currencies and U.S. dollars utilized for Official Foreign Travel during the fourth quarter of 2017 and the first quarter of 2018, pursuant to Public Law 95-384, are as follows:

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, DANIEL SADLOSKY, EXPENDED BETWEEN JAN. 23 AND JAN. 26, 2018

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem ¹		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²
Daniel Sadlosky	1/24	1/25	Djibouti		381.00		14,600.00				14,981.00
Committee total					381.00		14,600.00				14,981.00

¹ Per diem constitutes lodging and meals.

² If foreign currency is used, enter U.S. dollar equivalent; if U.S. currency is used, enter amount expended.

MR. DANIEL SADLOSKY, Feb. 12, 2018.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, COMMISSION ON SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE, EXPENDED BETWEEN OCT. 1 AND DEC. 31, 2017

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem ¹		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²
Hon. Chris Smith	11/18	11/23	Croatia	Kuna	838.00		3,640.46				4,478.46
Mark Milosch	10/10	10/14	Hungary	Forint	879.00		1,816.26				2,695.26
	11/18	11/23	Croatia	Kuna	838.00		3,640.46				4,478.46
Committee total					2,555.00		9,097.18				11,652.18

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HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH, Co-Chairman, Jan. 30, 2018.