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House of Representatives

The House met at 4 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. THOMAS J. ROONEY of Florida).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

Washington, DC, March 26, 2018.

I hereby appoint the Honorable THOMAS J. ROONEY to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

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

PRAYER

Reverend John Vidal, St. Luke's Catholic Church, Washington, D.C., offered the following prayer:

O God, the fountain of wisdom, whose will is good and gracious and whose law is truth, we beseech Thee so to guide and bless our Representatives in Congress here assembled, that they may enact such laws as shall please Thee to the glory of Thy name and the welfare of this people. Through Jesus Christ our Lord I pray.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 2(a) of House Resolution 796, 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 Repub-

lic 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, March 23, 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 March 23, 2018, at 1:41 p.m.:

That the Senate passed S. 269.

That the Senate passed S. 292.

That the Senate passed S. 607.

That the Senate passed S. 943.

That the Senate passed S. 1091. That the Senate passed S. 1116.

That the Senate passed S. 1223.

That the Senate agrees to the amendment of House of Representatives S. 772.

That the Senate passed without an amendment H.R. 4547.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

KAREN L. HAAS.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO ATTEND FUNERAL OF THE LATE HONORABLE LOUISE MCINTOSH SLAUGHTER

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 788, and the order of the House of January 3, 2017, the Speaker on March 19, 2018, appointed the following Members of the House to the committee to attend the funeral of the late Honorable Louise McIntosh Slaughter:

The gentlewoman from California, Ms. Pelosi

The members of the New York delegation:

Mr. Nadler

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ

Ms. CLARKE

Mr. HIGGINS

Other Members in attendance:

Mr. Hoyer

Mr. LEVIN

Mr. Lewis of Georgia

Ms. Delauro

Ms. Maxine Waters of California

Ms. Eshoo

Mr. Hastings

Ms. Jackson Lee

Ms. DEGETTE

Mr. McGovern

Mr. Sessions Ms. Lee

Mrs. Napolitano

Mrs. DAVIS of California

Ms. Sánchez

Mr. Gohmert

Ms. Moore

Ms. Matsui

Ms. Castor of Florida

Mr. Johnson of Georgia

Ms. Tsongas

Mr. CICILLINE

Mr. Cartwright

Mr. KILDEE

Ms. Clark of Massachusetts

Mr. Evans

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REVISIONS TO THE AGGREGATES AND ALLOCATIONS OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2018 CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON THE BUDGET

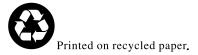
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, COMMITTEE ON THE BUDGET, Washington, DC, March 26, 2018.

Mr. Speaker, I hereby submit for printing in the Congressional Record revisions to the aggregates and allocations set forth in H. Con. Res. 71, the Fiscal Year 2018 Concurrent Resolution on the Budget, and the Statement of Committee Allocations for Fiscal Year 2018 published in the Congressional Record on November 2, 2017.

The Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018 (Public Law 115–123), enacted on February 9, 2018, amended the statutory discretionary spending limits for fiscal year 2018 base discretionary programs in the amount of \$629 billion for defense programs and \$579 billion for

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



non-defense programs. Section 5301 of H. Con. Res. 71 permits the Chairman of the Committee on the Budget to adjust the applicable levels and committee allocations in the budget resolution and the Statement of Committee Allocations published in the Congressional Record on November 2. 2017. for enacted legislation that amends the statutory discretionary spending limits under section 251(c) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 (BBEDCA). For fiscal year 2018, aggregate levels of budget authority and outlays, the allocation to the Committee on Appropriations, and the allocation for Overseas Contingency Operations/Global War on Terrorism, included in the Statement of Committee Allocations published in the Congressional Record on November 2, 2017, are revised. These revisions are provided for the House Amendment to the Senate Amendment to H.R. 1625, the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2018. Associated tables are attached.

Section 251(b) of BBEDCA allows for adjustments to the statutory discretionary spending limits for certain purposes including program integrity initiatives and disaster relief. The House Amendment to the Senate Amendment to H.R. 1625, the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2018, contains \$1.896 billion in budget authority for program integrity initiatives and \$7.366 billion in budget authority for disaster relief. both of which are within the allowable limits for their respective purposes as established under section 251(b)(2)(B) and (C) of BBEDCA. Accordingly, I am submitting an adjustment to H. Con. Res. 71 and the Statement of Committee Allocations published in the Congressional Record on November 2, 2017, pursuant to section 314(a) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, to accommodate funding for both program integrity initiatives and disaster relief contained in the House Amendment to the Senate Amendment to H.R. 1625, the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2018. After making these adjustments, the House Amendment to the Senate Amendment to H.R. 1625, the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2018, is within the fiscal year 2018 statutory discretionary spending limits under section 251(c) of BBEDCA. Associated tables are attached.

These revisions represent an adjustment for purposes of enforcing sections 302 and 311 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974. For the purposes of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, these revised aggregates and allocations are to be considered as aggregates and allocations included in the concurrent resolution on the budget and the Statement of Committee Allocations published in the Congressional Record on November 2, 2017, as adjusted.

Sincerely,

STEVE WOMACK, Chairman.

TABLE 1.—REVISION TO ON-BUDGET AGGREGATES
[On-budget amounts, in millions of dollars]

	Fiscal Year	
	2018	2018–2027
Current Aggregates:		
Budget Authority	3.136.721	
Outlays	3,131,688	
Revenues	2,490,936	31.171.52
Adjustment for H.R. 1625:	, ,	. , , , .
Budget Authority	153.962	
Outlays	65,875	
Revenues	0	(
Revised Aggregates:		
Budget Authority	3.290.683	
Outlays	3,197,563	
Revenues	2,490,936	31,171,52

 $^{^{\}rm 1}\,\text{Not}$ applicable because annual appropriations acts for fiscal years 2020–2027 will not be considered until future sessions of Congress.

TABLE 2.—ALLOCATION OF SPENDING AUTHORITY TO HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

[In millions of dollars]

	2018
Base Discretionary Action:	
BA	1,208,000
OT	1,231,593
Global War on Terrorism:	
BA	78,097
OT	43,344
Program Integrity:	
BA	1,896
OT	1,576
Disaster Relief:	
BA	7,366
OT	368
Current Law Mandatory:	
BA	1,010,315
OT	998,404

SENATE BILLS REFERRED

Bills of the Senate of the following titles were taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. 269. An act to provide for the conveyance of certain property to the Tanana Tribal Council located in Tanana, Alaska, and to the Bristol Bay Area Health Corporation located in Dillingham, Alaska, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources; in addition, to the Committee on Energy and Commerce for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

S. 292. An act to maximize discovery, and accelerate development and availability, of promising childhood cancer treatments, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

S. 607. An act to establish a business incubators program within the Department of the Interior to promote economic development in Indian reservation communities; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

S. 943. An act to direct the secretary of the Interior to conduct an accurate comprehensive student count for the purposes of calculating formula allocations for programs under the Johnson-O'Malley Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

S. 1091. An act to establish a Federal Task Force to Support Grandparents Raising Grandchildren; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce; in addition, to the Committee on Energy and Commerce for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

S. 1116. An act to amend the Native American Business Development, Trade Promotion, and Tourism Act of 2000, the Buy Indian Act, and the Native American Programs Act of 1974 to provide industry and economic development opportunities to Indian communities; to the Committee on Natural Resources; in addition, to the Committee on Education and the Workforce for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

S. 1223. An act to repeal the Klamath Tribe Judgment Fund Act; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

BILLS PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Karen L. Haas, Clerk of the House, reported that on March 23, 2018, she presented to the President of the

United States, for his approval, the following bills:

H.R. 1625. To amend the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 to include severe forms of trafficking in persons within the definition of transnational organized crime for purposes of the rewards program of the Department of State, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4851. To establish the Kennedy-King Commemorative Site in the State of Indiana, and for other purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 2(b) of House Resolution 796, the House stands adjourned until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 29, 2018.

Thereupon (at 4 o'clock and 3 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Thursday, March 29, 2018, at 9:30 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

4325. 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 the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2018, Sec. 6 (H. Doc. No. 115–105); to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

4326. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting designation of emergency funding, pursuant to Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2018, Sec. 7058(d)(4) (H. Doc. No. 115-106); to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

4327. A letter from the Acting Director, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, transmitting the Bureau's 2018 annual report to Congress on the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, pursuant to 15 U.S.C. 1692m(a); Public Law 90-321, Sec. 815(a) (as amended by Public Law 111-203, Sec. 1089(1)); (124 Stat. 2092); to the Committee on Financial Services.

4328. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's report to Congress on Federal Activities Related to Stillbirth, Sudden Unexpected Infant Death, and Sudden Unexplained Death in Childhood, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 300c-13(b); Public Law 113-236, Sec. 2(b); (128 Stat. 2831); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

4329. A letter from the Chair, Medicaid and CHIP Payment and Access Commission, transmitting the March 2018 Report to Congress on Medicaid and CHIP, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 1396(b)(1)(C); Aug. 14, 1935, ch. 531, title XIX, Sec. 1900 (as amended by Public Law 111-148, Sec. 2801(a)(1)(A)(iv)); (123 Stat. 91); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

4330. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 22-282, "School Health Innovations Grant Program Amendment Act of 2018", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

4331. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 22-281, "Health Care Provider Facility Expansion Program Establishment Act of