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The House met at 9:30 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,
March 29, 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

Father Phillip Ganir, Gonzaga Jesuit Community, Washington, D.C., offered the following prayer:

Compassionate God, source of all life, we thank You for the gift of the people we represent, for strength of mind and body, and for the blessing of freedom in our country.

During these days for recess, a time when our work and rest meet us elsewhere, when many of our citizens mark religious holidays, and when the winter months give way to spring, send Your spirit to renew us, to help us learn from the history we inherited, to sustain the values which define our homeland, to work for a more just future, sensitive to the weakest among us.

We pray with the hope that when we work for unity and peace, we see a little more heaven among us.

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 Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

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 pro tempore, Mr. MOONEY of West Virginia.

H.R. 4547. An act to amend titles II, VIII, and XVI of the Social Security Act to improve and strengthen the representative payment program.

SENATE ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The Speaker pro tempore, Mr. MOONEY of West Virginia, announced his signature to an enrolled bill of the Senate of the following title:

S. 772. An act to amend the PROTECT Act to make Indian tribes eligible for AMBER Alert grants.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Thereupon (at 9 o'clock and 33 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Monday, April 2, 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:

4343. A letter from the Under Secretary, Acquisition and Sustainment, Department of Defense, transmitting a letter stating that the biennial report identifying the Department's core depot-level maintenance and repair capability requirements and sustaining workloads will be submitted at the beginning of June 2018, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 2464(d); Public Law 112-239, Sec. 322(d); (126 Stat. 1695); to the Committee on Armed Services.

4344. A letter from the Under Secretary, Acquisition and Sustainment, Department of Defense, transmitting a report titled, "Modification to Support for Non-Federal Development and Testing of Material for Chemical Agent Defense", pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 272 note; Public Law 110-181, Sec. 1034(d)(1) (as amended by Public Law 114-328, Sec. 1043(1)); (130 Stat. 2393); to the Committee on Armed Services.

4345. A letter from the Under Secretary, Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense, transmitting a letter authorizing four officers to wear the insignia of the grade of major general or brigadier general, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 777(b)(3)(B); Public Law 104-106, Sec. 503(a)(1) (as added by Public Law 108-136, Sec. 509(a)(3)); (117 Stat. 1458); to the Committee on Armed Services.

4346. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the FY 2017 report on mining activities, pursuant to Public Law 109-236; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

4347. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's report to Congress titled, "Encouraging Vaccine Innovation: Promoting the Development of Vaccines that Minimize the Burden of Infectious Diseases in the 21st Century", pursuant to the 21st Century Cures Act of 2016, Public Law 114-255, Sec. 3093(b); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

4348. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting notification that the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13664 of April 3, 2014, with respect to South Sudan is to continue in effect beyond April 3, 2018, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1622(d); Public Law 94-412, Sec. 202(d); (90 Stat. 1257) (H. Doc. No. 115-107); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed.

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

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4349. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting notification that the national emergency with respect to significant malicious cyber-enabled activities, originally declared in Executive Order 13694 of April 1, 2015, is to continue in effect beyond April 1, 2018, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1622(d); Public Law 94-412, Sec. 202(d); (90 Stat. 1257) (H. Doc. No. 115—108); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed.

4350. A letter from the Assistant Legal Adviser, Office of Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting reports concerning international agreements other than treaties entered into by the United States to be transmitted to the Congress within the sixty-day period specified in the Case-Zablocki Act, pursuant to 1 U.S.C. 112b(a); Public Law 92-403, Sec. 1(a) (as amended by Public Law 108-458, Sec. 7121(b)); (118 Stat. 3807); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

4351. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting notification of intent to suspend the application of duty-free treatment to all AGOA-eligible goods in the apparel sector for the Republic of Rwanda, pursuant to 19 U.S.C. 2466a(c)(2); Public Law 93-618, Sec. 506A(c)(2) (as added by Public Law 114-27, Sec. 105(b)(2)); (129 Stat. 366) (H. Doc. No. 115—109); to the Committee on Ways and Means and ordered to be printed.

4352. A letter from the Chairman, Medicare Payment Advisory Commission, transmitting the Commission's March 2018 Report to the Congress: Medicare Payment Policy, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 1395b-6(b)(1)(c); Aug. 14, 1935, ch. 531, title XVIII, Sec. 1805(b)(1)(c) (as amended by Public Law 111-148, Sec. 2801(b)(1)); (124 Stat. 332); jointly to the Committees on Energy and Commerce and Ways and Means.

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 Ms. ADAMS (for herself, Ms. WILSON of Florida, Ms. BARRAGÁN, Ms. BORDALLO, and Mr. ESPAILLAT):

H.R. 5416. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to establish a student loan forgiveness program for women who are small business owners; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, 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.

By Mr. BABIN:

H.R. 5417. A bill to direct the Secretary of Transportation to issue or revise regulations enhancing flexibility in hours of service requirements for drivers of certain property-carrying vehicles, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. BERGMAN (for himself, Mr. PETERS, Mr. BANKS of Indiana, and Mr. DUNN):

H.R. 5418. A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out the Medical Surgical Prime Vendor program using multiple prime vendors; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. COOPER (for himself and Mr. DUNCAN of Tennessee):

H.R. 5419. A bill to allow the Chief of the Army Corps of Engineers to convey certain property to the City of Nashville, Tennessee; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. FASO:

H.R. 5420. A bill to authorize the acquisition of land for addition to the Home of Franklin D. Roosevelt National Historic Site in the State of New York, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Ms. NORTON:

H.R. 5421. A bill to direct the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration to prohibit the use of leaded fuel by aircraft operating within United States airspace; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. SMITH of Missouri (for himself, Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, and Mrs. NOEM):

H.R. 5422. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the estate and generation-skipping transfer taxes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. MICHAEL F. DOYLE of Pennsylvania:

H.J. Res. 131. A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Federal Communications Commission relating to "Restoring Internet Freedom"; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire (for herself and Mrs. WALORSKI):

H. Res. 808. A resolution recognizing the life and legacy of the first woman to achieve the rank of general in the United States Military, Anna Mae Hays; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Ms. SÁNCHEZ (for herself and Mr. COOK):

H. Res. 809. A resolution expressing support for designation of a Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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 Ms. ADAMS:

H.R. 5416.

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

Article 1, Section 8 of the Constitution:

The Congress shall have Power To lay and collect Taxes, Duties, Imposts and Excises, to pay the Debts and provide for the common Defence and general Welfare of the United States; but all Duties, Imposts and Excises shall be uniform throughout the United States;

To borrow Money on the credit of the United States;

To regulate Commerce with foreign Nations, and among the several States, and with the Indian Tribes;

By Mr. BABIN:

H.R. 5417.

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

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 3

By Mr. BERGMAN:

H.R. 5418.

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

Article 1, section 8 of the Constitution of the United States.

By Mr. COOPER:

H.R. 5419.

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

Article I, Section 8 of the United States Constitution

By Mr. FASO:

H.R. 5420.

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

Article I, Section 8 of the United States Constitution

By Ms. NORTON:

H.R. 5421.

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

clause 3 of section 8 of article I of the Constitution.

By Mr. SMITH of Missouri:

H.R. 5422.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 1 of the Constitution of the United States.

By Mr. MICHAEL F. DOYLE of Pennsylvania:

H.J. Res. 131.

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

Article I, Section 8—"necessary and proper" clause.

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

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

H.R. 103: Mr. CRAMER and Mr. MOULTON.
H.R. 392: Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois.
H.R. 721: Mr. CUELLAR.
H.R. 754: Mr. CLAY.
H.R. 760: Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas, Mr. COHEN, and Ms. JACKSON LEE.
H.R. 994: Mr. MACARTHUR.
H.R. 1100: Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania.
H.R. 1120: Mr. HASTINGS.
H.R. 1206: Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana.
H.R. 1253: Mr. MACARTHUR.
H.R. 1519: Ms. BARRAGÁN.
H.R. 1542: Ms. SPEIER.
H.R. 1563: Mr. CARTWRIGHT and Mr. RUSH.
H.R. 1566: Mr. BEN RAY LUJÁN of New Mexico.
H.R. 1578: Mr. MCEACHIN.
H.R. 1661: Mr. MCGOVERN and Ms. ADAMS.
H.R. 1683: Mr. PRICE of North Carolina.
H.R. 1739: Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York, Mrs. FUDGE, and Ms. BASS.
H.R. 1876: Mr. AMODEI, Mr. MARSHALL, and Mr. FITZPATRICK.
H.R. 1911: Mr. MEEKS.
H.R. 1957: Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York, Mr. SOTO, and Ms. MATSUI.
H.R. 2259: Mr. SMITH of Washington.
H.R. 2315: Mr. FOSTER and Mr. KIHUEN.
H.R. 2345: Mr. COSTELLO of Pennsylvania and Mr. OLSON.
H.R. 2434: Mr. COFFMAN.
H.R. 2452: Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania and Mr. NORCROSS.
H.R. 2505: Mr. GOTTHEIMER and Mrs. NAPOLITANO.
H.R. 2976: Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire.
H.R. 3032: Mr. KHANNA and Mr. SOTO.
H.R. 3175: Ms. MOORE.
H.R. 3261: Mrs. DAVIS of California.
H.R. 3409: Mr. BARLETTA.
H.R. 3528: Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire.
H.R. 3602: Ms. BASS and Mr. SOTO.
H.R. 3654: Mr. SWALWELL of California.
H.R. 3798: Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania.
H.R. 3832: Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire.
H.R. 3874: Mr. PANETTA.
H.R. 3984: Ms. BASS.
H.R. 4045: Mr. REICHERT.
H.R. 4223: Mr. COSTELLO of Pennsylvania, Ms. BONAMICI, Mr. SENSENBRENNER, and Mrs. NAPOLITANO.
H.R. 4682: Mr. MEEHAN.
H.R. 4815: Mr. LOWENTHAL.