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House of Representatives

The House met at 3 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. THORNBERRY).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
April 23, 2018.

I hereby appoint the Honorable MAC THORNBERRY to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

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

PRAYER

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

You have blessed us with all good gifts, and with thankful hearts we express our gratitude. You have created us with opportunities to serve other people in their need, to share together in respect and affection, and to be faithful in the responsibilities we have been given.

In this moment of prayer, please grant to the Members of this people's House, the gifts of wisdom and discernment, that in their words and actions they will do justice, love with mercy, and walk humbly with You.

May all that is done this day be for Your greater honor and glory.
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. 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.

RESIGNATION FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, April 23, 2018.

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

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: I have notified Oklahoma Governor Mary Fallin that I will resign my office as the Representative of Oklahoma's 1st Congressional District effective as of 10:30 a.m. today, Monday April 23, 2018.

As you know, on April 19th, the Senate confirmed my nomination to serve as Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. It has been a great honor to represent the people of Oklahoma's 1st District in the 113th, 114th, and 115th Congresses.

NASA's leadership team and 17,000 employees comprise a scientific and engineering resource unique in the world. They will enable America to secure its future as the world's preeminent space-faring nation, advancing a new era in space exploration and expanding understanding of our home planet.

As NASA Administrator, I will look forward to working with you, and with all members of the House and the Senate, to ensure that the United States realizes its full potential as the world's leader in space.

Sincerely,

JIM BRIDENSTINE.

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, April 23, 2018.

Hon. MARY FALLIN,
Office of the Governor,
Oklahoma City, OK.

DEAR GOVERNOR FALLIN: On Thursday April 19th, 2018, the United States Senate confirmed my nomination to serve as Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

Accordingly, I write to provide you with advance notice that I will resign my office as United States Representative for the 1st District of Oklahoma effective as of 10:30 a.m. today, Monday April 23, 2018.

It has been a great honor to represent the people of the 1st District in the 113th, 114th, and 115th Congresses.

NASA's leadership team and 17,000 employees comprise a scientific and engineering resource unique in the world. They will enable America to secure its future as the world's preeminent space-faring nation, advancing a new era in space exploration and expanding understanding of our home planet.

I look forward to the opportunity to serve the United States, and Oklahoma, in a new capacity as NASA Administrator.

Sincerely,

JIM BRIDENSTINE.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under clause 5(d) of rule XX, the Chair announces to the House that, in light of the resignation of the gentleman from Oklahoma (Mr. BRIDENSTINE), the whole number of the House is 429.

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:

□ 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.



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OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, April 19, 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 message from the Secretary of the Senate on April 19, 2018, at 3:16 p.m.:

That the Senate agreed to S. Res. 474.

Relative to the death of the Honorable John Melcher, former United States Senator for the State of Montana.

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, April 23, 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 message from the Secretary of the Senate on April 23, 2018, at 1:02 p.m.:

That the Senate agreed to without amendment H. Con. Res. 115.

Appointments:

Canada-U.S. Interparliamentary Group—Chairman.

Canada-U.S. Interparliamentary Group—Vice Chairman.

United States Commission on International Religious Freedom.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely,

KAREN L. HAAS.

COMMUNICATION FROM DISTRICT DIRECTOR, THE HONORABLE JACKIE SPEIER, MEMBER OF CONGRESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from Brian Perkins, District Director, the Honorable JACKIE SPEIER, Member of Congress:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, April 20, 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 as a witness in a criminal trial issued by the Superior Court of the State of California, County of San Mateo.

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

Sincerely,

BRIAN PERKINS,
District Director.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the House stands adjourned until noon tomorrow for morning-hour debate.

There was no objection.

Thereupon (at 3 o'clock and 5 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Tuesday, April 24, 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:

4638. A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Rinderpest; Update of Communicable Animal Disease Provisions [Docket No.: APHIS-2017-0070] received April 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.

4639. A letter from the Under Secretary, Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense, transmitting a report titled, "Evaluation of the TRICARE Program: Fiscal Year 2018 Report to Congress Access, Cost, and Quality Data through Fiscal Year 2017, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 1073 note; Public Law 104-106, Sec. 717(c); (110 Stat. 376); to the Committee on Armed Services.

4640. A letter from the Alternate OSD FRLO, Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — Employment of Military Resources in the Event of Civil Disturbances [Docket ID: DOD-2017-OS-0056] (RIN: 0790-AK07) received April 18, 2018, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Armed Services.

4641. A letter from the Director, Office of Legislative Affairs, Legal, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's final rule — Real Estate Appraisals (RIN: 3064 AE-56) received April 12, 2018, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Financial Services.

4642. A letter from the Director, Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances, Mine Safety and Health Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting the Department's final rule — Examinations of Working Places in Metal and Nonmetal Mines [Docket No.: MSHA-2014-0030] (RIN: 1219-AB87) received April 17, 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.

4643. A letter from the Deputy 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 February 28, 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.

4644. A letter from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's interim staff guidance — Japan Lessons-Learned Division "Compliance with Order EA-12-049, Order Modifying Licenses with Regard to Requirements for Mitigation Strategies for Beyond-Design-Basis External

Events" [JLD-ISC-2012-01, Revision 2] received April 19, 2018, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

4645. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Department's final rule — Amendment to Export Administration Regulations to Reclassify Targets for the Production of Tritium and Related Development and Production Technology Initially Classified Under the 0Y521 Series [Docket No.: 160303184-8255-01] (RIN: 0694-AG90) received April 12, 2018, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

4646. A letter from the Deputy Director, M/MPBP, Office of Acquisition and Assistance, U.S. Agency for International Development, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Amend the USAID Acquisition Regulation (AIDAR) clause "Government Property-USAID reporting requirements" (RIN: 0412-AA85) received April 17, 2018, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

4647. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 22-314, "Nurse Staffing Agency 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.

4648. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 22-315, "Maternal Mortality Review Committee Establishment Act of 2018", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

4649. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 22-313, "Interstate Medical Licensure Compact Enactment Act of 2018", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

4650. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting DC Act 22-307, "Medical Assistance Program Modernization 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.

4651. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 22-301, "Child Neglect and Sex Trafficking Temporary 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.

4652. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 22-302, "Pools Without Penalties Temporary Act of 2018", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

4653. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting DC Act 22-308, "Dupont Circle Business Improvement District 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.

4654. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting DC Act 22-312, "Senior Dental Services Program Act of 2018", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

4655. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting DC Act 22-303, "Deferred Compensation Program