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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. SMITH of New Jersey).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
May 25, 2018.

I hereby appoint the Honorable CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

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

PRAYER

Reverend Andrew Walton, Trinity Presbyterian Church, Clearwater, Florida, offered the following prayer:

Eternal presence known by many names and served through many traditions, as servants and sages have done for millennia, we all come to Your well of truth with leaking buckets.

Our prayer today is for Your winds of wisdom, compassion, and love that blow throughout creation, to sweep through these Chambers of governance, crossing aisles and permeating ideologies of separation, inspiring those who work here toward conversations and decisions that yield peace, justice, and equity for the common good and dignity of all people.

As so many in this city and around our country prepare for days of recess, rest, relaxation, and recreation, may we remember the multitudes of people who have no resources in their lives for recreation, relaxation, or rest. In remembering them, may we be moved with compassion for them and be inspired toward acts of peace, justice, and love for all people.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 5(a) of House Resolution 908, 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.

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, May 24, 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 May 24, 2018, at 12:22 p.m.:

That the Senate passed S. 916.
That the Senate passed S. 1333.
That the Senate passed S. 2178.

With best wishes, I am,
Sincerely,

KAREN L. HAAS.

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. 1333. An act to provide for rental assistance for homeless or at-risk Indian veterans; to the Committee on Financial Services.

S. 2178. An act to require the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency to make open recommendations of Inspectors General publicly available, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 5(b) of House Resolution 908, the House stands adjourned until 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 29, 2018.

Thereupon (at 10 o'clock and 3 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Tuesday, May 29, 2018, at 1:30 p.m.

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 Mr. ROSS:

H.R. 5973. A bill to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to require a report on risk transfer, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. DENHAM (for himself, Mr. BOST, Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire, and Mr. CRIST):

H.R. 5974. A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to use on-site regulated medical waste treatment systems at certain Department of Veterans Affairs facilities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Miss GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN of Puerto Rico (for herself, Mr. BISHOP of Utah, Mr. MACARTHUR, Mr. DUFFY, Mr. CURBELO of Florida, and Mr. YOUNG of Alaska):

H.R. 5975. A bill to support businesses in Puerto Rico, extend child tax credits for families in Puerto Rico, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on Small Business, Financial Services, Oversight and Government Reform, and 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.

□ 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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By Mr. HUFFMAN (for himself, Mr. DESAULNIER, and Ms. BARRAGAN):

H.R. 5976. A bill to amend the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act to direct the Secretary to provide additional funds to States to establish and make disbursements from high cost funds; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Ms. KELLY of Illinois:

H.R. 5977. A bill to improve Federal efforts with respect to the prevention of maternal mortality, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. MEADOWS:

H.R. 5978. A bill to amend the Food Security Act of 1985 to provide for certain payment limitations with respect to commodity programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky:

H.R. 5979. A bill to establish the Mill Springs Battlefield National Monument in the State of Kentucky as a unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. ROTHFUS:

H.R. 5980. A bill to authorize, develop, and implement a coordinated tracking system of federally-funded initiatives and grant programs for substance abuse treatment, prevention, and enforcement, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Mr. SMITH of New Jersey:

H.R. 5981. A bill to amend title 44, United States Code, to prohibit the Archivist from charging certain fees to veterans for destroyed records regarding such veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Mrs. WALORSKI:

H.R. 5982. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to increase the gratuity owed upon death of an employee in connection with the employee's service with an Armed Force, to limit the amount of any death gratuity paid upon the death of a Member of Congress, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, and in addition to the Committee on House Administration, 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. YODER (for himself, Ms. JENKINS of Kansas, and Mr. ESTES of Kansas):

H.R. 5983. A bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to require providers of a covered service to provide location information concerning the telecommunications device of a user of such service to an investigative or law enforcement officer or an employee or other agent of a public safety answering point in an emergency situation involving risk of death or serious physical harm or in order to respond to the user's call for emergency services; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Ms. BASS (for herself, Mr. MARINO, Mrs. LAWRENCE, Mrs. BLACK, Mr. LANGEVIN, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. HIGGINS of New York, Ms. JUDY CHU of California, Ms. SEWELL of Alabama, Ms. SANCHEZ, Ms. DELBENE, Mr. CROWLEY, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Mr. REED, Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania, Mr. KILDEE, Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico, Mr. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY of New York, Mr. MEEKS, Mr. MULLIN, Mr. MCNERNEY, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Mr. COOPER, Ms. FUDGE, Mr. WITTMAN, Ms. WILSON of Florida, Mr. DEFAZIO, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. YARMUTH, Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts, Mr. BACON, Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania, Ms. NOR-

TON, Mr. RICHMOND, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Ms. HANABUSA, Mr. PRICE of North Carolina, Mr. HASTINGS, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mrs. HARTZLER, Mr. BARLETTA, Mr. POCAN, Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. CLAY, Mr. CARDENAS, Mr. HILL, Mr. CORREA, Ms. MATSUI, Mr. HECK, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. LAMBORN, Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire, Mr. GRIMALVA, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Ms. MOORE, Ms. DEGETTE, Miss RICE of New York, Mr. DESAULNIER, Mr. LOWENTHAL, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Mr. COHEN, Ms. CASTOR of Florida, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Mr. AL GREEN of Texas, Mr. VEASEY, Mr. TONKO, Ms. BROWNLEY of California, Mr. CARTWRIGHT, Mrs. BUSTOS, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Mr. SUOZZI, Mr. VARGAS, Mrs. TORRES, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Mr. PALLONE, Ms. DELAULO, Mr. RYAN of Ohio, Mr. DEUTCH, Mr. RUSH, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, Mr. SERRANO, Ms. SPEIER, Mr. BANKS of Indiana, Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, Mr. TAKANO, Mr. KILMER, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Ms. LEE, Mr. LOEBSACK, Ms. KAPTUR, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Ms. BONAMICI, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Ms. JAYAPAL, Ms. ADAMS, Mr. TED LIEU of California, Mrs. DINGELL, Mr. BUTTERFIELD, Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia, Ms. FRANKEL of Florida, Mr. CRIST, Ms. SHEA-PORTER, Ms. TITUS, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Mr. MCEACHIN, Mr. CARSON of Indiana, Mr. BROWN of Maryland, Mr. CICILLINE, and Mrs. DEMINGS):

H. Res. 914. A resolution recognizing National Foster Care Month as an opportunity to raise awareness about the challenges of children in the foster care system, and encouraging Congress to implement policy to improve the lives of children in the foster care system; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Ms. DEGETTE (for herself, Ms. LEE, Ms. JUDY CHU of California, Mrs. LOWEY, and Mr. CROWLEY):

H. Res. 915. A resolution expressing the sense of the Congress in support of protecting patients' access to medically appropriate, evidence-based healthcare and information, and the ethical and professional obligations of healthcare professionals to provide that care and information; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. DIAZ-BALART (for himself, Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, Mr. SIRES, Mr. CURBELO of Florida, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. COOK, and Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ):

H. Res. 916. A resolution honoring Las Damas de Blanco as the recipient of the 2018 Milton Friedman Prize for Advancing Liberty; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Ms. NORTON:

H. Res. 917. A resolution recognizing on May 28, 2018, Memorial Day, the denial of full voting rights in Congress for active duty servicemembers, National Guard members, reservists, veterans, and their families who are residents of the District of Columbia; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

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 Mr. ROSS:

H.R. 5973.

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

The constitutional authority on which this bill rests is the explicit power of Congress to regulate commerce in and among the states, as enumerate in Article 1, Section 8, Clause 3, the Commerce Clause, of the United States Constitution.

By Mr. DENHAM:

H.R. 5974.

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

Article I, Section 8, US Constitution.

By Miss GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN of Puerto Rico:

H.R. 5975.

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

Article I, Section 1 of the U.S. Constitution

“All legislative Powers herein granted shall be vested in a Congress of the United States, which shall consist of a Senate and House of Representatives.”

Article IV, Section 3, Clause 2 of the U.S. Constitution

“The Congress shall have Power to dispose of and make all needful Rules and Regulations respecting the Territory or other Property belonging to the United States; and nothing in this Constitution shall be so construed as to Prejudice any Claims of the United States, or of any particular state.”

By Mr. HUFFMAN:

H.R. 5976.

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

Article I, Section 8, clause 1

By Ms. KELLY of Illinois:

H.R. 5977.

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

Article I of the Constitution.

By Mr. MEADOWS:

H.R. 5978.

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

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 3 states “The Congress shall have Power To . . . regulate Commerce . . . among the several States . . .” And Article 1, Section 8, Clause 1 states “The Congress shall have Power to . . . provide for the . . . general Welfare of the United States . . .”

By Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky:

H.R. 5979.

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

Article IV Section 3 Clause 2

By Mr. ROTHFUS:

H.R. 5980.

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

Article I, Section 8: The Congress shall have Power To lay and collect Taxes, Duties, Imposts and Excises, to pay the Debts and provide for the common Defense and general Welfare of the United States; but all Duties, Imposts and Excises shall be uniform throughout the United States.

By Mr. SMITH of New Jersey:

H.R. 5981.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 1 of the Constitution

By Mrs. WALORSKI:

H.R. 5982.

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

The constitutional authority on which this bill rests is the power of Congress “to provide for the common Defence”, “to raise and support Armies”, “to provide and maintain a Navy” and “to make Rules for the Government and Regulation of the land and naval