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## House of Representatives

The House met at 9:30 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. MESSER).

1059, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,  
September 20, 2018.

I hereby appoint the Honorable LUKE MESSER to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

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

### PRAYER

Reverend Dr. Dan C. Cummins, Peoples Church, Jacksonville, Texas, offered the following prayer:

Heavenly Father, bless this House, its Members and families, and the families of every house recovering from Florence.

Hear us Lord in the day of our calamity. Send us help and deliverance from Your sanctuary according to the depth of Your mercy and the goodness of Your heart.

Spare us from the arrows of our enemies. Forgive our presumptuous sins. Cleanse us from our secret faults. Then we will rejoice in Your salvation. And in the name of the most High, then will we know that it is the Lord who saves His people. By the saving strength of Your right hand that You hear us from Your holy heaven.

Some may trust in chariots and horses, but we will remember the name of the Lord our God.

Let the words of our mouths, and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord.

In Jesus' name, amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 3(a) of House Resolution

### 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, September 18, 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 September 18, 2018, at 11:11 a.m.:

That the Senate passed S. 2554.  
That the Senate passed with an amendment H.R. 6.

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, September 18, 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 September 18, 2018, at 3:10 p.m.:

That the Senate agrees to the report of the committee of the conference H.R. 6157.

With best wishes, I am,  
Sincerely,

KAREN L. HAAS.

### COMMUNICATION FROM THE DEMOCRATIC LEADER

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

SEPTEMBER 19, 2018.

Hon. PAUL D. RYAN,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives, U.S. Capitol, Washington, DC.*

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to Section 214(a) of the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (52 U.S.C. 20944), I hereby reappoint Dr. Philip B. Stark of Berkeley, CA to the U.S. Election Assistance Commission Board of Advisors.

Thank you for your attention to his appointment.

Sincerely,

NANCY PELOSI,  
*House Democratic Leader.*

### SENATE ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The Speaker announced his signature to enrolled bills of the Senate of the following titles:

S. 97. An act to enable civilian research and development of advanced nuclear energy technologies by private and public institutions, to expand theoretical and practical knowledge of nuclear physics, chemistry, and materials science, and for other purposes.

S. 2946. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, to clarify the meaning of the

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terms “act of war” and “blocked asset”, and for other purposes.

## ADJOURNMENT

10:30 a.m. on Monday, September 24, 2018.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 3(b) of House Resolution 1059, the House stands adjourned until

Thereupon (at 9 o'clock and 34 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Monday, September 24, 2018, at 10:30 a.m.

## EXPENDITURE REPORTS CONCERNING OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL

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

## REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, DELEGATION TO BELGIUM, POLAND, MACEDONIA, AND TUNISIA, EXPENDED BETWEEN AUG. 22 AND AUG. 31, 2018

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem <sup>1</sup>		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>
Hon. Bill Flores .....	8/22	8/23	Belgium .....		316.00		( <sup>3</sup> )				316.00
Hon. David Price .....	8/22	8/23	Belgium .....		316.00		( <sup>3</sup> )				316.00
Hon. Susan Davis .....	8/22	8/23	Belgium .....		316.00		( <sup>3</sup> )				316.00
Hon. Dina Titus .....	8/22	8/23	Belgium .....		316.00		( <sup>3</sup> )				316.00
Hon. Gerry Connolly .....	8/22	8/23	Belgium .....		316.00		( <sup>3</sup> )				316.00
Jeff Billman .....	8/22	8/23	Belgium .....		316.00		( <sup>3</sup> )				316.00
Justin Wein .....	8/22	8/23	Belgium .....		316.00		( <sup>3</sup> )				316.00
Catherine Huddleston .....	8/22	8/23	Belgium .....		316.00		( <sup>3</sup> )				316.00
Hon. Bill Flores .....	8/23	8/26	Poland .....		924.00		( <sup>3</sup> )				924.00
Hon. David Price .....	8/23	8/26	Poland .....		924.00		( <sup>3</sup> )				924.00
Hon. Susan Davis .....	8/23	8/26	Poland .....		924.00		( <sup>3</sup> )				924.00
Hon. Dina Titus .....	8/23	8/26	Poland .....		924.00		( <sup>3</sup> )				924.00
Hon. Gerry Connolly .....	8/23	8/26	Poland .....		924.00		( <sup>3</sup> )				924.00
Jeff Billman .....	8/23	8/26	Poland .....		924.00		( <sup>3</sup> )				924.00
Justin Wein .....	8/23	8/26	Poland .....		924.00		( <sup>3</sup> )				924.00
Catherine Huddleston .....	8/23	8/26	Poland .....		924.00		( <sup>3</sup> )				924.00
Hon. Bill Flores .....	8/26	8/28	Macedonia .....		466.00		( <sup>3</sup> )				466.00
Hon. David Price .....	8/26	8/28	Macedonia .....		466.00		( <sup>3</sup> )				466.00
Hon. Susan Davis .....	8/26	8/28	Macedonia .....		466.00		( <sup>3</sup> )				466.00
Hon. Dina Titus .....	8/26	8/28	Macedonia .....		466.00		( <sup>3</sup> )				466.00
Hon. Gerry Connolly .....	8/26	8/28	Macedonia .....		466.00		( <sup>3</sup> )				466.00
Jeff Billman .....	8/26	8/28	Macedonia .....		466.00		( <sup>3</sup> )				466.00
Justin Wein .....	8/26	8/28	Macedonia .....		466.00		( <sup>3</sup> )				466.00
Catherine Huddleston .....	8/26	8/28	Macedonia .....		466.00		( <sup>3</sup> )				466.00
Hon. Bill Flores .....	8/28	8/31	Tunisia .....		567.00		( <sup>3</sup> )				567.00
Hon. David Price .....	8/28	8/31	Tunisia .....		567.00		( <sup>3</sup> )				567.00
Hon. Susan Davis .....	8/28	8/31	Tunisia .....		567.00		( <sup>3</sup> )				567.00
Hon. Dina Titus .....	8/28	8/31	Tunisia .....		567.00		( <sup>3</sup> )				567.00
Hon. Gerry Connolly .....	8/28	8/31	Tunisia .....		567.00		( <sup>3</sup> )				567.00
Jeff Billman .....	8/28	8/31	Tunisia .....		567.00		( <sup>3</sup> )				567.00
Justin Wein .....	8/28	8/31	Tunisia .....		567.00		( <sup>3</sup> )				567.00
Catherine Huddleston .....	8/28	8/31	Tunisia .....		567.00		( <sup>3</sup> )				567.00
Committee total .....					18,184.00						18,184.00

<sup>1</sup> Per diem constitutes lodging and meals.

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

<sup>3</sup> Military air transportation.

HON. BILL FLORES, Sept. 17, 2018.

## REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, COMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT AND GOVERNMENT REFORM, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN APR. 1 AND JUNE 30, 2018

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem <sup>1</sup>		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>
Hon. Mark Sanford .....	4/2	4/5	Chile .....		646.00						646.00
	4/5	4/8	Ecuador .....		1,376.00						1,376.00
	4/8	4/10	Colombia .....		524.00						524.00
Hon. Dennis Ross .....	5/12	5/14	Israel .....		1,150.00						1,150.00
	5/24	5/29	France .....		2,857.00						2,857.00
	5/29	5/30	UK .....		382.00						382.00
Hon. Darrell Issa .....	5/25	5/27	Bahrain .....		750.00						750.00
	5/27	5/28	Jordan .....		355.00						355.00
	5/28	5/29	Israel .....		520.00						520.00
	5/29	5/31	Lebanon .....		150.00						150.00
	5/31	6/1	Egypt .....		273.00						273.00
Delegation Expenses .....								11,448.00			11,448.00
Jessica Donlon .....	5/25	5/27	Bahrain .....		750.00						750.00
	5/27	5/28	Jordan .....		355.00						355.00
	5/28	5/29	Israel .....		520.00						520.00
	5/29	5/31	Lebanon .....		420.00						420.00
	5/31	6/1	Egypt .....		273.00						273.00
Hon. Stephen Lynch .....	5/25	5/27	Bahrain .....		750.00						750.00
	5/27	5/28	Jordan .....		355.00						355.00
	5/28	5/29	Israel .....		520.00						520.00
	5/29	5/31	Lebanon .....		150.00						150.00
	5/31	6/1	Turkey .....		317.00						317.00
Bruce Fernandez .....	5/25	5/27	Bahrain .....		750.00						750.00
	5/27	5/28	Jordan .....		355.00						355.00
	5/28	5/29	Israel .....		520.00						520.00
	5/29	5/31	Lebanon .....		420.00						420.00
	5/31	6/1	Turkey .....		317.00						317.00
Committee total .....					15,755.00				11,448.00		27,203.00

<sup>1</sup> Per diem constitutes lodging and meals.

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

HON. TREY GOWDY, Chairman, Aug. 28, 2018.