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Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Friday, January 3, 2020, at 12 p.m.

House of Representatives

FRIDAY, JANUARY 3, 2020

The House met at 11 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. RASKIN).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
January 3, 2020.

I hereby appoint the Honorable JAMIE RASKIN to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer:

God of the universe, we give You thanks for giving us another day. In the final hour of the First Session of the 116th Congress, we give You thanks for Your faithfulness to our Nation. There have been many struggles, many sorrows, and yet, we are still here and able to give You thanks that millions of our citizens live free.

May the work of the 116th issue forth to the benefit of our Nation and its citizens, and where the efforts of this Congress have fallen short, we ask Your forgiveness and the forgiveness of all Americans.

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

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 7(a) of House Resolution 758, 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.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 1 minute a.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. RASKIN) at 11 o'clock and 55 minutes a.m.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Cheryl L. Johnson, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly en-

rolled bills of the House of the following titles, which were thereupon signed by the Speaker pro tempore, Mr. RASKIN:

H.R. 1424. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to ensure the Secretary of Veterans Affairs permits the display of Fallen Soldier Displays in national cemeteries.

H.R. 2385. An act to permit the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a grant program to conduct cemetery research and produce educational materials for the Veterans Legacy Program.

SINE DIE ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the 20th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, the Chair declares the First Session of the 116th Congress adjourned sine die.

Thereupon (at 11 o'clock and 55 minutes a.m.), the House adjourned.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

3387. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's temporary rule — Coastal Migratory Pelagic Resources of the Gulf of Mexico and Atlantic Region; 2019-2020 Commercial Quota Reduction for King Mackerel Run-Around Gillnet Fishery [Docket No.: 160426363-7275-02] (RIN: 0648-XS008) received December 18, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

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

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3388. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's temporary rule — Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Atlantic Bluefin Tuna Fisheries [Docket No.: 180117042-8884-02] (RTID: 0648-XT027) received December 18, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

3389. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, NMFS Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; 2020 Atlantic Shark Commercial Fishing Year [Docket No.: 191125-0090] (RTID: 0648-XT004) received December 18, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

3390. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulation Policy and Management, Office of the Secretary (00REG), Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting the Department's final rule — Contracts and State Home Care Agreements for State Home Nursing Home Care (RIN: 2900-AO57) received December 18, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

3391. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulations, Social Security Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Setting the Manner for the Appearance of Parties and Witnesses at a Hearing [Docket No.: SSA-2017-0015] (RIN: 0960-AI09) received December 18, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on 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 Mr. BYRNE:

H.R. 5538. A bill to amend the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 to subject certain direct spending programs to annual appropriations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Rules, and in addition to the Committee on the Budget, 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. PAPPAS (for himself, Mr. DELGADO, Mr. ROUDA, Mr. DEFAZIO, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. KILDEE, Mr. LOWENTHAL, Mr. LYNCH, Mr. NEAL, Mr. BRENDAN F. BOYLE of Pennsylvania, Ms. SLOTKIN, Mrs. LAWRENCE, and Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire):

H.R. 5539. A bill to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to review and develop effluent standards, pretreatment standards, and water quality criteria for PFAS under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, to provide Federal grants to publicly owned treatment works to implement standards, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

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. BYRNE:

H.R. 5538.

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

Article I, Section 9, Clause 7 of the United States Constitution

By Mr. PAPPAS:

H.R. 5539.

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

The Congress enacts this bill pursuant to Article I, Section 8, Clause 3, of the United States Constitution.

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

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

H.R. 303: Mr. NORCROSS.

H.R. 784: Mr. BISHOP of North Carolina.

H.R. 1139: Mr. COSTA.

H.R. 1528: Mr. BUCHANAN.

H.R. 1814: Mr. DEUTCH, Ms. HAALAND, and Mrs. LURIA.

H.R. 2271: Mr. COOPER.

H.R. 2416: Mr. STANTON.

H.R. 2491: Ms. ESCOBAR.

H.R. 2788: Ms. SPANBERGER.

H.R. 2881: Mr. TAYLOR.

H.R. 2905: Mr. McGOVERN.

H.R. 3062: Mr. CARTER of Georgia.

H.R. 3496: Mr. PERLMUTTER.

H.R. 3593: Mrs. MURPHY of Florida, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, and Miss RICE of New York.

H.R. 3757: Mr. SMITH of Washington.

H.R. 3843: Mr. CRENSHAW.

H.R. 3973: Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. NEGUSE, Mr. GALLEGOS, and Mr. RUPPERSBERGER.

H.R. 4077: Mrs. LURIA.

H.R. 4141: Mr. WELCH.

H.R. 4211: Mr. NADLER.

H.R. 4220: Mrs. HAYES.

H.R. 4326: Mr. CLAY, Mr. PHILLIPS, and Mrs. BEATTY.

H.R. 4348: Ms. MENG, Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia, Mr. CARTWRIGHT, and Mr. LIPINSKI.

H.R. 4436: Mr. McGOVERN.

H.R. 4512: Mr. HUFFMAN and Ms. LOFGREN.

H.R. 4857: Ms. LOFGREN.

H.R. 4908: Ms. KENDRA S. HORN of Oklahoma.

H.R. 4934: Mr. HUDSON.

H.R. 4995: Mr. McGOVERN.

H.R. 5230: Mr. McGOVERN.

H.R. 5265: Ms. WILSON of Florida.

H.R. 5303: Ms. LEE of California.

H.J. Res. 51: Mr. ROY.

H. Res. 672: Ms. JACKSON LEE.

H. Res. 721: Mr. MEADOWS.

H. Res. 763: Ms. WILSON of Florida and Ms. JACKSON LEE.