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The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer: Eternal God, we give You thanks for giving us another day. You endow all Your people with gifts of various designs, meant to be used in service to others. May the pressures that come to bear upon the Members of Congress not obscure honest self-reflection and evaluation of the gifts that each has to bring to the needs of this time in the people's House.

Bless all Members with a sense of their collective responsibility to our Nation and to this assembly so that the American people might have a renewed respect and trust in those whom they have elected.

As the House attends to the farewell of a beloved colleague, may we be truly grateful for the service of Elijah Cummings, that of all who have served since our Nation's inception, and the service and sacrifices of those who serve now in the 116th Congress.

May all that is done today, and in the days to come, be for Your greater honor and glory.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House her approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. The Chair will lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Speaker led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Repub-

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

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the House stands adjourned until noon on Monday, October 28, 2019, for morning-hour debate.

There was no objection.

Thereupon (at 9 o'clock and 5 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Monday, October 28, 2019, 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:

2754. A letter from the Administrator, Agriculture Marketing Services, Specialty Crops Program, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Tart Cherries Grown in the States of Michigan, et al.; Free and Restricted Percentages for the 2018-19 Crop Year and Revision of Grower Diversion Requirements for Tart Cherries [Doc. No.: AMS-SC-18-0083; SC19-930-1 FR] received October 22, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Agriculture.

2755. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting the Department's report of the activities of the United Nations and of the participation of the United States for 2018, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 287b(a); Dec. 20, 1945, ch. 583, Sec. 4(a) (as amended by Public Law 106-113, Sec. 1000(a)(7)); (113 Stat. 1501A-465); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

2756. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Iran that was declared in Executive Order 12170 of November 14, 1979, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1641(c); Public Law 94-412, Sec. 401(c); (90 Stat. 1257) and 50 U.S.C. 1703(c); Public Law 95-223, Sec. 204(c); (91 Stat. 1627); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

2757. A letter from the Assistant Legal Advisor, 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.

2758. A letter from the Executive Director, Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board, transmitting a report listing seventeen audit reports issued during fiscal year 2019 regarding the agency and the Thrift Savings Plan, pursuant to the Inspector General Act of 1978; to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

2759. A letter from the Attorney-Advisor, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting a notification of an action on nomination, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 3349(a); Public Law 105-277, 151(b); (112 Stat. 2681-614); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

2760. A letter from the Chairman, Labor Member, and Management Member, Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting the 2019 report of the United States Railroad Retirement Board, pursuant to 45 U.S.C. 231f(b)(6); August 29, 1935, ch. 812, Sec. 7(b)(6) (as amended by Public Law 97-35, Sec. 1122); (95 Stat. 638); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2761. A letter from the Attorney-Advisor, Office of Regulations and Administration Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's temporary final rule — Safety Zone; San Jacinto River, Channelview, TX [USCG-2019-0818] (RIN: 1625-AA00) received October 22, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2762. A letter from the Attorney-Advisor, Office of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's temporary final rule — Safety Zone; Allegheny River, Mile 0 to Mile 0.25, Pittsburgh, PA [Docket No.: USCG-2019-0806] (RIN: 1625-AA00) received October 22, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

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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. MICHAEL F. DOYLE of Pennsylvania (for himself, Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio, Ms. MATSUI, and Mr. GIANFORTE):

H.R. 4855. A bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to provide for an auction of C-Band spectrum, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. MCNERNEY (for himself, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Ms. GABBARD, and Mr. OLSON):

H.R. 4856. A bill to improve oversight by the Federal Communications Commission of the wireless and broadcast emergency alert systems; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure, and Homeland Security, 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. GOMEZ (for himself, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. CARSON of Indiana, Mr. CARTWRIGHT, Ms. JUDY CHU of California, Mr. COHEN, Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois, Ms. DELAUBO, Mr. DESAULNIER, Mr. DEFazio, Mr. MICHAEL F. DOYLE of Pennsylvania, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois, Mr. GREEN of Texas, Mr. GRIJALVA, Ms. HAALAND, Ms. NORTON, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Ms. JAYAPAL, Mr. KHANNA, Ms. LEE of California, Mr. LEVIN of Michigan, Mr. LOWENTHAL, Mr. McGOVERN, Mr. NADLER, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ, Ms. OMAR, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. POCAN, Ms. PRESSLEY, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. SERRANO, Mr. TAKANO, Mr. TONKO,

Ms. TLAIB, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, and Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN):

H.R. 4857. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reinstate estate and generation-skipping taxes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. NORMAN (for himself and Mr. HUDSON):

H.R. 4858. A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to enter into a contract or other agreement with a third party to review appointees in the Veterans Health Administration who had a license terminated for cause by a State licensing board for care or services rendered at a non-Veterans Health Administration facility and to provide individuals treated by such an appointee with notice if it is determined that an episode of care or services to which they received was below the standard of care, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. TRONE (for himself and Mr. WALBERG):

H.R. 4859. A bill to amend the Older Americans Act of 1965 to reduce social isolation among older individuals; to the Committee on Education and Labor.

By Ms. LEE of California (for herself, Mr. SABLAN, Mr. McGOVERN, Mr. HASTINGS, Ms. NORTON, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. RUSH, Mr. KHANNA, Ms. TLAIB, and Mr. LEVIN of Michigan):

H. Res. 654. A resolution supporting the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals; to the Committee on Foreign 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 Mr. MICHAEL F. DOYLE of Pennsylvania:

H.R. 4855.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 3

By Mr. MCNERNEY:

H.R. 4856.

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

Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution of the United States grants Congress the authority to enact this bill.

By Mr. GOMEZ:

H.R. 4857.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 1

By Mr. NORMAN:

H.R. 4858.

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

Article I, Section 8

By Mr. TRONE:

H.R. 4859.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 18 of the Constitution of the United States.

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

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

H.R. 486: Mr. SERRANO and Mr. GRIJALVA.

H.R. 1317: Mr. TED LIEU of California.

H.R. 1366: Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio, Mr. HUIZENGA, Mrs. WAGNER, Mr. JOYCE of Ohio, Mr. LATTA, Mr. CHABOT, Ms. NORTON, Mr. RIGGLEMAN, and Mr. FORTENBERRY.

H.R. 2457: Mr. DEUTCH.

H.R. 3157: Ms. SÁNCHEZ and Ms. MENG.

H.R. 3830: Mr. MEADOWS.