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Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, March 30, 2020, at 11 a.m.

House of Representatives

FRIDAY, MARCH 27, 2020

The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. BROWN of Maryland).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
March 27, 2020.

I hereby appoint the Honorable ANTHONY G. BROWN to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

Reverend Dr. Dan C. Cummins, Capitol Worship, Washington, D.C., offered the following prayer:

Heavenly Father, this morning we pause to remember Your humble servant, 91-year-old Holocaust survivor Rabbi Romi Cohn, who lost his life this week and who just 2 months ago, at this very dais, as a guest chaplain, marked the 75th anniversary of his Auschwitz liberation.

May his memory be a blessing.

Lord, where can we run to hide from an enemy we cannot see?

On 9/11, we saw its hand: the planes crashing the towers, the clouds of dust covering its victims, no tests needed.

Those fortunate could flee, but not now, not today. So are we all, as it might seem, trapped above the 93rd floor? No, we have a place to run.

So let our hearts be comforted from the words of David's psalm. We have a

place to run, to that rock that is higher than us all, a tabernacle from the storm, our Jehovah Shalom, our Jehovah Jireh, an everlasting tower and a strength from our enemies.

We have a rock. He is our God, a place to hide.

These things I pray in Jesus' name.
Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 7(a) of House Resolution 891, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Colorado (Mr. NEGUSE) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. NEGUSE 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.

RELATING TO HOUSE RESOLUTION 891, AND PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE SENATE AMENDMENT TO THE BILL (H.R. 748) TO AMEND THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986 TO REPEAL THE EXCISE TAX ON HIGH COST EMPLOYER-SPONSORED HEALTH COVERAGE

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I send to the desk a resolution and ask unani-

mous consent for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Maryland?

There was no objection.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

H. RES. 911

Resolved, That House Resolution 891, agreed to March 11, 2020 (as amended by House Resolution 905, agreed to March 19, 2020), is amended—

(1) in section 7, by striking “March 29, 2020” and inserting “April 19, 2020”;

(2) in section 10, by striking “March 29, 2020” and inserting “April 19, 2020”; and

(3) in section 11, by striking “March 30, 2020” and inserting “April 20, 2020”.

Sec. 2. Upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to take from the Speaker's table the bill (H.R. 748) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the excise tax on high cost employer-sponsored health coverage, with the Senate amendment thereto, and to consider in the House, without intervention of any point of order, a motion offered by the Majority Leader or his designee that the House concur in the Senate amendment. The Senate amendment and the motion shall be considered as read. The motion shall be debatable for three hours equally divided and controlled by the Majority Leader and the Minority Leader or their respective designees. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the motion to its adoption without intervening motion.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

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

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MIDDLE CLASS HEALTH BENEFITS TAX REPEAL ACT OF 2019

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to House Resolution 911, I call up the bill (H.R. 748) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the excise tax on high cost employer-sponsored health coverage, with the Senate amendment thereto, and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will designate the Senate amendment.

Senate amendment:

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act” or the “CARES Act”.

SEC. 2. TABLE OF CONTENTS.

The table of contents for this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title.

Sec. 2. Table of contents.

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Sec. 2109. Temporary financing of short-time compensation agreements.

Sec. 2110. Grants for short-time compensation programs.

Sec. 2111. Assistance and guidance in implementing programs.

Sec. 2112. Waiver of the 7-day waiting period for benefits under the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act.

Sec. 2113. Enhanced benefits under the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act.

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Sec. 2115. Funding for the DOL Office of Inspector General for oversight of unemployment provisions.

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Sec. 2204. Allowance of partial above the line deduction for charitable contributions.

Sec. 2205. Modification of limitations on charitable contributions during 2020.

Sec. 2206. Exclusion for certain employer payments of student loans.

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Sec. 2302. Delay of payment of employer payroll taxes.

Sec. 2303. Modifications for net operating losses.

Sec. 2304. Modification of limitation on losses for taxpayers other than corporations.

Sec. 2305. Modification of credit for prior year minimum tax liability of corporations.

Sec. 2306. Modifications of limitation on business interest.

Sec. 2307. Technical amendments regarding qualified improvement property.

Sec. 2308. Temporary exception from excise tax for alcohol used to produce hand sanitizer.

TITLE III—SUPPORTING AMERICA’S HEALTH CARE SYSTEM IN THE FIGHT AGAINST THE CORONAVIRUS

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Sec. 3001. Short title.

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