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Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Thursday, April 23, 2020, at 5:30 p.m.

House of Representatives

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 2020

The House met at 1 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. BUTTERFIELD).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
April 22, 2020.

I hereby appoint the Honorable G.K. BUTTERFIELD 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: Merciful God, thank You for giving us another day.

Today is a travel day for the majority of Members. They return to the Capitol to consider coronavirus assistance to America's citizens, businesses, and communities. Keep them safe in their travel from the dangers of infection.

Continue to give wisdom and good judgment to America's citizens, and inspire the governors of this country to fashion wise policies.

There are many disagreements in our civic discourse. May all be mindful of the responsibilities of good citizenship.

During these times, bless those whose life's work is in service to public safety, be it police, medical professionals, or those producing and delivering our daily necessities.

May everything 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 891, 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, April 22, 2020.

HON. NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM 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 April 22, 2020, at 11:52 a.m.:

That the Senate passed with an amendment H.R. 266.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 6322.

With best wishes, I am,
Sincerely,

CHERYL L. JOHNSON.

RESIGNATION AS MEMBER OF COMMITTEE ON RULES

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following resignation as a member of the Committee on Rules:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, April 21, 2020.

HON. NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR SPEAKER PELOSI: I write to request a leave of absence from serving on the House Rules Committee while I recover from non-COVID related pneumonia. I appreciate your support during this time, and look forward to returning as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

MARK DESAULNIER,
Member of Congress.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the resignation is accepted. There was no objection.

ELECTING A CERTAIN MEMBER TO A CERTAIN STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the Chair sends to the desk the following resolution (H. Res. 934) electing a certain Member to a certain standing committee of the House of Representatives.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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There was no objection.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

H. RES. 934

Resolved, That the following named Member be, and is hereby, elected to the following standing committee of the House of Representatives:

COMMITTEE ON RULES: Ms. Matsui.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

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 1 o'clock and 4 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

□ 1700

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. PERLMUTTER) at 5 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 7(b) of House Resolution 891, the House stands adjourned until 10 a.m. tomorrow.

Thereupon (at 5 o'clock and 1 minute p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Thursday, April 23, 2020, at 10 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

4241. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 23-276, "Ghost Guns Prohibition Temporary Amendment Act of 2020", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

4242. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 23-273, "Condominium Warranty Claims Clarification Temporary Amendment Act of 2020", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

4243. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 23-274, "Non-Public Student Educational Continuity Temporary Amendment Act of 2020", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

4244. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 23-275, "Substantive Technical Temporary Amendment Act of 2020", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

4245. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 23-277, "Leave to Vote Temporary Amendment Act of 2020", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

4246. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 23-278, "Extreme Risk Protection Order Implementation Working Group Temporary Amendment Act of 2020", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

4247. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 23-279, "Reverse Mortgage Insurance and Tax Payment Program Temporary Amendment Act of 2020", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

4248. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 23-266, "Bishop Sherman S. Howard Way Designation Act of 2020", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

4249. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 23-267, "Certified Professional Midwife Amendment Act of 2020", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

4250. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 23-268, "Security Breach Protection Amendment Act of 2020", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

4251. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 23-269, "Woody Ward Recreation Center Designation Act of 2020", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

4252. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 23-270, "James E. Bunn Amphitheater Designation Act of 2020", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

4253. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 23-271, "Zaire Kelly Park Designation Act of 2020", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

4254. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 23-272, "Rev. Roy Settles Way Designation Act of 2020", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

4255. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting a notification directing the Secretary of the Treasury to consider taking appropriate action to temporarily extend deadlines for importers suffering significant financial hardship because of COVID-19, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1631; Public Law 94-412, Sec. 301; (90 Stat. 1257); and 19 U.S.C. 1318(a) (H. Doc. No. 116—117); to the Committee on Ways and Means and ordered to be printed.

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. CASTRO of Texas:

H.R. 6595. A bill to expedite and expand provision of American Citizen Services worldwide during the COVID-19 pandemic, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. FOSTER (for himself and Mr. FORTENBERRY):

H.R. 6596. A bill to realign the nuclear forensics and attribution activities of the Federal Government from the Department of Homeland Security to the National Nuclear Security Administration; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Armed Services, Homeland Security, and Foreign Affairs, 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 Ms. STEFANIK (for herself, Mrs. TRAHAN, Mr. SMUCKER, Ms. ADAMS, Mrs. LEE of Nevada, Mr. WELCH, Mr. FITZPATRICK, and Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN):

H.R. 6597. A bill to extend zero interest rate benefits and payment suspension to certain Federal student loan borrowers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and Labor.

By Mr. BUTTERFIELD:

H. Res. 934. A resolution electing a certain Member to a certain standing committee of the House of Representatives; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. MCGOVERN:

H. Res. 935. A resolution establishing a Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Crisis as a select investigative subcommittee of the Committee on Oversight and Reform; to the Committee on Rules.

By Mr. COSTA:

H. Res. 936. A resolution supporting the designation of April 19-25, 2020, as National Crime Victims' Rights Week; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. KAPTUR (for herself and Mr. FORTENBERRY):

H. Res. 937. A resolution recognizing the important role Victory Gardens played in America's World War efforts and reaffirming their purpose as essential to strengthening food security, health education, and community morale during the 2020 Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) crisis; to the Committee on Agriculture.

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. CASTRO of Texas:

H.R. 6595.

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

The Congress shall have power . . . To make all laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into execution the foregoing powers, and all other powers vested by this Constitution in the government of the United States, or in any department or officer thereof.

By Mr. FOSTER:

H.R. 6596.

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

This bill is enacted pursuant to the power granted to Congress under Article I, Section 8 of the United States Constitution.

By Ms. STEFANIK:

H.R. 6597.

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

Article I, section 8 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: