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

PRAYER

Reverend William Gurnee, St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Washington, D.C., offered the following prayer:

Heavenly Father, in the midst of this health crisis, we are humbled and reminded that we do not control nature but must respect it and work with it.

You hold in Your hands the depths of the Earth and the highest mountains as well. You made the sea, and it belongs to You, the dry land, too, for it was formed by Your hands. As we recognize our dependence on Your providence, grant us health and safety.

Finally, Dear Lord, give the Members of this body the virtue of courage in difficult times, the virtue of charity in all times, and at the end of the day, the certain knowledge that they have served their country well.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to section 4(a) of House Resolution 967, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is 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 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 laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, October 6, 2020.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
The 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 October 6, 2020, at 8:31 a.m.:

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 2359.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 4183.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely,

ROBERT F. REEVES,
Deputy Clerk.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. Under clause 5(d) of rule XX, the Chair announces to the House that, in light of the resignation of the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. GRAVES), the whole number of the House is 430.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Cheryl L. Johnson, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly enrolled bills of the House of the following titles, which were thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 991. An act to extend certain provisions of the Caribbean Basin Economic Recovery Act until September 30, 2030, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1812. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to furnish Vet Center readjustment counseling and related mental health services to certain individuals.

H.R. 2372. An act to direct the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct an assessment of all memoranda of understanding and memoranda of agreement between Under Secretary of Health and non-Department of Veterans Affairs entities relating to suicide prevention and mental health services.

H.R. 4779. An act to extend the Undertaking Spam, Spyware, And Fraud Enforcement

ment With Enforcers beyond Borders Act of 2006, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6168. An act to increase, effective as of December 1, 2020, the rate of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans, and for other purposes.

SENATE ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

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

S. 209.—An act to amend the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act to provide further self-governance by Indian Tribes, and for other purposes.

S. 294.—An act to establish a business incubators program within the Department of the Interior to promote economic development in Indian reservation communities.

S. 490.—An act to designate a mountain ridge in the State of Montana as “B-47 Ridge”.

S. 743.—An act to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the soldiers of the 5307th Composite Unit (Provisional), commonly known as “Merrill’s Marauders”, in recognition of their bravery and outstanding service in the jungles of Burma during World War II.

S. 785.—An act to improve mental health care provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

S. 832.—An act to nullify the Supplemental Treaty Between the United States of America and the Confederated Tribes and Bands of Indians of Middle Oregon, concluded on November 15, 1865.

S. 881.—An act to improve understanding and forecasting of space weather events, and for other purposes.

S. 1321.—An act to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit interference with voting systems under the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act.

S. 1380.—An act to amend the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure to remind prosecutors of their obligations under Supreme Court case law.

S. 1646.—An act to designate the community-based outpatient clinic of the Department of Veterans Affairs in St. Augustine, Florida, as the “Leo C. Chase Jr. Department of Veterans Affairs Clinic”.

S. 2661.—An act to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to designate 9—8—8 as the

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universal telephone number for the purpose of the national suicide prevention and mental health crisis hotline system operating through the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline and through the Veterans Crisis Line, and for other purposes.

S. 4072.—An act to designate the clinic of the Department of Veterans Affairs in Bend, Oregon, as the “Robert D. Maxwell Department of Veterans Affairs Clinic”.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to section 4(b) of House Resolution 967, the House stands adjourned until 10 a.m. Friday, October 9, 2020.

Thereupon (at 9 o'clock and 4 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Friday, October 9, 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:

EC-5410. A letter from the Inspector General, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's investigative report of the Forest Service (FS) fatality that occurred in the Frog Fire in Modoc County, California, on July 30, 2015, pursuant to 7 U.S.C. 2270c; Public Law 107-203, Sec. 2; (116 Stat. 744); to the Committee on Agriculture.

EC-5411. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting a letter to report a violation of the Antideficiency Act as required by 31 U.S.C. 1351, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1351; Public Law 97-258; (96 Stat. 926); to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-5412. A letter from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's issuance of regulatory guide — Leakage Tests on Packages for Shipment of Radioactive Material, Regulatory Guide 7.4, Revision 2, received October 2, 2020, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-5413. A letter from the Chief Administrative Officer, House of Representatives, transmitting the quarterly report of receipts and expenditures of appropriations and other funds for the period July 1, 2020, to September 30, 2020, pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 104a (H. Doc. No. 116-158); to the Committee on House Administration 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. BUTTERFIELD (for himself, Mr. LONG, and Mr. CÁRDENAS):

H.R. 8529. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to prohibit additional rebates under the Medicaid program for certain noninnovator multiple source drugs; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. CARBAJAL (for himself and Mr. LOWENTHAL):

H.R. 8530. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for energy opportunity zones; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. CARSON of Indiana:

H.R. 8531. A bill to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to make grants to States to sup-

port the establishment and operation of grocery stores in underserved communities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. CARSON of Indiana (for himself, Mr. YOUNG, and Mr. LARSEN of Washington):

H.R. 8532. A bill to establish the National Center for the Advancement of Aviation; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts (for herself, Mr. MARCHANT, and Mr. CISNEROS):

H.R. 8533. A bill to provide an exception to the volume cap requirement for private activity bonds used to finance the preservation, improvement, or replacement of certain Federally-assisted buildings, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mrs. DAVIS of California (for herself and Mr. LEVIN of California):

H.R. 8534. A bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to allow direct certification of children in households of active duty members of the Armed Forces for certain Federal school meal programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and Labor, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, 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. FINKENAUER (for herself, Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania, Mr. LUETKEMEYER, and Mr. BRINDISI):

H.R. 8535. A bill to amend the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006 to direct the Secretary of Education to award grants for new agricultural education programs in secondary schools; to the Committee on Education and Labor.

By Mr. GALLAGHER:

H.R. 8536. A bill to amend the Fair Credit Reporting Act to delay the reporting of medical debt by consumer reporting agencies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. GOLDEN (for himself and Mr. KELLY of Mississippi):

H.R. 8537. A bill to direct the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to modify any caps on emergency EIDL advances to certain veterans service organizations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business.

By Mr. HOLDING (for himself, Mr. McHENRY, Mr. BUTTERFIELD, Mr. MURPHY of North Carolina, Ms. FOXX of North Carolina, Mr. PRICE of North Carolina, Mr. WALKER, Mr. ROUZER, Mr. BISHOP of North Carolina, Mr. HUDSON, and Mr. BUDD):

H.R. 8538. A bill to allow certain governmental pension plans to include firefighters, emergency medical technicians, and paramedics, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota:

H.R. 8539. A bill to reduce the size of the seat of the Government of the United States to the area comprised of the principal Federal monuments, the White House, the United States Capitol, the United States Supreme Court Building, and the Federal executive, legislative, and judicial office buildings located adjacent to the Mall and the United States Capitol, to provide for the retrocession of the remaining area of the District of Columbia to the State of Maryland, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Oversight and Reform, 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. CARSON of Indiana:

H.R. 8531. A bill to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to make grants to States to sup-

port the establishment and operation of grocery stores in underserved communities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture.

H.R. 8540. A bill to require the Secretaries of Housing and Urban Development, Agriculture, and Health and Human Services to conduct a study of how housing design can help prevent the spread of communicable diseases, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. KILMER (for himself, Mr. FITZPATRICK, and Mr. CONNOLY):

H.R. 8541. A bill to help ensure that COVID-19 does not prevent disabled veterans from using the medical treatment leave to which such veterans are entitled, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

By Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHI (for himself, Ms. DELAURO, Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York, and Mr. CLYBURN):

H.R. 8542. A bill to prohibit the use of Federal funds by the Department of Health and Human Services, before November 3, 2020, on a public service announcement and advertising campaign intended to positively influence public perception, misrepresent facts, or encourage risky behavior, regarding the COVID-19 pandemic; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY of New York:

H.R. 8543. A bill to require the Secretary of Energy to establish a program to provide grants to improve power lines; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Ms. PRESSLEY (for herself and Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York):

H.R. 8544. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to support the development and implementation of programs using data analysis to identify and facilitate strategies to improve outcomes for children in geographic areas with a high prevalence of trauma from exposure to adverse childhood experiences, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. WALDEN (for himself, Mr. LATTA, and Mr. GUTHRIE):

H.R. 8545. A bill to provide for the reallocation and auction of the electromagnetic spectrum between the frequencies of 3450 megahertz and 3550 megahertz, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Ms. WILD (for herself, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. SAN NICOLAS, Mr. VELA, Ms. SCANLON, Ms. DEAN, Mrs. HAYES, Mr. CUELLAR, Mr. EVANS, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Mr. CARTWRIGHT, and Mr. GRIJALVA):

H.R. 8546. A bill to amend titles XIX and XXI of the Social Security Act to give States the option to extend the Medicaid drug rebate program to the Children's Health Insurance Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. WILLIAMS:

H.R. 8547. A bill to make permanent the tax deduction for energy efficient commercial buildings; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota:

H.J. Res. 98. A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to repeal the twenty-third article of amendment to the Constitution of the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. DINGELL (for herself and Mr. CARTER of Georgia):

H. Res. 1181. A resolution honoring Rosalynn Smith Carter's 50 years of mental health advocacy; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.