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House of Representatives

The House met at noon and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. THORNBERRY).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
December 24, 2012.

I hereby appoint the Honorable MAC THORNBERRY to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

JOHN A. BOEHNER,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

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

God of light, we give You thanks for giving us another day.

As this Chamber lies silent, we pray for joy, hope and love within the homes of the Members of the people's House.

Send us Your spirit so that there might be peace on Earth and good will among all men and women.

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

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

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

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands 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, December 21, 2012.

Hon. JOHN A. BOEHNER,
The Speaker, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. 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 December 21, 2012 at 4:04 p.m.:

That the Senate agree to the Conference Report accompanying the bill H.R. 4310.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

KAREN L. HAAS.

ADJOURNMENT TO THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2012

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, when the House adjourns today, it shall adjourn to meet at 2 p.m. on Thursday, December 27, 2012.

There was no objection.

PERMISSION FOR COMMITTEES TO FILE FINAL REPORT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, committees may have until the end of the second session to file the final report pursuant to clause 1(d) of rule XI, and the chair of a committee in consultation with its ranking minority member, before filing such report, may update the report to reflect committee or House action taken after the report was ordered reported or made available to the members of the committee pursuant to subparagraph (d)(3), provided that the chair promptly notifies members of the committee.

There was no objection.

COMMUNICATION FROM DISTRICT LIAISON, THE HONORABLE DAVID PRICE, MEMBER OF CONGRESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from David Russell, District Liaison, the Honorable David Price, Member of Congress:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, December 17, 2012.

Hon. JOHN A. BOEHNER,
Speaker, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: This is to notify you formally pursuant to rule VIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives that I have been served with a subpoena, issued by District Court of the State of North Carolina, Wake County for documents and testimony in a civil case to which I am not a party.

After consultation with the Office of General Counsel, I will determine whether compliance with the subpoena is consistent with the privileges and rights of the House.

Sincerely,

DAVID RUSSELL,
District Liaison.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the House stands adjourned until 2 p.m. on Thursday, December 27, 2012.

There was no objection.

Thereupon (at 12 o'clock and 4 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Thursday, December 27, 2012, at 2 p.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICTIONS, ETC.

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

8916. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation and Energy Efficiency, Department of Energy,

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transmitting the Department's final rule—Acquisition Regulation; Department of Energy Acquisition Regulation, Government Property (RIN: 1991–AB86) received December 17, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

8917. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—FICA Taxes on Wages Paid to Residents of the Philippines for Services Performed in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands [Announcement 2012–43) received December 18, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

8918. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Update to Announcement 2012–25—Extension of Time for Businesses to Comply with Rev. Rul. 2012–18 Regarding the Proper Treatment of Service Charges [Announcement 2012–50] Regarding the Proper Treatment of Service Charges [Announcement 2012–50] received December 18, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

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

H.R. 2256: Mr. COHEN, Ms. SCHWARTZ, Mr. PETERS, Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California, and Mr. NEAL.