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House of Representatives

The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. DUNCAN of South Carolina).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
August 9, 2011.

I hereby appoint the Honorable JEFF DUNCAN 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:

Dear Lord, we give You thanks for giving us another day.

We come to You as a Nation, indeed as a world, in the midst of great uncertainty and worry. As people look for causes and solutions, the temptation is great to seek ideological position.

We ask that You might send Your spirit of peace and reconciliation that, instead of ascendancy over opponents, the Members of this people's House, and all elected to represent our Nation, might work together, humbly, recognizing the best in each other's hopes, to bring stability and direction toward a strong future.

We pray also on this day in gratitude for the generations of young people who have served this assembly as congressional pages. Like so many in our Nation, their dedicated work for many years is giving way to improved technology and economic forces. May their contributions over the years never be forgotten and always appreciated, and may all pages find in their life pursuit the fulfillment of their giftedness and desire in continued service to others.

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

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 5 of House Resolution 375, 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.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 4 of House Resolution 375, no legislative business will be conducted on this day.

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, August 5, 2011.

Hon. JOHN A. BOEHNER,
The Speaker, U.S. Capitol,
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 August 5, 2011 at 10:13 a.m.:

That the Senate passed H.R. 2553.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely,

ROBERT F. REEVES,
Deputy Clerk.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 4 of rule I, the following enrolled bill was signed by Speaker pro tempore HARRIS on Friday, August 5, 2011:

H.R. 2553, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the funding and expenditure authority of the Airport and Airway Trust Fund, to amend title 49, United States Code, to extend the airport improvement program, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Karen L. Haas, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly enrolled a bill of the House of the following title, which was thereupon signed by the Speaker pro tempore, Mr. HARRIS, on Friday, August 5, 2011:

H.R. 2553. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the funding and expenditure authority of the Airport and Airway Trust Fund, to amend title 49, United States Code, to extend the airport improvement program, and for other purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to sections 3 and 4 of House Resolution 375, the House stands adjourned until 10 a.m. on Friday, August 12, 2011.

Accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 5 minutes a.m.), the House adjourned until Friday, August 12, 2011, 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:

2723. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans;

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Vermont; Reasonably Available Control Technology (RACT) for the 1997 8-Hour Ozone Standard [EPA-R01-OAR-2008-0905; A-1-FRL-9439-5] received July 14, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

2724. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Delaware; Regional Haze State Implementation Plan [EPA-R03-OAR-2011-0289; FRL-9440-1] received July 14, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

2725. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; New Mexico; Prevention of Significant Deterioration; Greenhouse Gas Tailoring Rule Revisions [EPA-R06-OAR-2011-0031; FRL-9440-7] received July 14, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

2726. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plan; Alabama; Disapproval of Interstate Transport Submission for the 2006 24-hour PM2.5 Standards [EPA-R04-OAR-2010-1013-201128; FRL-9438-1] received July 14, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

2727. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plan; Kentucky; Disapproval of Interstate Transport Submission for the 2006 24-hour PM2.5 Standards [EPA-R04-OAR-2010-1014-201127; FRL-9437-9] received July 14, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

2728. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; New Mexico; Section 110(a)(2) Infrastructure Requirements for 1997 8-Hour Ozone and Fine Particulate Matter National Ambient Air Quality Standards; New Mexico Ambient Air Quality Standards; Approval of New Mexico's PSD Program; Codification Technical Corrections [EPA-R06-OAR-2009-0647; FRL-9438-7] received July 14, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

2729. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Plans: State of Missouri [EPA-R04-OAR-2011-0451; FRL-9440-9] received July 14, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

2730. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; New York; Revised Format of 40 CFR Part 52 for Materials Being Incorporated by Reference [EPA-R02-OAR-2011-NY1, FRL-9430-3] received July 14, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

2731. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval, Disapproval, and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Utah; Revisions to New Source Review Rules [EPA-R08-OAR-2007-0927; FRL-9428-9] received July 14, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

2732. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Pennsylvania; Control of Nitrogen Oxides Emissions from Portland Cement Kilns [EPA-R03-OAR-2011-0287; FRL-9439-8] received July 14, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

2733. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plan; North Carolina; Disapproval of Interstate Transport Submission for the 2006 24-hour PM2.5 Standards [EPA-R04-OAR-2010-1015-201129; FRL-9438-3] received July 14, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

2734. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Outer Continental Shelf Air Regulations Consistency Update of Virginia [EPA-R03-OAR-2011-0140; FRL-9434-5] received July 14, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

2735. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District [EPA-R09-OAR-2011-0460; FRL-9438-6] received July 14, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

2736. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Notice of Data Availability Concerning Transport Rule Allowance Allocations to Existing Units [FRL-9435-6] received July 14, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

2737. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants From Petroleum Refineries [EPA-HQ-OAR-2003-0146; FRL-9439-2] (RIN: 2060-AO55) received July 14, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

2738. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan; National Priorities List: Deletion of the Hipps Road Landfill Superfund Site [EPA-R04-SFUND-2011-0574; FRL-9438-4] received July 14, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

2739. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan National Priorities List [EPA-HQ-SFUND-1983-0002; FRL-9440-4] received July 14, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

2740. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, South Coast Air Quality Management District [EPA-R09-OAR-2011-0537; FRL-9431-9] received July 14, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

2741. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Georgia; Disapproval of Interstate Transport Submission for the 2006 24-hour PM2.5 Standards [EPA-R04-OAR-2010-1012-201130; FRL-9438-2] received July 14, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

2742. A letter from the Chief, Pricing Policy Division, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Electronic Tariff Filing System (ETFS) [WS Docket No.: 10-141] received July 18, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

2743. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Cooperation Agency, transmitting Transmittal No. 11-28, pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

2744. A letter from the President and Chief Executive Officer, Federal Homeland Bank of Pittsburgh, transmitting the 2010 Statements on System of Internal Controls of the Federal Home Loan Bank of Pittsburgh, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 9106; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

2745. A letter from the Attorney Advisor, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Quarterly Listings: Safety Zones; Security Zones; Special Local Regulations; Drawbridge Operation Regulations; Regulated Navigation Area [Docket No.: USCG-2011-0732] received July 31, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2746. A letter from the Director, Regulation Policy and Management, Office of General Counsel, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting the Department's ''Major'' final rule — Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Program — Changes to Subsistence Allowance (RIN: 2900-AO10) received August 2, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

2747. A letter from the Acting Chair, Social Security Advisory Board, transmitting the Board's annual report for 2010, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 904; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

2748. A letter from the Program Manager, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, transmitting the Department's ''Major'' final rule — Medicare Program; Hospital Inpatient Prospective Payment Systems for Acute Care Hospitals and the Long-Term Care Hospital Prospective Payment System and Fiscal Year 2012 Rates; Revisions to the Reductions and Increases to Hospitals' FTE Resident Caps for Graduate Medical Education Payment Purposes [CMS-1518-F; CMS-1430-F] (RIN: 0938-AQ24; RIN: 0938-AQ92) received August 1, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); jointly to the Committees on Ways and Means and Energy and Commerce.

2749. A letter from the Under Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting a report on Certain Iraqis Affiliated with the United States; jointly to the Committees on Armed Services, Foreign Affairs, and the Judiciary.

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. LOBIONDO (for himself, Mr. MICA, Mr. WESTMORELAND, Mr. KING of New York, Mr. RUNYAN, and Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia):

H.R. 2814. A bill to provide authority to compensate Federal employees for the 14-day period in which authority to make expenditures from the Airport and Airway Trust Fund lapsed, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Oversight and Government 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. TIPTON (for himself, Mr. STARK, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. UPTON, Mr. BACHUS, Mr. CALVERT, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Ms. DEGETTE, Mr. HINOJOSA, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. REYES, Mr. HOLT, Mr. HONDA, Mr. FRANKS of Arizona, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. RYAN of Ohio, Mrs. BACHMANN, Ms. RICHARDSON, Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia, Mr. POLIS, Mr. HANNA, Mr. HULTGREN, Mr. WEST, and Ms. BORDALLO):

H.R. 2815. A bill to revise the Federal charter for the Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc., to reflect a change in eligibility requirements for membership; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

MEMORIALS

Under clause 4 of rule XXII, memorials were presented and referred as follows:

100. The SPEAKER presented a memorial of the House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana, relative to House Concurrent Resolution No. 142 memorializing the Congress to take such actions as are necessary to dedicate a portion of marine and fishery product import tariff to a national seafood marketing fund for the promotion of Louisiana seafood; to the Committee on Agriculture.

101. Also, a memorial of the House of Representatives of the State of Michigan, relative to House Resolution No. 62 memorializing the Congress to make significant reforms to the National Flood Insurance Program; to the Committee on Financial Services.

102. Also, a memorial of the Senate of the State of Tennessee, relative to Senate Joint Resolution No. 111 urging the Congress to continue to support career and technical education programs; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

103. Also, a memorial of the Senate of the State of Ohio, relative to Senate Concurrent Resolution Number 4 urging the President and the Secretary of Energy to award USEC, at the earliest opportunity, the federal loan guarantee for which it applied; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

104. Also, a memorial of the House of Representatives of the State of Tennessee, relative to House Resolution No. 60 opposing any reduction of funding for the National Fish Hatchery Operations that would result in the closing of Erwin National Fish Hatchery; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

105. Also, a memorial of the House of Representatives of the State of Tennessee, relative to House Joint Resolution No. 304 urging the Congress to appropriate adequate funds for local governments to implement the new minimum retroreflectivity standards for traffic signs mandated by the FHWA; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

106. Also, a memorial of the Senate of the State of Louisiana, relative to Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 57 urging the Congress to review the Government Pension Offset and the Windfall Elimination Provision Social Security benefits reductions; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

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. LOBIONDO:

H.R. 2814.

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

Article I, Section 8 of the United States Constitution

By Mr. TIPTON:

H.R. 2815.

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

Article I, section 8 of the United States Constitution, specifically clause 1 (relating to the power of Congress to provide for the general welfare of the United States), clause 3 (relating to the power to regulate interstate commerce), and clause 18 (relating to the power to make all laws necessary and proper for carrying out the powers vested in Congress).''

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

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

H.R. 361: Mr. HULTGREN.
H.R. 420: Mr. FLAKE.
H.R. 452: Mr. WALDEN and Mr. FORTENBERRY.
H.R. 733: Mr. WELCH.
H.R. 860: Ms. BROWN of Florida, Mr. KUCINICH, Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia, and Mr. BISHOP of New York.
H.R. 894: Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania.
H.R. 972: Mr. BRADY of Texas and Mr. YODER.
H.R. 1035: Mr. SABLAN.
H.R. 1054: Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD.
H.R. 1084: Mr. TIERNEY.
H.R. 1179: Mr. SCHILLING, Mr. PALAZZO, and Mr. BURTON of Indiana.
H.R. 1466: Mr. COHEN.
H.R. 1537: Mr. DAVIS of Illinois.
H.R. 1538: Mr. YODER.
H.R. 1550: Mr. BARLETTA.
H.R. 1580: Mr. ISSA.
H.R. 1754: Mr. COSTA.
H.R. 1842: Ms. NORTON and Mrs. CAPPS.
H.R. 1856: Mr. COSTA, Mr. KELLY, Mr. ROSS of Florida, Mr. POMPEO, Mr. RIVERA, and Mr. CAPUANO.
H.R. 2047: Mr. SHULER, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, and Mr. BILIRAKIS.
H.R. 2167: Mr. POLIS and Mr. MEEKS.
H.R. 2214: Mrs. SCHMIDT.
H.R. 2258: Mr. YOUNG of Florida.
H.R. 2281: Mr. BLUMENAUER and Mr. HONDA.
H.R. 2393: Mr. COURTNEY.
H.R. 2402: Mr. KING of Iowa.
H.R. 2412: Mr. LEWIS of Georgia.
H.R. 2447: Mr. RIGELL and Mr. REYES.
H.R. 2499: Mr. ISRAEL.
H.R. 2541: Mr. BARROW.
H.R. 2543: Mrs. DAVIS of California and Mr. BERMAN.
H.R. 2636: Mr. AL GREEN of Texas.
H.R. 2676: Mr. DUNCAN of Tennessee.
H.R. 2705: Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Ms. MOORE, Mr. OLVER, Mr. MCDERMOTT, Ms. LEE, and Mr. YARMUTH.
H.R. 2716: Ms. RICHARDSON.
H. Res. 25: Mr. LATHAM.
H. Res. 385: Mr. BOSWELL.