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

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
September 6, 2011.

I hereby appoint the Honorable ALLEN B. WEST 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.

In the wake of a great American holiday, we ask Your special blessing on American workers, those fortunate to have jobs during these difficult economic times, and those desiring work. May they know and be confident of the nobility and sacredness of their labor.

And during this day of travel, bringing the Members of the people's House back to the Capitol, may Your angels accompany all, ensuring a safe return for all.

Lord, the task facing the Nation's Congress is a difficult one, which will call upon each Member to consider what is best for American workers first. It is the challenge facing all Americans. Give the Members wisdom in their work that our economy might begin to rebound and our countrymen and women throughout these United States might be able to provide for their families to build lives we have all come to expect for our citizens.

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.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to sections 3 and 4 of House Resolution 375, the House stands adjourned until 2 p.m. on Wednesday, September 7, 2011.

Accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 3 minutes a.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, September 7, 2011, at 2 p.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

2946. A letter from the Secretary, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Large Trader Reporting for Physical Commodity Swaps (RIN: 3038-AD17) received July 28, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

2947. A letter from the Secretary, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Prohibition on the Employment, or Attempted Employment, of Manipulative and Deceptive Devices and Prohibition on Price Manipulation (RIN: 3038-AD27) received July 28, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

2948. A letter from the Secretary, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Privacy of Consumer Financial Information; Conforming Amendments Under Dodd-Frank Act (RIN: 3038-AD13) received July 28, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

2949. A letter from the Secretary, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Effective Date for Swap Regulation received July 28, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

2950. A letter from the Secretary, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Agricultural Commodity Definiton (RIN: 3038-AD23) received July 28, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

2951. A letter from the Secretary, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Business Affiliate Marketing and Disposal of Consumer Information Rules (RIN: 3038-AD12) received July 28, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

2952. A letter from the Attorney, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, transmitting the Bureau's final rule — Alternative Mortgage Transaction Parity (Regulation D) [Docket No.: CFPB-2011-0004] (RIN: 3170-AA04) received July 22, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

2953. A letter from the Attorney, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, transmitting the Bureau's final rule — Disclosure of Records and Information [Docket No.: CFPB-2011-0003] (RIN: 3170-AA01) received July 29, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

2954. A letter from the Chief Counsel, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations [Docket ID: FEMA-2011-0002] received July 29, 2011,

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pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

2955. A letter from the Chief Counsel, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations [Docket ID: FEMA-2011-0002] [Internal Agency Docket No.: FEMA-B-1205] received July 29, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

2956. A letter from the Associate General Counsel for Legislation and Regulation Division, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting the Department's final rule — Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act (RESPA): Technical Corrections and Clarifying Amendments [Docket No.: FR-5180-F-07] (RIN: 2502-AH85) received July 25, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

2957. A letter from the Regulatory Specialist, LRA, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's final rule — Office of Thrift Supervision Integration; Dodd-Frank Act Implementation (RIN: 1557-AD41) received July 22, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

2958. A letter from the Chief, Policy Division, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Reporting Requirements for U.S. Providers of International Telecommunications Services Amendment of Part 43 of the Commission's Rules [IB Docket No.: 04-112] received July 22, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

2959. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Highway Use Tax; Filing and Payment for Taxable Period Beginning July 1, 2011 [TD 9537] (RIN: 1546-BK36) received July 22, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

2960. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Modifications of Certain Derivative Contracts [TD 9538] (RIN: 1545-BK14) received July 22, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

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:

[Submitted August 5, 2011]

By Ms. FUDGE (for herself, Mrs. CHRISTENSEN, Ms. LEE of California, and Mr. PAYNE):

H.R. 2795. A bill to address childhood obesity, and for other purposes; referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Education and the Workforce, Ways and Means, Natural Resources, the Judiciary, Financial Services, and Agriculture 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. BASS of California (for herself, Mrs. MALONEY, Mr. CHABOT, Mr. WOLF, and Mr. MORAN):

H.R. 2801. A bill to establish a task force for the purpose of studying and making recommendations to prevent and combat internet-facilitated human trafficking; referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, 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. RICHMOND:

H.R. 2809. A bill to amend the Riegle Community Development and Regulatory Improvement Act of 1994 to improve the microenterprise technical assistance and capacity building grant program, to establish an Office of Youth Entrepreneurship in the Small Business Administration, and for other purposes; referred to the Committee on Financial Services, and in addition to the Committees on Small Business, and Education and the Workforce, 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. HANABUSA (for herself and Ms. HIRONO):

H. Res. 388. A resolution acknowledging the contributions and sacrifices of the young men who served as colonists on behalf of the United States in the Federal occupation of the islands of Howland, Baker, Jarvis, Canton, and Enderbury from 1935 through 1942, facilitating the United States claim of jurisdiction over such islands; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. HASTINGS of Florida (for himself, Mr. RIVERA, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Mr. DEUTCH, Mr. ROSS of Florida, Mr. WEST, Ms. WILSON of Florida, and Ms. BROWN of Florida):

H. Res. 390. A resolution honoring the achievements of E. Thom Rumbergert; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

[Submitted August 12, 2011]

By Ms. FUDGE:

H.R. 2818. A bill to provide temporary housing during schools breaks to students who are homeless or in foster care; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Ms. JENKINS:

H.R. 2819. A bill to prohibit the Secretary of Defense, the Director of the Central Intelligence Agency, and any other officer or employee of the Federal Government from providing information about the mission to kill Osama bin Laden to any person outside the Federal Government until the Inspectors General of the Department of Defense and the Central Intelligence Agency carry out an investigation and provide a briefing to Congress on the matter, and for other purposes; referred to the Committee on Armed Services, and in addition to the Select Committee on Intelligence (Permanent Select), 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. MICHAUD:

H.R. 2820. A bill to provide for the establishment and operation of Advanced Composites Development Centers; referred to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, and in addition to the Committees on Homeland Security, Armed Services, and Transportation and Infrastructure, 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.

[Submitted August 19, 2011]

By Mr. CONYERS (for himself, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. COHEN, Mr. RICHMOND, Ms. EDWARDS, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. WATT, and Mr. HASTINGS of Florida):

H.R. 2823. A bill to preserve knowledge and promote education about jazz in the United States and abroad; referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, and in addition to the Committee on House Administration, 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.

[Submitted September 2, 2011]

By Mr. CAMP (for himself, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. BRADY of Texas, and Mr. MCDERMOTT):

H.R. 2832. A bill to extend the Generalized System of Preferences, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. BENISHEK (for himself, Mr. BOREN, Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, and Mr. KELLY):

H.R. 2834. A bill to recognize the heritage of recreational fishing, hunting, and shooting on Federal public lands and ensure continued opportunities for these activities; on referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, 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. LARSON of Connecticut (for himself, Mr. BOSWELL, Mr. CLAY, Ms. ESHOO, Ms. NORTON, Mr. PASCRELL, Mr. ROTHMAN of New Jersey, Mr. TOWNS, Ms. BASS of California, Ms. BERKLEY, Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mrs. CAPPS, Mr. CAPUANO, Mrs. CHRISTENSEN, Mr. CICILLINE, Mr. CLARKE of Michigan, Mr. CLEAVER, Mr. COHEN, Mr. COURTNEY, Mr. CUMMINGS, Ms. DELAURO, Mr. ELLISON, Mr. FILNER, Mr. GONZALEZ, Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. LANGEVIN, Ms. LEE of California, Mr. LUJÁN, Mrs. MALONEY, Ms. MATSUI, Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York, Mr. MCDERMOTT, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. MEEKS, Mr. MURPHY of Connecticut, Mr. NADLER, Mr. NEAL, Mr. REYES, Ms. RICHARDSON, Mr. RUPPERSBERGER, Mr. RUSH, Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. SIRES, Mr. STARK, Mr. TONKO, Ms. TSONGAS, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mr. WELCH, Ms. WILSON of Florida, Ms. WOOLSEY, Mr. YARMUTH, Mr. DOYLE, and Mr. CLYBURN):

H.R. 2835. A bill to establish a joint select committee of Congress to report findings and propose legislation to restore the Nation's workforce to full employment over the period of fiscal years 2012 and 2013, and to provide for expedited consideration of such legislation by both the House of Representatives and the Senate; to the Committee on Rules.

By Mr. LARSON of Connecticut (for himself, Mr. BOSWELL, Mr. CLAY, Ms. ESHOO, Ms. NORTON, Mr. PASCRELL, Mr. ROTHMAN of New Jersey, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, and Mr. CLYBURN):

H.R. 2836. A bill to amend the Budget Control Act of 2011 to require the joint select committee of Congress to report findings and propose legislation to restore the Nation's workforce to full employment over the period of fiscal years 2012 and 2013; to the Committee on Rules.

By Mr. LARSON of Connecticut (for himself, Mr. BOSWELL, Mr. CLAY, Ms. ESHOO, Ms. NORTON, Mr. PASCRELL, Mr. ROTHMAN of New Jersey, and Mr. TOWNS):

H.R. 2837. A bill to amend the Budget Control Act of 2011 to require the joint select committee of Congress to report findings and

propose legislation to restore the Nation's workforce to full employment over the period of fiscal years 2012 and 2013; to the Committee on Rules.

By Mr. LOBIONDO (for himself and Mr. MICA):

H.R. 2839. A bill to suppress the threat of piracy on the high seas, and for other purposes; referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, 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 Mr. LOBIONDO (for himself, Mr. MICA, and Mr. GIBBS):

H.R. 2840. A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to regulate discharges from commercial vessels, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. WOMACK:

H.R. 2841. A bill to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to approve waivers under the Medicaid Program under title XIX of the Social Security Act that are related to State provider taxes that exempt certain retirement communities; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

[Submitted September 6, 2011]

By Mr. TIPTON (for himself and Mr. GOSAR):

H.R. 2842. A bill to authorize all Bureau of Reclamation conduit facilities for hydropower development under Federal Reclamation law, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

PRIVATE BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 3 of rule XII, private bills and resolutions of the following titles were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

[Submitted September 6, 2011]

By Mr. GONZALEZ:

H.R. 2843. A bill for the relief of Monica Elizondo; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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.

Mr. TIPTON:

H.R. 2842.

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

Article I. Section 8 the power to make rules for the government and regulation of the land.

Mr. GONZALEZ:

H.R. 2843.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 3

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 4

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

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

H.R. 104: Mr. AL GREEN of Texas.

H.R. 358: Mr. ROYCE.

H.R. 1004: Mr. HARRIS.

H.R. 1744: Mr. MURPHY of Pennsylvania and Mr. FINCHER.

H.R. 2107: Mr. BOSWELL.

H.R. 2348: Mr. ROGERS of Michigan.

H.R. 2497: Mr. MURPHY of Pennsylvania, Mr. BRADY of Texas, Mr. HUELSKAMP, and Mr. GOODLATTE.

H.R. 2530: Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. WELCH, and Mr. CONYERS.

H. R. 2815: Mrs. CAPPS.