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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. ROONEY).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC.
October 7, 2011.

I hereby appoint the Honorable THOMAS J. ROONEY to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

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

PRAYER

Reverend Andrew Walton, Capitol Hill Presbyterian Church, Washington, D.C., offered the following prayer:

Creator God, Eternal Presence, Spirit of Life in whom we breathe and live, we come into another day that has never been—a new day, an empty day waiting to be—its possibility and potential filled with only that which we bring to it.

As we pause in this moment, may we have the wisdom, humility, and grace to lay aside the fear, scarcity, pain, mistrust, and violence that have consumed so many of our yesterdays.

Where discord has been our nemesis, may harmony be our friend. Where suspicion shades our perspective, may trust bring light to see clearly and know Your presence in ourselves, in others, and in all Creation.

This is our prayer.

Fill us with love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control so that these may be the gifts we bring to this day—to our work, our lives, our country, and our world.

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.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the House stands adjourned until noon on Tuesday next for morning-hour debate.

There was no objection.

Accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 4 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Tuesday, October 11, 2011, at noon.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

3410. A letter from the Acting Administrator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Cotton Board Rules and Regulations: Adjusting Supplemental Assessment on Imports [Doc. No.: AMS-CN-11-0026; CN-11-002] received September 16, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

3411. A letter from the Acting Administrator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Softwood Lumber Research, Promotion, Consumer Education and Industry Information Order; Correction [Doc. No. AMS-FV-10-0015C; FR] (RIN: 0581-AD03) received September 16, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

3412. A letter from the Acting Administrator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Pears Grown in Oregon and Washington; Assessment Rate Decrease for Processed Pears [Doc. No.: AMS-FV-11-0070 FV11-927-3 IR] received September 16, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

3413. A letter from the Acting Administrator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Pears Grown in Oregon and Washington; Assessment Rate Decrease for Fresh Pears [Doc. No.: AMS-FV-11-0060; FV11-927-2 IR] received September 16, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

3414. A letter from the Acting Administrator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Dried Prunes Produced in California; Decreased Assessment Rate [Doc. No.: AMS-FV-11-0068; FV11-993-1 IR] received September 16, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

3415. A letter from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — Defense Federal Acquisition Regulations Supplement; Multiyear Contracting (DFARS Case 2009-D029) (RIN: 0750-AG89) received September 16, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Armed Services.

3416. A letter from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — Defense Federal Acquisition Regulations Supplement; Positive Law Codification of Title 41 U.S.C. (DFARS Case 2011-D036) (RIN: 0750-AG38) received September 13, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Armed Services.

3417. A letter from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Ships Bunkers Easy Acquisition (SEA) Card and Aircraft Ground Services (DFARS Case 2009-D019) (RIN: 0750-AH07) received September 13, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Armed Services.

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3418. A letter from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Construction and Architect-Engineer Services Performance Evaluations (DFARS Case 2010-D024) (RIN: 0750-AG91) received September 13, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Armed Services.

3419. A letter from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — Defense Federal Acquisition Regulations Supplement; Designation of a Contracting Officer's Representative (DFARS Case 2011-D037) (RIN: 0750-AH35) received September 13, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Armed Services.

3420. A letter from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Passive Radio Frequency Identification (DFARS Case 2010-D014) (RIN: 0750-AH05) received September 13, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Armed Services.

3421. A letter from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS); Alternative Line Item Structure (DFARS Case 2010-D017) (RIN: 0750-AH02) received September 13, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Armed Services.

3422. A letter from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — Defense Federal Acquisition Regulations Supplement; Discussions Prior to Contract Award (DFARS Case 2010-D013) (RIN: 0750-AG82) received September 13, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Armed Services.

3423. A letter from the Chair, Cost Accounting Standards Board, Office of Management and Budget, transmitting the Office's final rule — Cost Accounting Standards: Elimination of the Exemption From Cost Accounting Standards for Contracts and Subcontracts Executed and Performed Entirely Outside the United States, Its Territories, and Possessions received September 6, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

3424. A letter from the Chair, Cost Accounting Standards Board, Office of Management and Budget, transmitting the Office's final rule — Cost Accounting Standards: Change to the CAS Applicability Threshold for the Inflation Adjustment to the Truth in Negotiations Act Threshold received September 6, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

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. McCARTHY of California (for himself, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. DENHAM, Mr. HERGER, Mr. McKEON, Mr. NUNES, Mr. HUNTER, Mr. ISSA, and Mr. McCLINTOCK):

H.R. 3143. A bill to freeze the availability of Federal funding for high-speed rail projects in California, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. WALZ of Minnesota (for himself and Mrs. MYRICK):

H.R. 3144. A bill to provide for improvement of field emergency medical services, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, 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.

MEMORIALS

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

161. The SPEAKER presented a memorial of the House of Representatives of the State of Michigan, relative to House Resolution No. 100 urging the Congress and the U.S. Department of Agriculture Food and Nutrition Assistance Program to increase the quality of food options through the Nutrition Assistance Programs; to the Committee on Agriculture.

162. Also, a memorial of the Senate of the State of California, relative to Senate Joint Resolution No. 1 urging the Congress and the President to renew the commitment to accessible higher education and support the research in the interest of the nation; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

163. Also, a memorial of the House of Representatives of the State of Texas, relative to House Joint Resolution No. 130 notifying the Department of Education that the mentioned colleges and universities are authorized in the State of Texas to operate educational programs beyond secondary education; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

164. Also, a memorial of the Senate of the State of California, relative to Senate Joint Resolution No. 3 urging the Congress to modernize the federal Toxic Substances Control Act of 1976; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

165. Also, a memorial of the Senate of the State of California, relative to Senate Joint Resolution No. 7 supporting H.R. 308; 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.

By Mr. McCARTHY of California:

H.R. 3143.

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

The bill is introduced pursuant to Congress' power to regulate commerce pursuant to Article 1 Section 8.

By Mr. WALZ of Minnesota:

H.R. 3144.

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.

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

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

H.R. 1134: Mr. DUNCAN of South Carolina.

H.R. 1244: Mr. WALSH of Illinois, Mr. JOHNSON of Illinois, Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN, Mr. MORAN, Mr. GERLACH, Mr. KINZINGER of Illinois, and Ms. McCOLLUM.

H.R. 1259: Mr. LATTA.

H.R. 1653: Mr. HUIZENGA of Michigan, Mr. GUTHRIE, Mr. BOREN, Mr. DAVIS of Kentucky, and Mr. SHIMKUS.

H.R. 1834: Mr. BURGESS.

H.R. 1992: Mr. HEINRICH.

H.R. 2069: Mrs. MILLER of Michigan.

H.R. 2131: Mr. TONKO, Mr. McINTYRE, and Mr. VAN HOLLEN.

H.R. 2139: Mr. PAULSEN, Mr. CALVERT, and Mr. REYES.

H.R. 2146: Mr. CONAWAY.

H.R. 2478: Mr. CHANDLER.

H.R. 2569: Mr. BURGESS, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. POE of Texas, and Mr. KLINE.

H.R. 2910: Mr. NUNNELEE and Mr. CONAWAY.

H.R. 2952: Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado.

H.R. 3091: Mr. PAULSEN.

H.R. 3099: Mr. SHIMKUS.

DISCHARGE PETITIONS— ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS

The following Members added their names to the following discharge petition:

Petition 1 by Mr. CRITZ on House Resolution 310: John C. Carney Jr., Harold Rogers, Maurice D. Hinchey.

The following Member's name was withdrawn from the following discharge petition:

Petition 1 by Mr. CRITZ on House Resolution 310: Harold Rogers.