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

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
February 24, 2012.

I hereby appoint the Honorable STEVEN C. LATOURETTE to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

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

PRAYER

Reverend Aaron Damiani, Church of the Resurrection, Washington, D.C., offered the following prayer:

Almighty God, we the people lay before You our anxieties. The trials we face are real and intractable, and we confess our temptation to lose heart in their presence.

We ask You to take away the spirit of fear and in its place give our Nation the courage of Daniel, who faced the lion's den with humble confidence and lived to see a new dawn.

Do not let us cower before the menacing problems of our day, but instead let us stand before them with the spirit of power and love and self-control. Steel our leaders with the courage to confront all that is wrong, dysfunctional and evil. Give them the courage to talk to each other, and give them the courage to lead.

O God, make speed to save us. In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, 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.

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 Tuesday, February 21, 2012:

H.R. 3630, to provide incentives for the creation of jobs, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Karen L. Haas, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly enrolled bills of the House of the following titles, which were thereupon signed by the Speaker pro tempore, Mr. HARRIS, on Tuesday, February 21, 2012.

H.R. 3630. An act to provide incentives for the creation of jobs, and for other purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

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

There was no objection.

Accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 2 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Monday, February 27, 2012, 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:

5075. A letter from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — Defense Federal Acquisition Regulations Supplement; Business Systems-Definition and Administration (DFARS Case 2009-D038) (RIN: 0750-AG58) received February 15, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Armed Services.

5076. A letter from the Attorney-Advisor, Division of Legislation and Regulations, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Retrospective Review under E.O. 13563: Shipping — Deletion of Obsolete Regulations [Docket No.: MARAD 2010-0004] (RIN: 2133-AB80) received February 9, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Armed Services.

5077. A letter from the Chief Counsel, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Suspension of Community Eligibility [Docket ID: FEMA-2011-0002] [Internal Agency Docket No. FEMA-8213] received February 2, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

5078. A letter from the Chief Counsel, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Suspension of Community Eligibility [Docket ID: FEMA-2011-0002] [Internal Agency Docket No. FEMA-8211] received February 2, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

5079. A letter from the Director, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's final rule — Financial Crimes Enforcement Network; Anti-Money Laundering Program and Suspicious Activity Report Filing Requirements for Residential Mortgage Lenders and Originators (RIN: 1506-AB02) received February 8, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

5080. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Education, transmitting the Department's final rule — Family Educational Rights and Privacy [Docket ID: ED-2011-OM-0002] (RIN: 1880-AA86) received February 2, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

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5081. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Employee Benefits Security Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting the Department's final rule — Group Health Plans and Health Insurance Issuers Relating to Coverage of Preventive Services Under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (RIN: 1210-AB44) received February 15, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

5082. A letter from the Counsel for Regulatory and External Affairs, Federal Labor Relations Authority, transmitting the Authority's final rule — Procedures of the Panel; Impasses Arising Pursuant to Agency Determinations Not to Establish or to Terminate Flexible or Compressed Work Schedules received February 15, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

5083. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Education, transmitting the Department's final rule — Race to the Top Fund Phase 3 [Docket ID: ED-2011-OS-0008] (RIN: 1894-AA01) received February 2, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

5084. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule — Further Amendments to General Regulations of the Food and Drug Administration to Incorporate Tobacco Products [Docket No.: FDA-2011-N-0121] (RIN: 0910-AG60) received February 8, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

5085. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule — Revisions to Labeling Requirements for Blood and Blood Components, Including Source Plasma; Correction [Docket No.: FDA-2003-N-0097; Formerly 2003N-0211] received February 15, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

5086. A letter from the General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Storage Reporting Requirements of Interstate and Intrastate Natural Gas Companies [Docket No.: RM11-4-000; Order No. 757] received February 2, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

5087. A letter from the Deputy Director for Policy, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's final rule — Benefits Payable in Terminated Single-Employer Plans; Interest Assumptions for Paying Benefits received February 2, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

5088. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting a declaration of a national emergency with respect to blocking the property of certain persons with respect to Lybia, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1703(b); (H. Doc. No. 112—88); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed.

5089. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting notification that the national emergency with respect to the Government of Cuba's destruction of two unarmed U.S.-registered civilian aircraft in international airspace north of Cuba on February 24, 1996, as amended and expanded on February 26, 2004, is to continue in effect beyond March 1, 2012, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1622(d); (H. Doc. No. 112—89); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed.

5090. A letter from the Acting Deputy Assistant Administrator, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Taking and Importing Marine Mammals; U.S. Navy Training in 12 Range Complexes and U.S. Air Force Space Vehicle and Test Flight Activities in California [Docket No.: 111019636-2033-02] (RIN: 0648-BB53) received February 8, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

5091. A letter from the Secretary of the Commission, Federal Trade Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Revised Jurisdictional Threshold for Section 7A of the Clayton Act received February 2, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

5092. A letter from the Senior Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments [Docket No.: 30824; Amdt. No. 3462] received February 9, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

5093. A letter from the Senior Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments [Docket No.: 30825; Amdt. No. 3463] received February 13, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

5094. A letter from the Assistant Administrator for Strategic Infrastructure, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Procedures for Implementation the National Environment Policy Act [Notice (12-004)] (RIN: 2700-AD71) received February 2, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

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. CHABOT (for himself, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. SMITH of Texas, and Mr. COHEN):

H.R. 4086. A bill to amend chapter 97 of title 28, United States Code, to clarify the exception to foreign sovereign immunity set forth in section 1605(a)(3) of such title; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MARKEY:

H.R. 4087. A bill to provide for the development and dissemination of best practices to ensure that visually-impaired and blind individuals in the United States have safe, consistent, reliable, and independent access to the information in prescription drug labeling; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. QUAYLE:

H.R. 4088. A bill to amend the securities laws to establish certain thresholds for shareholder registration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

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. CHABOT:

H.R. 4086.

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

The constitutional authority on which this legislation is based is found in article I, section 8, clause 9; article III, section 1, clause 1; and article III, section 2, clause 2, of the Constitution, which grant Congress authority over federal courts.

By Mr. MARKEY:

H.R. 4087.

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

Article 1 Section 8.

By Mr. QUAYLE:

H.R. 4088.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clauses 1 (''The Congress shall have Power To lay and collect Taxes, Duties, Imposts and Excises, to pay the Debts and provide for the common Defense and general Welfare of the United States; but all Duties, Imposts and Excises shall be uniform throughout the United States''), 3 (''To regulate Commerce with foreign Nations, and among the several States, and with the Indian Tribes''), and 18 (''To make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into-Execution the foregoing Powers, and all other Powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United States, or in any Department or Officer thereof'').

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

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

H.R. 531: Mr. DOGGETT.
H.R. 931: Mr. MACK.
H.R. 1321: Mr. CRAVAACK.
H.R. 1332: Mr. LANGEVIN.
H.R. 1385: Mr. LATTA.
H.R. 1738: Ms. BASS of California, Ms. WOOLSEY, and Mr. YARMUTH.
H.R. 1755: Mr. DUFFY.
H.R. 2179: Mr. FARENTHOLD, Mr. REYES, and Mr. HINOJOSA.
H.R. 2404: Mr. LEVIN.
H.R. 2479: Ms. SCHAKOWSKY.
H.R. 2524: Mr. BLUMENAUER.
H.R. 2978: Mr. LATTA.
H.R. 3307: Ms. ZOE LOFGREN of California and Mr. SCOTT of Virginia.
H.R. 3461: Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado, Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN, Mr. KLINE, Mr. TURNER of Ohio, Mr. MCKINLEY, and Mrs. MYRICK.
H.R. 3612: Mr. ROTHMAN of New Jersey, Mr. BOSWELL, Mr. ACKERMAN, Mr. BASS of New Hampshire, and Mrs. MALONEY.
H.R. 3662: Mr. HANNA.
H.R. 3767: Mr. GARAMENDI, Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky, Mr. SCHILLING, Mr. CALVERT, Mr. SHUSTER, and Mr. HINOJOSA.
H.R. 3769: Mr. TURNER of New York.
H.R. 3811: Mr. MCCOTTER.
H.R. 3860: Mr. BOSWELL.
H.R. 3877: Mr. MEEHAN, Mr. FORBES, and Mr. GOSAR.
H.R. 3992: Mr. POE of Texas and Mr. GALLEGLY.
H.R. 4000: Mrs. BLACKBURN and Mr. PENCE.
H. Res. 526: Mr. POE of Texas and Mrs. EMERSON.
H. Res. 556: Mr. ADERHOLT, Mr. MORAN, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. WHITFIELD, Mr. ROE of Tennessee, Mr. KING of Iowa, Mr. GOWDY, Mr. PENCE, Mr. MCDERMOTT, Mr. HARPER, Mr. MURPHY of Pennsylvania, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mr. FORBES, Mr. LANCE, Ms. JENKINS, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. HULTGREN, Mr. BACHUS, Mr. MCCOTTER, Mr. LAMBORN, Mr. HERGER, and Mrs. BACHMANN.