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Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, May 14, 2012, at 2 p.m.

House of Representatives

FRIDAY, MAY 11, 2012

The House met at 11 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,
May 11, 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

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

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

Once again, we come to You to ask wisdom, patience, peace, and understanding for the Members of this people's House. The words and sentiments that have been spoken and heard in these recent days were born of principle, conviction, and commitment.

We ask discernment for the Members, that they might judge anew their adherence to principle, conviction, and commitment, lest they slide uncharitably toward an inability to listen to one another and work cooperatively to solve the important issues of our day.

Give them the generosity of heart and the courage of true leadership to work toward a common solution, with sacrifice on both sides. We pray that their work results not in a Nation comprised of winners and losers, but where our citizens know in their hearts that we Americans are all winners.

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.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the House stands adjourned until noon on Tuesday, May 15, 2012, for morning-hour debate.

There was no objection.

Accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 4 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Tuesday, May 15, 2012, at noon.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

5970. A letter from the Acting Under Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting authorization of Colonel Timothy P. McGuire, United States Army, to wear the grade of brigadier general; to the Committee on Armed Services.

5971. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting a report to Congress specitfying each Reserve component the additional items of equipment that would be procured and additional military construction projects for FY 2013; to the Committee on Armed Services.

5972. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting extension of the waiver of Section 907 of the FREEDOM Support Act, Pub. L. 107-511, with respect to assistance to the Government of Azerbaijan; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

5973. A letter from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting report prepared by the Department of State concerning international agreements other than treaties entered into by the United States to be transmitted to the Congress within the sixty-day period specified in the Case-Zablocki Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

5974. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting as required by section 401(c) of the National Emergencies Act, 50 U.S.C. 1641(c), and section 204(c) of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, 50 U.S.C. 1703(c), a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Syria that was declared in Executive Order 13338 of May 11, 2004; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

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5975. A letter from the Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, transmitting the Department's 2011 Freedom of Information Act Litigation and Compliance Report, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552(e)(6); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

5976. A letter from the Chairman, National Credit Union Administration, transmitting the Administration's annual report for FY 2011 prepared in accordance with the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 (No FEAR Act); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

5977. A letter from the Administrator, Small Business Administration, transmitting the Administration's annual report for FY 2011 prepared in accordance with the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 (No FEAR Act); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

5978. A letter from the Acting Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands; Final 2012 and 2013 Harvest Specifications for Groundfish [Docket No.: 111213751-2102-02] (RIN: 0648-XA758) received April 24, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

5979. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pollock in Statistical Area 610 in the Gulf of Alaska [Docket No.: 111207737-2141-02] (RIN: 0648-XB149) received April 24, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

5980. A letter from the Acting Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the 2011 Report to Congress on Apportionment of Membership on the Regional Fishery Management Councils; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

5981. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod for American Fisheries Act Catcher/Processors Using Trawl Gear in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area [Docket No.: 111213751-2102-02] (RIN: 0648-XB138) received April 24, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

5982. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod by Catcher Vessels Using Trawl Gear in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area [Docket No.: 111213751-2102-02] (RIN: 0648-XB118) received April 24, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

5983. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Shallow-Water Species Fishery by Vessels Using Trawl Gear in the Gulf of Alaska [Docket No.: 111207737-2141-02] (RIN: 0648-XB122) received April 24, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

5984. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Summer Flounder Fishery; Quota Transfer [Docket No.: 111220786-1781-01] (RIN: 0648-XB103) received April 24, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

5985. A letter from the Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Amendment of Class E Airspace; Colorado Springs, CO [Docket No.: FAA-2011-1191; Airspace Docket No. 11-ANM-21] received April 18, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

5986. A letter from the Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Amendment of Class D and Class E Airspace; and Establishment of Class E Airspace; Bozeman, MT [Docket No.: FAA-2011-0783; Airspace Docket No. 11-ANM-16] received April 18, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

5987. A letter from the Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Amendment of Federal Airways; Alaska [Docket No.: FAA-2011-0010; Airspace Docket No. 11-AAL-1] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received April 18, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

5988. A letter from the Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Modification of Class E Airspace; Douglas, AZ [Docket No.: FAA-2011-1313; Airspace Docket No. 11-AWP-17] received April 18, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

5989. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Report to Congress: Plan to Reform the Medicare Wage Index; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. BACHUS: Committee on Financial Services. H.R. 1838. A bill to repeal a provision of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act prohibiting any Federal bailout of swap dealers or participants; with amendments (Rept. 112–476, Pt. 1). Ordered to be printed.

Mr. BACHUS: Committee on Financial Services. H.R. 3283. A bill to amend the Commodity Exchange Act and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to provide an exemption for certain swaps and security-based swaps involving Non-U.S. persons, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 112–477, Pt. 1). Ordered to be printed.

Mr. SMITH of Texas: Committee on the Judiciary. H.R. 365. A bill to encourage, enhance, and integrate Blue Alert plans throughout the United States in order to disseminate information when a law enforcement officer is seriously injured or killed in the line of duty; with an amendment (Rept. 112–478). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. McKEON: Committee on Armed Services. H.R. 4310. A bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2013 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 2013, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 112–479). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

TIME LIMITATION OF REFERRED BILL

Pursuant to clause 2 of rule XII, the following actions were taken by the Speaker:

H.R. 1838. Referral to the Committee on Agriculture extended for a period ending not later than May 30, 2012.

H.R. 3283. Referral to the Committee on Agriculture extended for a period ending not later than May 30, 2012.

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. ISRAEL:

H.R. 5737. A bill to provide that a former Member of Congress receiving compensation as a highly-paid lobbyist shall be ineligible to concurrently receive Federal retirement benefits; to the Committee on House Administration, 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 Mrs. MILLER of Michigan (for herself, Mr. CAMP, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. WALBERG, Mr. CLARKE of Michigan, and Mr. PETERS):

H.R. 5738. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 15285 Samohin Drive in Macomb, Michigan, as the ''Lance Cpl. Anthony A. DiLisio Clinton-Macomb Carrier Annex''; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina (for himself and Mr. CLYBURN):

H.R. 5739. A bill to provide for an exchange of land between the Department of Homeland Security and the South Carolina State Ports Authority; 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. ISRAEL:

H.R. 5737.

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

Article I, Section 6, Clause 1, of the U.S. Constitution.

By Mrs. MILLER of Michigan:

H.R. 5738.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 7.

By Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina:

H.R. 5739.

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

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the authority enumerated in Clause 2 of Section 3 of Article IV 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. 942: Mr. GARDNER, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. CROWLEY, and Mr. MCCOTTER.

H.R. 1259: Mr. BILIRAKIS and Mr. WEBSTER.

H.R. 1742: Mr. ELLISON, Mr. QUIGLEY, Mrs. CAPPS, and Mr. HINCHEY.

H.R. 1860: Mr. OWENS.

H.R. 2139: Mr. NEUGEBAUER, Mr. SHERMAN, Mrs. DAVIS of California, Mr. SIMPSON, Mr. YOUNG of Florida, Mr. COOPER, and Mr. PASCRELL.

H.R. 2310: Mr. DINGELL.

H.R. 2569: Mr. FITZPATRICK and Mrs. MYRICK.

H.R. 2980: Mr. HINCHEY.

H.R. 2989: Mr. CLARKE of Michigan, Mr. PRICE of Georgia, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. HIMES, and Mr. KIND.

H.R. 3015: Mr. COHEN.

H.R. 3032: Mr. THORNBERRY.

H.R. 3067: Mr. GINGREY of Georgia, Mr. POMPEO, Mr. HINOJOSA, Mr. COSTA, Mr. BILBRAY, Mr. TURNER of Ohio, Mr. WALDEN, Mr. TERRY, Mr. STIVERS, Mr. KINZINGER of Illinois, Mr. BUCSHON, and Mr. DENT.

H.R. 3091: Ms. JENKINS.

H.R. 3288: Mr. ROYCE.

H.R. 3790: Mrs. DAVIS of California.

H.R. 4152: Mr. DAVIS of Illinois.

H.R. 4180: Mr. GRAVES of Missouri.

H.R. 4229: Mr. TIBERI, Mr. SCHIFF, and Mr. MCCOTTER.

H.R. 4970: Mr. HECK.

H. Con. Res. 122: Mr. LAMBORN, Ms. BUERKLE, and Mr. MCHENRY.