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Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, July 16, 2012, at 2 p.m.

House of Representatives

FRIDAY, JULY 13, 2012

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,
July 13, 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:

Loving and gracious God, we give You thanks for giving us another day.

How shall we be measured in Your sight? In a culture of achievement, we can carry over competitive attitudes to our relationship with You and to those we love and serve. But once we realize there is nothing we can do to make You love us more than You already do, we can be set free to simply love as You love and serve others with abandonment. Help us to give of ourselves in love and service, for this is enough.

In a culture of success, the worst thing that can happen is to fail. But all You ask of us, O Lord, is to do what is right, speak what is true, and give of ourselves in service to others without counting the cost.

Bless the Members of this people's House and bless us all with the grace to love as You love. May all we do be done 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.

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, July 12, 2012.

Hon. JOHN A. BOEHNER,
The Speaker, House of Representatives, 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 July 12, 2012 at 5:52 p.m.:

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 3902.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

KAREN L. HAAS.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the House stands adjourned until noon on Tuesday, July 17, 2012, for morning-hour debate.

There was no objection.

Accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 3 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Tuesday, July 17, 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:

6912. A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Chronic Wasting Disease Herd Certification Program and Interstate Movement of Farmed or Captive Deer, Elk, and Moose [Docket No.: 00–108–8] (RIN: 0579–AB35) received June 14, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

6913. A letter from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule—Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Acquisition of Tents and Other Temporary Structures (DFARS Case 2012–D015) (RIN: 0750–AH73) received June 14, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Armed Services.

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6914. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting annual report on new safety technologies and equipment pursuant to the MINER Act of 2006 for Fiscal Year 2011; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

6915. A letter from the Chair, Board of Governors, Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute, transmitting the 2011 Annual Report, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 1320e Public Law 111–148,section 1181(d)(10); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

6916. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Cooperation Agency, transmitting a notice of proposed lease with the Government of Sweden (Transmittal No. 05–12) pursuant to Section 62(a) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

6917. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Department's final rule—Wassenaar Arrangement 2011 Plenary Agreements Implementation: Commerce Control List, Definitions, New Participating State (Mexico) and Reports [Docket No.: 111220789–1017–01] (RIN: 0694–AF50) received June 18, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

6918. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting a report on the U.S. Commitments Ensuring the Safety, Reliability, and Performance of its Nuclear Forces; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

6919. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting consistent with the Authorization for Use of Military Force Against Iraq Resolution of 2002 (Pub. L. 107–243), the Authorization for the Use of Military Force Against Iraq Resolution (Pub. L. 102–1), and in order to keep the Congress fully informed, a report prepared by the Department of State for the February 26, 2012—April 25, 2012 reporting period including matters relating to post-liberation Iraq under Section 7 of the Iraq Liberation Act of 1998 (Pub. L. 105–338); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

6920. A letter from the Chairman, Federal Trade Commission, transmitting the semi-annual report on the activities of the Office of Inspector General for the period from October 1, 2011 through March 31, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act), section 5(b); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

6921. A letter from the Program Manager, Department of Justice, transmitting the Department's final rule—Residency Requirements for Aliens Acquiring Firearms (2011R–23P) [Docket No.: ATF 22I; AG Order No. 3337–2012] (RIN: 1140–AA44) received June 14, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

6922. A letter from the Program Manager, Department of Justice, transmitting the Department's final rule—Firearms Disabilities for Certain Nonimmigrant Aliens (2001R–332P) [Docket No.: ATF 24F; AG Order No. 3336–2012] (RIN: 1140–AA08) received June 14, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

6923. A letter from the Secretary, Federal Trade Commission, transmitting the Commission's Thirty-Fourth Annual Report to Congress pursuant to section 201 of the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act of and Section 7A of the Clayton Act, pursuant to 15 U.S.C. 18a(j); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

6924. A letter from the Director, National Legislative Commission, American Legion, transmitting a copy of the Legion's financial statements as of December 31, 2011, pursuant to 36 U.S.C. 1101(4) and 1103; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

6925. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Secretary, Department of Labor, transmitting the 2011 annual report on the Department's Veterans' Employment and Training Service, pursuant to 38 U.S.C. 2009(b); to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

6926. A letter from the Director of Regulation Policy and Management, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting the Department's final rule—Autopsies at VA Expense (RIN: 2900–AO03) received June 27, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

6927. A letter from the Director of Regulation Policy and Management, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting the Department's final rule—VA Veteran-Owned Small Business Verification Guidelines (RIN: 2900–AO49) received June 26, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

6928. A letter from the Chief Counsel, Bureau of the Public Debt, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's final rule—(Department of the Treasury Circular, Public Debt Series No. 3–72) U.S. Treasury Securities—State and Local Government Series received June 15, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

6929. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Treatment of Overall Foreign and Domestic Losses [TD 9595] (RIN: 1545–BH13) received June 27, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

6930. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Portability of a Deceased Spousal Unused Exclusion Amount [TD 9593] (RIN: 1545–BK34) received June 27, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

6931. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting a report entitled, ''Plan to Implement a Medicare Skilled Nursing Facility Value-Based Purchasing Program''; jointly to the Committees on Energy and Commerce and 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:

By Mr. MCHENRY (for himself and Mr. GARRETT):

H.R. 6127. A bill to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to enable national securities exchanges to provide financial incentives to market-makers that adhere to objective standards that increase the liquidity and depth of the public capital markets and promote enhanced trading and price-discovery for smaller public companies; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD:

H.R. 6128. A bill to amend part E of title IV of the Social Security Act to ensure that immigration status alone does not disqualify a parent, legal guardian, or relative from being a placement for a foster child, to prohibit a State, county, or other political subdivision of a State from filing for termination of parental rights in foster care cases in which an otherwise fit and willing parent or legal guardian has been deported or is involved in (including detention pursuant to) an immigration proceeding, unless certain conditions have been met, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. CLARKE of Michigan (for himself, Mr. CONYERS, and Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi):

H.R. 6129. A bill to amend the Fair Credit Reporting Act to prohibit the use of consumer reports and consumer information in making any determination involving auto insurance with respect to a consumer, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Ms. HOCHUL:

H.R. 6130. A bill to require priority visa processing for visitors to National Heritage Areas or National Parks, to invest in communities hosting these national treasures, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on 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.

By Ms. LEE of California (for herself, Mr. BERMAN, Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, Mr. FRANKS of Arizona, Mr. MCDERMOTT, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, and Ms. NORTON):

H. Con. Res. 131. Concurrent resolution expressing support for continued international cooperation to combat HIV/AIDS; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. ISRAEL:

H. Res. 729. A resolution reaffirming the commitment of the House of Representatives to American manufacturing and jobs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, 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. SMITH of New Jersey:

H. Res. 730. A resolution urging the Government of Ukraine to ensure free and fair parliamentary elections on October 28, 2012, by adhering to democratic standards, establishing a transparent electoral process and releasing opposition leaders sentenced on politically motivated grounds; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, 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.

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. MCHENRY:

H.R. 6127.

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

Article I, Section 8.

By Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD:

H.R. 6128.

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

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 18.

By Mr. CLARKE of Michigan:

H.R. 6129.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 3 of the Constitution of the United States of America.

By Ms. HOCHUL:

H.R. 6130.

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

Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution of the United States.

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

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

H.R. 459: Mr. ROYCE.
H.R. 997: Mr. SHUSTER.
H.R. 1006: Mr. RIVERA and Mr. MCCAUL.
H.R. 1063: Mr. DAVIS of Illinois.
H.R. 1543: Ms. SUTTON and Mrs. CAPPS.
H.R. 1802: Mrs. LOWEY.
H.R. 2212: Mr. CLAY.
H.R. 2335: Ms. JENKINS.
H.R. 2866: Ms. EDWARDS.
H.R. 3032: Mr. CARSON of Indiana.
H.R. 3091: Mr. ROSS of Florida.
H.R. 3269: Mr. WEBSTER.
H.R. 3458: Mr. BOREN.
H.R. 3605: Mr. STARK.
H.R. 3618: Ms. WOOLSEY.
H.R. 3783: Mr. WEST and Mrs. ELLMERS.
H.R. 3803: Mr. NUNES, Mr. PAULSEN, and Mr. GERLACH.
H.R. 4122: Ms. SLAUGHTER.
H.R. 4235: Mr. CONAWAY and Mr. POSEY.
H.R. 4269: Mr. CONAWAY.
H.R. 4323: Ms. HAYWORTH, Mr. GIBSON, and Mrs. BLACK.
H.R. 4481: Mr. LAMBORN.
H.R. 5381: Mr. GIBBS.
H.R. 5914: Mr. CARTER.
H.R. 5925: Mrs. MCMORRIS RODGERS.
H.R. 5943: Mr. LUETKEMEYER and Mrs. HARTZLER.
H.R. 6043: Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia.
H.R. 6046: Mr. CAPUANO, Mr. CARNAHAN, Mr. FARR, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, and Mr. STARK.
H.R. 6047: Mr. LAMBORN, Mr. BOREN, Mr. ROE of Tennessee, Mrs. LUMMIS, Mr. SCHWEIKERT, Mr. WALBERG, and Mr. PITTS.
H.R. 6088: Mr. FRANKS of Arizona and Mr. BARTLETT.
H.R. 6089: Mr. FLORES.
H.R. 6117: Ms. BALDWIN.
H.J. Res. 8: Mr. JONES.
H. Res. 262: Mr. BUTTERFIELD.
H. Res. 506: Mr. CRITZ.
H. Res. 672: Mr. SCHIFF.