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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. LATOURETTE).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
September 25, 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 Patrick Riffle, St. Peter's Catholic Church, Washington, D.C., offered the following prayer:

God, our Father, You guide everything in wisdom and love. ''You are good and forgiving, full of love to all who call upon You.''

We now praise You for that love and rejoice in Your abundant blessings. You call us today to grow in the knowledge of that love and invite us to receive Your blessing.

Accept the prayers we offer for our beloved Nation. Protect it and keep it ever in Your sight.

Fill this House of Representatives with Your holy wisdom. Strengthen these Representatives and their staffs as they labor for what is good and just.

May true harmony, lasting freedom, and justice be secured for all so that there may be lasting peace.

We ask this in Your most holy name. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 3(a) of House Resolution 788, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentlewoman from Maryland (Ms. EDWARDS) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. EDWARDS 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 bills and joint resolution were signed by Speaker pro tempore LEWIS on Monday, September 24, 2012:

H.R. 1272, to provide for the use and distribution of the funds awarded to the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, et al., by the United States Court of Federal Claims in Docket Numbers 19 and 188, and for other purposes;

H.R. 1791, to designate the United States courthouse under construction at 101 South United States Route 1 in Fort Pierce, Florida as the ''Alto Lee Adams, Sr., United States Courthouse'';

H.R. 2139, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the centennial of the establishment of Lions Clubs International;

H.R. 2240, to authorize the exchange of land or interest in land between Lowell National Historical Park and the city of Lowell in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and for other purposes;

H.R. 2706, to prohibit the sale of billfish;

H.R. 3556, to designate the new United States courthouse in Buffalo, New York, as the ''Robert H. Jackson United States Courthouse'';

H.R. 4158, to confirm full ownership rights for certain United States astronauts to artifacts from the astronauts' space missions;

H.R. 4223, to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit theft of medical products, and for other purposes;

H.R. 4347, to designate the United States courthouse located at 709 West 9th Street in Juneau, Alaska, as the ''Robert Boochever United States Courthouse'';

H.R. 5512, to amend title 28, United States Code, to realign divisions within two judicial districts;

H.R. 6189, to eliminate unnecessary reporting requirements for unfunded programs under the Office of Justice Programs;

H.R. 6215, to amend the Trademark Act of 1946 to correct an error in the provisions relating to remedies for dilution;

H.R. 6375, to authorize certain Departments of Veterans Affairs major medical facility projects, to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend certain authorities of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes;

H.R. 6431, to provide flexibility with respect to United States support for assistance provided by international financial institutions for Burma, and for other purposes;

H.R. 6433, to make corrections with respect to Food and Drug Administration user fees;

H.J. Res. 117, making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2013, and for other purposes;

S. 300, to prevent abuse of Government charge cards;

S. 710, to amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to direct the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to establish a hazardous waste electronic manifest system.

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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, September 21, 2012.

Hon. JOHN A. BOEHNER,
Speaker, U.S. Capitol, 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 September 21, 2012 at 4:21 p.m.:

Appointments:

Public Safety Officer Medal of Valor Review Board.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

KAREN L. HAAS.

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, September 24, 2012.

Hon. JOHN A. BOEHNER, *Speaker,*
U.S. Capitol, 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 September 24, 2012 at 12:26 p.m.:

That the Senate concurs in the House amendment S. 300.

That the Senate concurs in the House amendment S. 710.

That the Senate passed S. 3311.

That the Senate passed S. 3193.

That the Senate passed S. 3341.

That the Senate passed S. 3486.

That the Senate passed S. 3625.

That the Senate passed S. 3624.

That the Senate passed S. 3315.

That the Senate passed S. 1956.

That the Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 50.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

KAREN L. HAAS,
Clerk.

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRIES

Ms. EDWARDS. Mr. Speaker, parliamentary inquiry.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentlewoman will state her inquiry.

Ms. EDWARDS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise for the purpose of a parliamentary inquiry to inquire as to whether it is not the case that during these pro forma sessions legislation may be considered by unanimous consent.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentlewoman has put forward a hypothetical upon which the Chair cannot opine.

Ms. EDWARDS. Mr. Speaker, parliamentary inquiry.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentlewoman will state her inquiry.

Ms. EDWARDS. Mr. Speaker, should it not be possible to consider legislation and to complete work on behalf of the American people including middle class tax cuts, which we all agree upon should be extended, jobs legislation, the Violence Against Women Act, the farm bill, and the fiscal cliff looming causing individuals and businesses uncertainty? For the purposes of a parliamentary inquiry, the list goes on and on.

Should it not be possible to consider legislation that the Republican leadership has decided instead to schedule only 8 days of votes between August 3 and November 13?

Should it not be possible to consider legislation given the fact that the Republican leadership has left town for 7 weeks, the earliest Congress has recessed for an election in over 50 years?

Mr. Speaker, for the purposes of a parliamentary inquiry, the American people deserve answers and they deserve action. They deserve more than simply a pro forma session and a do-nothing Congress and Republican obstructionism.

Mr. Speaker, for the purposes of a parliamentary inquiry, Democrats are committed to return to Washington to continue the work of the people, and I would ask my Republican colleagues to join us.

Mr. Speaker, is it possible for us to return to work and do the business of the people rather than this pro forma session?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Sadly, the gentlewoman has not put forward a proper parliamentary inquiry.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess for not more than 15 minutes.

Accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 10 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess.

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. LATOURETTE) at 10 o'clock and 11 minutes a.m.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, September 24, 2012.

Hon. JOHN A. BOEHNER, *Speaker,*
U.S. Capitol, 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 September 24, 2012 at 12:26 p.m.:

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 6433.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 6431.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 6375.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 6215.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 6189.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 5512.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 4347.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 4223.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 4158.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 3556.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 2706.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 2240.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 2139.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 1791.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 1272.

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:

SEPTEMBER 24, 2012.

Hon. JOHN A. BOEHNER,
Speaker, U.S. Capitol, 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 September 24, 2012 at 12:26 p.m.:

That the Senate passed with an amendment H.R. 915.

That the Senate passed with amendments H.R. 2606.

That the Senate passed with an amendment H.R. 4850.

That the Senate passed with amendments H.R. 2453.

That the Senate passed with amendments H.R. 2838.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

KAREN L. HAAS,
Clerk.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

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OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, September 24, 2012.

Hon. JOHN A. BOEHNER, *Speaker,*
U.S. Capitol, 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 September 24, 2012 at 9:13 a.m.:

That the Senate passed S.J. Res. 41.

That the Senate agreed to without amendment H.J. Res. 117.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

KAREN L. HAAS,
Clerk.

SENATE BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTION REFERRED

Bills and a joint resolution of the Senate of the following titles were taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. 3193. An act to make technical corrections to the legal description of certain land to be held in trust for the Barona Band of Mission Indians, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

S. 3311. An act to designate the United States courthouse located at 2601 2nd Avenue North, Billings, Montana, as the ''James F. Battin United States Courthouse''; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

S. 3341. An act to require a quadrennial diplomacy and development review, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

S. 3486. An act to implement the provisions of the Hague Agreement and the Patent Law Treaty; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

S. 3624. An act to amend section 31311 of title 49, United States Code, to permit States to issue commercial driver's licenses to members of the Armed Forces whose duty station is located in the State; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

S.J. Res. 41. Joint resolution expressing the sense of Congress regarding the nuclear program of the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

ENROLLED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTION SIGNED

Karen L. Haas, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly enrolled bills and a joint resolution of the House of the following titles, which were thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 1272. An act to provide for the use and distribution of the funds awarded to the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, et al., by the United States Court of Federal Claims in Docket Numbers 19 and 188, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1791. An act to designate the United States courthouse under construction at 101 South United States Route 1 in Fort Pierce, Florida, as the ''Alto Lee Adams, Sr., United States Courthouse''.

H.R. 2139. An act to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the centennial of the establishment of Lions Clubs International.

H.R. 2240. An act to authorize the exchange of land or interest in land between Lowell National Historical Park and the city of Lowell in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2706. An act to prohibit the sale of billfish.

H.R. 3556. An act to designate the new United States courthouse in Buffalo, New York, as the ''Robert H. Jackson United States Courthouse''.

H.R. 4158. An act to confirm full ownership rights for certain United States astronauts to artifacts from the astronauts' space missions.

H.R. 4223. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit theft of medical products, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4347. An act to designate the United States courthouse located at 709 West 9th Street in Juneau, Alaska, as the ''Robert Boochever United States Courthouse''.

H.R. 5512. An act to amend title 28, United States Code, to realign divisions within two judicial districts.

H.R. 6189. An act to eliminate unnecessary reporting requirements for unfunded programs under the Office of Justice Programs.

H.R. 6215. An act to amend the Trademark Act of 1946 to correct an error in the provisions relating to remedies for dilution.

H.R. 6375. An act to authorize certain Department of Veterans Affairs major medical facility projects, to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend certain authorities of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6431. An act to provide flexibility with respect to United States support for assistance provided by international financial institutions for Burma, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6433. An act to make corrections with respect to Food and Drug Administration user fees.

H.J. Res. 117. Joint resolution making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2013, and for other purposes.

SENATE ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The Speaker announced his signature to enrolled bills of the Senate of the following titles:

S. 300. An act to prevent abuse of Government charge cards.

S. 710. An act to amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to direct the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to establish a hazardous waste electronic manifest system.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 3(b) of House Resolution 788, the House stands adjourned until 11 a.m. on Friday, September 28, 2012.

Accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 14 minutes a.m.), the House adjourned until Friday, September 28, 2012, at 11 a.m.

EXPENDITURE REPORTS CONCERNING OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL

Reports concerning the foreign currencies and U.S. dollars utilized for Official Foreign Travel during the third quarter of 2012 pursuant to Public Law 95–384 are as follows:

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, JENNIFER M. STEWART, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN AUG. 13 AND AUG. 17, 2012

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem [1]		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency [2]	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency [2]	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency [2]	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency [2]
Jennifer M. Stewart	8/14	8/15	United Arab Emirates		338.00		9,713.00				10,051.00
	8/15	8/16	Afghanistan		56.00						56.00
Committee total											10,107.00

[1] Per diem constitutes lodging and meals.
[2] If foreign currency is used, enter U.S. dollar equivalent; if U.S. currency is used, enter amount expended.

HON. JOHN A. BOEHNER, Sept. 7, 2012.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, DELEGATION TO HAITI, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED ON AUG. 14, 2012

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem [1]		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency [2]	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency [2]	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency [2]	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency [2]
Hon. Eric Cantor	8/14	8/14	Haiti								
Kristi Way	8/14	8/14	Haiti								
Committee total											

[1] Per diem constitutes lodging and meals.
[2] If foreign currency is used, enter U.S. dollar equivalent; if U.S. currency is used, enter amount expended.

HON. ERIC CANTOR, Sept. 14, 2012.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, DELEGATION TO ITALY, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN SEPT. 12 AND SEPT. 16, 2012

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem [1]		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency [2]	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency [2]	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency [2]	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency [2]
Robert F. Reeves	9/12	9/16	Italy		592.00		1,942.50			462.96	2,534.50
Kirsten Gullickson	9/12	9/16	Italy		592.00		1,942.50			462.96	2,534.50
Committee total											5,069.00

[1] Per diem constitutes lodging and meals.
[2] If foreign currency is used, enter U.S dollar equivalent; if U.S. currency is used, enter amount expended.

MR. ROBERT F. REEVES, Sept. 19, 2012.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

8018. A letter from the Chief Administrative Officer, transmitting the quarterly report of receipts and expenditures of appropriations and other funds for the period July 1, 2012 through September 30, 2012 as compiled by the Chief Administrative Officer, pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 104a Public Law 88-454; (H. Doc. No. 112—144); to the Committee on House Administration and ordered to be printed.

8019. A letter from the Assistant Secretary of the Army, Civil Works, Department of Defense, transmitting proposal for the Biscayne Bay Coastal Wetlands Phase 1 project; (H. Doc. No. 112—145); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and ordered to be printed.

8020. A letter from the Chief, Trade and Commercial Rulings Branch, Office of International Trade, Regulations and Rulings, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — United States-Columbia Trade Promotion Agreement [USCBP-2012-0017] (RIN: 1515-AD88) received September 20, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); 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. GOODLATTE: Committee on Ethics. In the Matter of Representative Maxine Waters (Rept. 112–690). Referred to the House Calendar.

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. GERLACH (for himself and Mr. NEAL):

H.R. 6559. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an exception from the passive loss rules for investments in high technology research small business pass-thru entities; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado:

H.R. 6560. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow an additional advance refunding for certain tax-exempt bonds; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. CROWLEY:

H.R. 6561. A bill to direct the Secretary of Education to make grants to States to hire teachers and prevent layoffs, to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to make grants to hire firefighters and prevent layoffs, and to direct the Attorney General to make grants to hire law enforcement officers and prevent layoffs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, and in addition to the Committees on the Judiciary, and Science, Space, and Technology, 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. CROWLEY:

H.R. 6562. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the distribution of additional residency positions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means, 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. MARKEY:

H.R. 6563. A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a veterans jobs corps, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, the Budget, Armed Services, Foreign Affairs, the Judiciary, Science, Space, and Technology, 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.

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. GERLACH:

H.R. 6559.

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

The Congress enacts this bill pursuant to Clause 1 of Section 8 of Article I of the United States Constitution.

By Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado:

H.R. 6560.

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

Article I, Sec. 8, Clause 3, the Commerce Clause, of the United States Constitution

This states that ''Congress shall have power to . . . regulate commerce with foreign nations, and among the several states, and with the Indian tribes.'' The power to regulate commerce among the several states is the power to define conditions and rules for commercial transactions, and the regulation of the prices and terms of sale. Amending regulations which govern the monetary policies municipalities may use for issuing bonds affects the ability of these municipalities to conduct business transactions with investors, and thus falls under the commerce clause.

By Mr. CROWLEY:

H.R. 6561.

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

Article I, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution

By Mr. CROWLEY:

H.R. 6562.

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

Article I, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution

By Mr. MARKEY:

H.R. 6563.

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

Article I, section 8.

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

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

H.R. 860: Mr. ELLISON and Mr. RUNYAN.
H.R. 2052: Mr. BRALEY of Iowa.
H.R. 2088: Mr. CLAY.
H.R. 2304: Mr. CRENSHAW.
H.R. 2492: Mr. ROSS of Florida.
H.R. 2866: Mr. CICILLINE.
H.R. 3423: Ms. GRANGER.
H.R. 3831: Mr. BISHOP of New York.
H.R. 4643: Ms. HANABUSA.
H.R. 5978: Mr. WAXMAN.
H.R. 6043: Mr. PLATTS.
H.R. 6087: Mrs. DAVIS of California.
H.R. 6088: Mr. DUNCAN of Tennessee.
H.R. 6150: Mr. FILNER.
H.R. 6157: Ms. HIRONO, Mr. ROTHMAN of New Jersey, and Mr. FITZPATRICK.
H.R. 6357: Mr. JONES.
H.R. 6362: Mr. REICHERT.
H.R. 6385: Mr. DOYLE.
H.R. 6400: Mr. STARK.
H.R. 6416: Mr. BARLETTA.
H.R. 6439: Mr. OWENS and Mr. BISHOP of Georgia.
H.R. 6446: Mr. NEAL.
H.R. 6489: Mr. SMITH of Texas.
H.R. 6494: Mr. ISRAEL.
H.R. 6527: Ms. SLAUGHTER.
H.J. Res. 100: Mr. GUTIERREZ.
H. Res. 763: Mr. SCHOCK and Mr. RIVERA.
H. Res. 776: Mr. CHABOT.

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Senate

The Senate met at 9:30 and 5 seconds a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable CHRISTOPHER A. COONS, a Senator from the State of Delaware.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. INOUYE).

The legislative clerk read as follows:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, September 25, 2012.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable CHRISTOPHER A. COONS, a Senator from the State of Delaware, to perform the duties of the Chair.

DANIEL K. INOUYE,
President pro tempore.

Mr. COONS thereupon assumed the chair as Acting President pro tempore.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2012, AT 10 A.M.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate stands adjourned until Friday, September 28, 2012, at 10 a.m.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 9:30 and 32 seconds a.m., adjourned until Friday, September 28, 2012, at 10 a.m.

● This "bullet" symbol identifies statements or insertions which are not spoken by a Member of the Senate on the floor.

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EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

101 YEARS OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA (ROC)

HON. ANN MARIE BUERKLE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 25, 2012

Ms. BUERKLE. Mr. Speaker, October 10 marks 101 years of the Republic of China, ROC, that now exists on Taiwan.

Taiwan President Ma Ying-jeou was inaugurated for a second and last time on Sunday, May 20. Taiwan limits its presidents to two terms, as do we. But in his already more than four years since first taking office, President Ma has fundamentally altered the dynamic of Taiwan's economic relations with mainland China and by extension, relations with the United States and the rest of the world.

Fresh off his first inauguration in 2008, President Ma launched the first regular nonstop flights across the Taiwan Strait since China's Civil War ended in 1949. These flights, now as many as 558 a week, have made life much easier for Taiwanese working and doing business on the mainland. It's in turn also made life much easier for Americans crossing the Taiwan Strait—be it for work or for pleasure.

But most significantly, in 2010, Taiwan entered into its Economic and Cooperation Framework Agreement, ECFA, with mainland China that eliminated tariffs on 16 percent of Taiwan exports to the mainland. Now that President Ma was reelected with a fresh mandate this past January, more tariff eliminations under ECFA will follow. There will also be further service sector openings in both directions. Most importantly, ECFA, as does President Ma's other cross-Strait trade and investment relaxations, reintegrates Taiwan into Asia's economic supply chain, allowing Taiwan producers to supply global customers in mainland China directly.

The spending power of the millions of mainland Chinese tourists who have visited Taiwan since 2008 has also boosted the island's economy, as well as exposed those same tourists to Taiwan's pluralistic, democratic system. Having now experienced Taiwan's elections firsthand, some mainlanders will demand accountability of their leaders back home as Taiwanese do theirs. Taiwan's elections can serve as an example and milestone for ethnic Chinese worldwide that these universal political freedoms are not somehow incongruous with culture as some mainland autocrats have alleged.

I thus urge my colleagues, on this 101st anniversary of the ROC, to congratulate Taiwan on this century-plus milestone and to applaud its recent trade, investment, and travel openings to neighboring mainland China. It suits Taiwan's economic interests as well as our own.

DAW AUNG SAN SUU KYI

HON. JOSEPH CROWLEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 25, 2012

Mr. CROWLEY. Mr. Speaker, I would like to submit this poem in honor of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, who was presented with the Congressional Gold Medal, on September 19, 2012.

This is a poem written by Albert Carey Caswell.

THE DAW OF FREEDOM

The. . .
The Daw of Freedom. . .
On this day. . .

As from across the oceans,
your courage so reaches out to all of us in so many ways!

As a Freedom Fighter,
whose fine heart so all ignites us in so many ways!

All in your struggle for democracy and human rights this,
all in what your peaceful fight has so conveyed!

As over the years,
as we have all so watched you all so here,
and for you Daw Suu have all so prayed!

As all in such awe,
at what we so saw. . .
all in what your courage against such oppression so had to say!

Just like all of those great Freedom Fighters who have so come before,
names like Gandhi and King who through non violence had so implored!

Happiness, Democracy and Freedom for all the more!
As now your gifts this,
now stands etched in Woman and Mankind forevermore!
and with that presentation of your Noble Peace Prize,
you but brought such tears to our eyes!

For Burma has but a bright future so ahead,
as long as she so listens to what Champions of Freedom,
like you Daw Suu have so said!

So on this day,
we kneel and pray. . . all in respect for that great battle you so wage!

As upon you this Gold Medal we now so place. . .
As your fine life has but brought such light to even the darkest of all days. . .
As now we so march with you all in our hearts and souls,
all in this your great battle and crusade that we behold!

Of your life and your times,
and your great quest for freedom and her rhymes,
of this all of our children must be told!

HONORING THE LIFE OF SERGEANT BRADLEY W. ATWELL

HON. JOE DONNELLY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 25, 2012

Mr. DONNOLLY of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to solemnly remember and honor the life and dedication to service of Sergeant Bradley W. Atwell, a native of Kokomo, Indiana, and a proud member of Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 13, Marine Aircraft Group 13, 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing, 1st Marine Expeditionary Force (Forward). Sergeant Atwell died in support of Operation Enduring Freedom on September 15th, 2012, in Kabul, Afghanistan, as a result of a sustained insurgent attack on Coalition Forces at Camp Bastion. This attack also claimed the life of Lieutenant Colonel Christopher K. Raible of Huntington, Pennsylvania.

Bradley graduated from Taylor High School in 2003 where he played on the baseball team. Described as ''a piece of American apple pie,'' he had an undeniable desire to serve his country and enlisted in the United States Marine Corps on October 17, 2005. A third generation Marine, Bradley deployed with Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 13 in February 2012 and served as an aeronautic electrical systems technician. According to Bradley's mother, he was proud to wear his uniform.

Bradley's awards include the Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal (second award), Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal, NATO Service Medal—International Security Assistance Force and the Purple Heart.

Bradley will be remembered by family, friends, and fellow soldiers as a dedicated, courageous, and talented young man and the consummate Marine. He is survived by his wife of only 10 months, Danielle Cross, mother, Cheryl Atwell and her fiance Jimmy Coates, father, Victor Atwell and his wife Kimberlee, grandmother, Shirley Oody, brother, Dustin, sister, Erin and other loving extended family. Just days prior to his last deployment, Bradley was able to hold his newborn niece Aubrey who, according to family members, strongly resembles him.

It is my solemn duty and humble privilege to honor the life, service and memory of Sergeant Bradley W. Atwell. He is a testament to the great honor possessed and sacrifices made by our brave men and women in the Armed Forces. We mourn his passing and offer solemn gratitude for his service and sacrifice.

HONORING POLICE CHIEF DAN McCOLLUM

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 25, 2012

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Police Chief Dan McCollum, who will celebrate his 40th year in law enforcement on September 25, 2012. To show their appreciation for his service, the Village of La Grange Park will host a reception in his honor.

Throughout his 40 years in law enforcement, including 16 years as Police Chief in La Grange Park, Chief McCollum has served residents around Illinois and in Corvallis, Oregon. In his work to protect his community he has gained a reputation as a professional and honest public servant, consistently demonstrating his strong character. For example, in 1979 when he was a young police chief, his squad car broke down on a rural road in central Illinois during a blizzard. Surrounded by the severe, rapidly approaching storm, he chose not to wait for a passing car, but sought shelter at the nearest house. Although he had made previous arrests at this residence prior to the storm, Chief McCollum took his chances. The storm was so severe, that he would end up staying with the residents for two days until the storm had finally passed. It is this ability to develop relationships even in the face of adversity that sets him apart, and allowed him to earn his position as the youngest police chief in the state at age 24 in Villa Grove, Illinois, and eventually his current post as chief in La Grange Park.

Chief McCollum now serves the 13,000 residents of the Village of La Grange Park, just as he has since 1996. He and the rest of the Police Department are committed to maintaining peace in La Grange Park by safeguarding the community and forming bonds of trust with those they protect. Chief McCollum believes that to be an officer in LaGrange Park, one must be oriented toward public service and should be a problem-solver in the community. His leadership drives this police force and is an important reason why the residents of La Grange Park have so much respect for their police.

As the La Grange Park Police Chief, Dan McCollum has been recognized on several occasions for his dedication to past and present police officers and public safety. Chief McCollum was appointed President for the Illinois Association of Law Enforcement Executives and has since served in this position for the past three years. Working within this non-profit organization, he has helped to provide more opportunities for professional training and advancement of current and retired law enforcement members. He has also received the 2008 Governor's Lifetime Achievement Award from the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board in Springfield.

Away from the stress of the police station, Chief McCollum has also led a fulfilling personal life. He is a former rock and roll musician, an avid fisherman, and an exceptional cook. Dan's wife, Nancy, and his three children, Sarah, Matthew, and Patrick, will be very proud to see him honored for his longtime service.

Please join me in honoring Police Chief Dan McCollum for his dedicated service to the La Grange Park community on the occasion of his 40th year of service. May he continue to be a stalwart public servant in La Grange Park for years to come.

STEM JOBS ACT OF 2012

SPEECH OF

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2012

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to H.R. 6429, the STEM Jobs Act.

Our Nation should be first in the world in science, technology, engineering and math. I'm pleased that we are in agreement on the urgency of this goal. However, this legislation has two big problems which are highly detrimental to our mutual goal.

The first problem is that this legislation takes unnecessary, unfair steps to reduce legal immigration, such as cutting the Diversity Program. The Diversity Program is one of the few existing pathways for African applicants to enter our Nation legally. Cutting this program will not enhance our Nation's STEM competitiveness.

The second problem is that this legislation allows American employers to pay inferior wages to foreign STEM graduates—forcing American workers to compete on an unlevel playing field.

We can do better than the STEM Jobs Act.

Representative LOFGREN's legislation, the Attracting the Best and Brightest Act, ensures that students who earn advanced STEM degrees in America stay in America and contribute to our Nation's prosperity. It creates a new visa category for applicants with advanced STEM degrees, and importantly, takes steps to protect the wages of Americans—a consideration which absolutely must be taken into account.

The Attracting the Best and Brightest Act does not contain the harmful immigration provisions of the STEM Jobs Act. Rather, it represents a commonsense solution to a very real problem.

I am pleased that Republicans, Democrats, and the Administration all agree we should do more to ensure that our Nation benefits from the talents, skills, and ideas of our advanced STEM graduates. However, the STEM Jobs Act legislation takes the wrong approach, and I regrettably urge my colleagues to oppose it.

NATIONAL WORK AND FAMILY MONTH

HON. TODD RUSSELL PLATTS

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 25, 2012

Mr. PLATTS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the month of October 2012 as National Work and Family Month. At this time each year, National Work and Family Month reminds us of the many ways that strong work-family policies continue to create and maintain healthier and more flexible work environments.

These programs and practices—from workplace flexibility such as flextime and telecommuting, to sick and family leave, dependent and day care resources, and even stress management and community involvement initiatives—are highly effective in attracting a loyal and talented workforce. Yet there is always room for improvement. As more of America's organizations incorporate work-family policies such as those mentioned above, the greater the competitive edge we will have in the recruitment and retention of our loyal and talented workforce.

Since a bipartisan resolution established National Work and Family Month in October 2003, Congress has consistently acknowledged the importance of good family-work policies and celebrated the progress made in expanding the availability and use of workplace flexibility. This October, I seek again to raise awareness of National Work and Family Month and encourage my colleagues to also acknowledge the overwhelmingly positive effect of a healthy balance between work and family life on workforce engagement, motivation and satisfaction.

CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY, CITY OF MULLENS, WEST VIRGINIA

HON. NICK J. RAHALL II

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 25, 2012

Mr. RAHALL. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to share with our colleagues a very significant anniversary being celebrated this year by the good people of Mullens, West Virginia. It was 100 years ago that the City of Mullens was incorporated. Throughout the year, families and local businesses have been celebrating this centennial milestone achievement.

Known as the Dogwood City, the city's Annual Dogwood Festival draws families and friends from all over to share in nature's beauty with the blooming of so many dogwood trees throughout the area. The refreshing little spring blooms bring forth new hope and the promise of a new season. This is a message well received in this town that has truly known boom times as well as some bad times.

Like the strong dense wood of the little dogwood tree, the people of this American small town are resilient and find strength in tradition and the deep roots their families have established in this home among Appalachia's majestic mountains. And like the finely grained wood of the dogwood, when it is finished and polished, the beauty ingrained in these good neighbors shines through to all who are touched by their many kindnesses. For anyone who happens by their fair city will find hospitality, friendliness and lending a helping hand are the rule not the exception.

The roots of Mullens' contributions though extend well beyond its city limits. The citizens of Mullens are rightfully proud of their heritage as a rail and coal center to help fuel this Nation's energy needs. Hard work, determination and a boundless optimism that one's children will have a brighter future are the core values of the families that daily recognize the many blessings flowing from the benevolent hand of the Almighty.

As Mullens continues its centennial celebration this year, I am honored to be invited to participate in Mullens Centennial Parade this Saturday. It is a fine example of how successful this community is in bringing townspeople

together to spread the word far and wide that Mullens, West Virginia is looking forward to its next 100 years.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MIKE ROSS

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 25, 2012

Mr. ROSS of Arkansas. Mr. Speaker, on September 19–21, 2012, I was not present for the following votes.

Rollcall vote 585 on passage of H.R. 5044, the Andrew P. Carpenter Tax Act. Had I been present, I would have voted ''yes.''

Rollcall vote 586 on passage of H.R. 5912, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to prohibit the use of public funds for political party conventions. Had I been present, I would have voted ''yes.''

Rollcall vote 587, on ordering the previous question providing for consideration of H.J. Res. 118 and H.R. 3409. Had I been present, I would have voted ''no.''

Rollcall vote 588, on agreeing to the resolution providing for consideration of H.J. Res. 118 and H.R. 3409. Had I been present, I would have voted ''no.''

Rollcall vote 589 on passage of H.J. Res. 118, Providing for congressional disapproval of the rule submitted by the Office of Family Assistance of the Administration for Children and Families of the Department of HHS relating to waiver and expenditure authority under the Social Security Act with respect to the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program. Had I been present, I would have voted ''no.''

Rollcall vote 590, on passage of HR 6429, To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to promote innovation, investment, and research in the United States, to eliminate the diversity immigrant program, and for other purposes. Had I been present, I would have voted ''yes.''

Rollcall vote 591, on passage of H.R. 5987, to establish the Manhattan Project National Historical Park in Oak Ridge, Tennessee, Los Alamos, New Mexico, and Hanford, Washington, and for other purposes. Had I been present, I would have voted ''yes.''

Rollcall vote 592, on Markey of Massachusetts Amendment No. 1. Had I been present, I would have voted ''no.''

Rollcall vote 593, on Waxman of California Amendment No. 3. Had I been present, I would have voted ''yes.''

Rollcall vote 594, on Kelly of Pennsylvania Amendment No. 4. Had I been present, I would have voted ''yes.''

Rollcall vote 595, on Markey of Massachusetts Amendment No. 5. Had I been present, I would have voted ''no.''

Rollcall vote 596, on Jackson Lee of Texas Amendment No. 8. Had I been present, I would have voted ''no.''

Rollcall vote 597, on McKinley of West Virginia Amendment No. 9. Had I been present, I would have voted ''yes.''

Rollcall vote 598, on Markey of Massachusetts Amendment No. 10. Had I been present, I would have voted ''no.''

Rollcall vote 599, on DeFazio of Oregon Amendment No. 11. Had I been present, I would have voted ''no.''

Rollcall vote 600, on Flake of Arizona Amendment No. 12. Had I been present, I would have voted ''yes.''

Rollcall vote 601, Gosar of Arizona Amendment No. 13. Had I been present, I would have voted ''yes.''

Rollcall vote 602, on motion to recommit, to limit the authority of the Secretary of the Interior to issue regulations before December 31, 2013, under the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977. Had I been present, I would have voted ''yes.''

Rollcall vote 603, on passage of H.R. 3409, the Coal Miner Employment and Domestic Energy Infrastructure Protection Act. Had I been present, I would have voted ''yes.''

HONORING LIEUTENANT COLONEL EDWARD F. MALINOWSKI

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 25, 2012

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Lieutenant Colonel Edward F. Malinowski, who is retiring from the United States Air Force Reserve after more than 31 years of dedicated service. His time in the Air Force exemplifies the commitment and sacrifice our nation's armed service members are willing to make to protect American freedom and values around the world.

Lt. Col. Malinowski has been a lifelong resident of the Chicago area. He and his wife, Sharon, and their three children, Christina, Edward Jr., and Matthew, currently reside in Burbank, Illinois, a city I proudly represent.

Edward Malinowski was promoted to his current rank of Lieutenant Colonel in the Air Force Reserve's 910th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron in October 2006. He exhibited an excellent aptitude throughout his career in overseeing the safety and maintenance of Air Force aircraft. Lt. Col. Malinowski has helped maintain the squadron with the longest flying safety record of any Air Force unit to date. And his service goes well beyond maintaining aircraft: in the Reserve he assisted with a critical sandbagging mission along the Mississippi River during the 1993 floods and his squad saved a man's life after he drove his car off a levy.

His record and experience in the Air Force Reserve led him to private sector work which included managing Chicago's Meigs Field Airport, where he oversaw the airport's safe closure. Aside from his numerous honors and accomplishments Lt. Col. Malinowski gave a great deal back to the community. He donated his time and knowledge by introducing intercity children to the joys of flight through the Young Eagles Program. He is also a Medinah Shriner life member and has provided aid to injured children by volunteering to fly victims to the organization's hospitals and burn centers.

Whether it was organizing a group of 2,000 citizens for the Presidential Inaugural Parade or being deployed in Southeast Asia to aid a logistics unit that supported combat aircraft in Iraq and Afghanistan, Lt. Col. Malinowski has continuously answered the call to serve our nation. Please join me in honoring this man who has done so much for his country and community. May he enjoy a long and well deserved retirement.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BRAD SHERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 25, 2012

Mr. SHERMAN. Mr. Speaker, as I have stated in the past, I am inclined to vote ''no'' on any suspension bill that seeks to enact complex and controversial legislation through a process designed for non-controversial legislation and relatively minor changes in law.

I have consistently opposed the diversity visa lottery program. However, there are substantial flaws in H.R. 6429. Congress should consider abolishing the diversity visa lottery through the regular process with full debate and with the consideration of amendments.

For the same reason, I also voted against H.R. 5987 because I believe that bill deserves further analysis, debate and amendment.

There are times when I will vote for a complex or controversial suspension bill when the merits are overwhelming and the bill is, in my view, not in need of amendment. Both of the last two votes of Thursday, September 20, 2012, did not meet that standard.

H.R. 6429 failed to pass under suspension of the rules. I believe that the diversity visa lottery should be abolished, but that the approach taken by H.R. 6429 is not the best policy.

DISAPPROVING RULE RELATING TO WAIVER AND EXPENDITURE AUTHORITY WITH RESPECT TO THE TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES PROGRAM

SPEECH OF

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2012

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong opposition to H.J. Res. 118, the Election-Year Partisan Welfare Resolution. This political stunt—based entirely on untruths—is a futile attempt to distort the Administration's position in order to score political points.

As independent fact-checkers and experts have resoundingly stated, the Administration's proposal to help states move more people from welfare to work does nothing to undermine the 1996 Welfare Reform law. The HHS notice emphasizes that these waivers must improve the employment of welfare recipients. Governors must ensure that their proposals will move at least 20 percent more people from welfare to work. These are the facts.

This strategy, which provides States more flexibility to help get people back to work, is sound policy that cuts red tape and can increase the efficiency of the welfare system. For this reason, two Republican governors requested that HHS offer these waivers. Additionally, the GOP-led House found it unobjectionable enough to pass legislation allowing welfare waivers in 2002, 2003, and 2005.

House Republicans are today wasting precious legislative time that should be spent passing the President's jobs plan, extending middle-class tax cuts, and addressing the fiscal cliff to prevent the disastrous effects of sequestration. Instead, they decided to again put

politics before the American people by accusing the Administration of doing something that it is simply not doing.

I urge my colleagues to vote no on this legislation.

TRIBUTE TO HONOR FLIGHT OF OREGON

HON. GREG WALDEN

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 25, 2012

Mr. WALDEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the 10 World War II veterans from Oregon who will be visiting their memorial this Saturday in Washington, DC, through Honor Flight of Oregon. On behalf of a grateful state and country, we welcome these heroes to the nation's capital.

The veterans on this flight from Oregon are: Harold ''Dayt'' Elston, U.S. Army; Walter Mullen, U.S. Army; Ellis Hallman, U.S. Army Air Forces; Daniel Lawler, U.S. Army Air Forces; Robert Mahr, U.S. Army Air Forces; Garner Pool, U.S. Navy; Kenneth Purcell, U.S. Navy; Albert Randow, U.S. Navy; Theodore Tannich, U.S. Navy; Arthur Wallace, U.S. Navy.

These 10 heroes join more than 100,000 veterans from across the country who, since 2005, have journeyed from their home states to Washington, DC, to reflect at the memorials built in honor of our nation's veterans.

Mr. Speaker, each of us is humbled by the courage of these soldiers, sailors, and airmen who put themselves in harm's way for our country and way of life. As a nation, we can never fully repay the debt of gratitude owed to them for their honor, commitment, and sacrifice in defense of the freedoms we have today.

My colleagues, please join me in thanking these veterans and the volunteers of Honor Flight of Oregon for their exemplary dedication and service to this great country. I especially want to recognize and thank Gail Yakopatz for her tireless work as president of Honor Flight of Oregon.

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate met at 9:30:05 a.m. in pro forma session, and adjourned at 9:30:32 a.m. until 10 a.m., on Friday, September 28, 2012.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 5 public bills, H.R. 6559–6563 were introduced. **Page H6284**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H6284**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

In the Matter of Representative Maxine Waters (H. Rept. 112–690). **Page H6284**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative LaTourette to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H6281**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Reverend Patrick Riffle, St. Peters Catholic Church, Washington, DC. **Page H6281**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:10 a.m. and reconvened at 10:11 a.m. **Page H6282**

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appear on pages H6282.

Senate Referrals: S. 3311 and S. 3624 were referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure; S. 3193 was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources; S. 3486 was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary; S. 3341 and S.J. Res. 41 were referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs; S. 3625, S. 3315, S. 1956 and S. Con. Res. 50 were held at the desk. **Page H6283**

Quorum Calls—Votes: There were no Yea and Nay votes, and there were no Recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 10:14 a.m.

Committee Meetings:

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2012

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Friday, September 28

Senate Chamber

Program for Friday: Senate will meet in a pro forma session.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

11 a.m., Friday, September 28

House Chamber

Program for Friday: The House will meet in pro forma session.

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