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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,
October 23, 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:

Almighty and ever-living God, You have promised that You will always draw near to those who call upon Your name.

We call upon You this day to send upon this great Nation Your protection and guidance. Fill the hearts of those who have been elected to lead, mold, and shape our country. Bless their staffs and all who labor here that they will see You in the work that they do.

Lord, fill this Chamber with Your presence so that here freedom, peace, and the common good will always be sought.

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 gentleman from Virginia (Mr. CONNOLLY) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia 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. Pursuant to section 3(b) of House Resolution 788, the House stands adjourned until noon on Friday, October 26, 2012.

Accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 2 minutes a.m.), the House adjourned until Friday, October 26, 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:

8129. A letter from the Assistant to the Board, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting the System's ''Major'' final rule — Risk-Based Capital Guidelines: Market Risk [Docket No.: R-1401] (RIN: 7100-AD61) received October 15, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

8130. A letter from the Deputy Director, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's final rule — Repeal of the Final Rule Imposing Special Measures and Withdrawal of the Findings of Primary Money Laundering Concern Against Myanmar Mayflower Bank and Asia Wealth Bank (RIN: 1506-AA63) received October 1, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

8131. A letter from the Deputy Director for Policy, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's final rule — Allocation of Assets in Single-Employer Plans; Benefits Payable in Terminated Single-Employer Plans; Interest Assumptions for Valuing and Paying Benefits received October 1, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

8132. A letter from the Acting Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Affairs, Consumer Product Safety Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Safety Standard for Play Yards [CPSC Docket No.: CPSC-2011-0064] (RIN: 3041-AC92) received October 1, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

8133. A letter from the Division Chief, Regulatory Affairs, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — Minerals Management: Adjustment of Cost Recovery Fees (RIN: 1004-AE29) received October 4, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

8134. A letter from the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — Special Regulations; Areas of the National Park System, Saguaro National Park, Bicycling [NPS-SAGU-10884; 8671-0004-SZM] (RIN: 1024-AE08) received October 1, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

8135. A letter from the Attorney-Advisor, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Safety Zone; 2012 Ironman US Championship Swim, Hudson River, Fort Lee, NJ [Docket No.: USCG-2012-0223] (RIN: 1625-AA00) received October 1, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

8136. A letter from the Attorney Advisor, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Drawbridge Operation Regulation, Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway (AIWW); Wrightsville Beach, NC; Cape Fear and Northeast Cape Fear River; Wilmington, NC [Docket No.: USCG-2012-0193] (RIN: 1625-AA09) received October 1, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

8137. A letter from the Attorney-Advisor, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Safety Zone: Wedding Reception Fireworks at Pier 24, San Francisco, CA [Docket No.: USCG-2012-0661] (RIN: 1625-AA00) received October 1, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

8138. A letter from the Attorney Advisor, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Anchorage; Change to Cottonwood Island Anchorage, Columbia River, Oregon and Washington

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[Docket No.: USCG-2011-0348] (RIN: 1625-AA01) received October 1, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

8139. A letter from the Attorney — Advisor, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Safety Zone; Cocoa Beach Air Show, Atlantic Ocean, Cocoa Beach, FL [Docket No.: USCG-2012-0633] (RIN: 1625-AA00) received October 1, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

8140. A letter from the Attorney-Advisor, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Safety Zone: Bay Bridge Load Transfer Safety Zone, San Francisco Bay, San Francisco, CA [Docket No.: USCG-2012-0706] (RIN: 1625-AA00) received October 1, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

8141. A letter from the Attorney-Advisor, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Safety Zone; Milwaukee Air and Water Show, Lake Michigan, Milwaukee, WI [Docket No.: USCG-2012-0688] (RIN: 1625-AA00) received October 1, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

8142. A letter from the Attorney-Advisor, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Safety Zone; Dredge Arthur J, Lake Huron, Lakeport, MI [Docket No.: USCG-2012-0709] (RIN: 1625-AA00) received October 1, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

8143. 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 — Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance and Veterans' Group Life Insurance-Slayer's Rule Exclusion (RIN: 2900-AN40) received October 7, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

8144. 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 — Removal of 30-Day Residency Requirement for Per Diem Payments During an In-Patient Hospital Stay (RIN: 2900-AO36/WP2011-037) received October 2, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

8145. 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 — Fisher House and Other Temporary Lodging (RIN: 2900-AN79) received October 1, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

8146. A letter from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's final rule — Establishment of the Inwood Valley Viticultural Area [Docket No.: TTB-2011-0011; T.D. TTB-107; Ref: Notice No. 125] (RIN: 1513-AB83) received October 1, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

8147. A letter from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's final rule — Establishment of the Middleburg Virginia Viticultural Area [Docket No.: TTB-2011-0009; T.D. TTB-106; Ref: Notice Nos. 123 and 123A] (RIN: 1513-AB67) received October 1, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

8148. A letter from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's final rule — Revision to Vintage Date Requirements [Docket No.: TTB-2011-0008; T.D. TTB-105; Re: Notice No. 122] (RIN: 1513-AB84) received October 1, 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. HASTINGS of Washington: Committee on Natural Resources. H.R. 3973. A bill to facilitate the development of energy on Indian lands by reducing Federal regulations that impede tribal development of Indian lands, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 112–692). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

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 Mrs. MCMORRIS RODGERS (for herself, Mr. KLINE, and Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California):

H.R. 6578. A bill to exempt decorative hearth products from energy efficiency regulation under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. ISRAEL:

H.J. Res. 121. A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to increase by 29 votes the number of electoral votes awarded to the candidate for President who receives the largest percentage of the popular vote; 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 Mrs. MCMORRIS RODGERS:

H.R. 6578.

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

The Constitutional authority in which this bill rests is the power of the Congress to regulate Commerce as enumerated by Article I, Section 8, Clause 3 of the United States Constitution.

By Mr. ISRAEL:

H.J. Res. 121.

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

Article V 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. 860: Mr. ADERHOLT.
H.R. 1621: Ms. MCCOLLUM.
H.R. 2052: Ms. SLAUGHTER.
H.R. 2600: Mr. LYNCH.
H.R. 3307: Mr. MICHAUD and Mr. CUMMINGS.
H.R. 3324: Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia.
H.R. 3661: Mr. SHIMKUS and Mr. BILBRAY.
H.R. 3849: Mr. STUTZMAN.
H.R. 4205: Mr. CLARKE of Michigan, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. KILDEE, Mr. MEEKS, Ms. MCCOLLUM, and Mr. TOWNS.
H.R. 4215: Mr. WHITFIELD.
H.R. 5943: Ms. HIRONO.
H.R. 6043: Mr. DEFAZIO.
H.R. 6527: Ms. MCCOLLUM.
H.R. 6575: Mr. HANNA and Ms. MCCOLLUM.
H.J. Res. 106: Mr. GARY G. MILLER of California and Mr. MARCHANT.
H.J. Res. 110: Mr. GUTHRIE and Mr. HUELSKAMP.