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House of Representatives

The House met at 11 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. WOLF).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
September 23, 2013.

I hereby appoint the Honorable FRANK R. WOLF, 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:

God of the universe, we give You thanks for giving us another day.

As the House is silent this day, give those who deliberate these days the wisdom and magnanimity to lay aside what might divide us as a people to forge a secure future for our country.

We pray for all people who have special needs. May Your presence be known to those who are sick that they might feel the power of Your healing spirit. Be with those who suffer persecution in so many places of our world, and bless our troops who are engaged in the easing of those sufferings.

May those who struggle to make ends meet be foremost in the minds of our Nation's leaders. Inspire the men and women who serve in this House to be their best selves, that they may, in turn, be an inspiration to the Nation and to the world.

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 FROM MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2013, TO WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2013

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, when the House adjourns today, it shall adjourn to meet at noon on Wednesday, September 25, 2013, for morning-hour debate and 2 p.m. for legislative business.

There was no objection.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the House stands adjourned until noon on Wednesday, September 25, 2013, for morning-hour debate.

There was no objection.

Thereupon (at 11 o'clock and 3 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Wednesday, September 25, 2013, at noon for morning-hour debate.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

3060. A letter from the Chief, Planning & Regulatory Affairs Office, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program: Trafficking Controls and Fraud Investigations (RIN: 0584-AE26) received September 5, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

3061. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Education, transmitting the Department's final rule — Direct Grant Programs and Definitions that Apply to Department Regulations [Docket ID: ED-2012-OII-0026] (RIN: 1890-AA14) received September 3, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

3062. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting Transmittal of D.C. ACT 20-154, ''Criminal Record Sealing Temporary Act of 2013''; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

3063. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting Transmittal of D.C. ACT 20-155, ''Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Board of Directors Temporary Amendment Act of 2013''; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

3064. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting Transmittal of D.C. ACT 20-156, ''Saving D.C. Homes from Foreclosure Clarification and Title Insurance Clarification Amendment Act of 2013''; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

3065. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting Transmittal of D.C. ACT 20-148, ''Private Contractor and Subcontractor Prompt Payment Act of 2013''; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

3066. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting Transmittal of D.C. ACT 20-149, ''Closing of a Public Alley in Square 77, S.O. 12-6036, Act of 2013''; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

3067. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting Transmittal of D.C. ACT 20-152, ''Marriage Officiant Amendment Act of 2013''; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

3068. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting Transmittal of D.C. ACT 20-153, ''JaParker Deoni Jones Birth Certificate Equality Amendment Act of 2013''; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

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3069. A letter from the Director, Office of Surface Mining, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — Pennsylvania Regulatory Program [PA-162-FOR; Docket ID: OSM-2012-0022; S1DSSS08011000SX066A00067F134S180110; S2D2SSS08011000SX066A00033 13XS501520] received September 5, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

3070. A letter from the Attorney Advisor, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Safety Zone; Recurring Events in Captain of the Port Duluth Zone [USCG-2013-0214] (RIN: 1625-AA00) received September 5, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

3071. A letter from the Attorney Advisor, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Special Anchorage Areas; Port of New York, NY [Docket No.: USCG-2011-0563] (RIN: 1625-AA01) received September 5, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

3072. A letter from the Attorney Advisor, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Taunton River, Fall River and Somerset, MA [Docket No.: USCG-2013-0291] (RIN: 1625-AA09) received September 5, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

3073. A letter from the Attorney Advisor, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — 2012 Liquid Chemical Categorization Updates [Docket No.: USCG-2013-0423] (RIN: 1625-AB94) received September 5, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

3074. A letter from the Attorney Advisor, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Safety Zone; Thunder on the Niagara, Niagara River, North Tonawanda, NY [Docket Number: USCG-2013-0701] (RIN: 1625-AA00) received September 5, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

3075. A letter from the Chairman, Surface Transportation Board, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Reporting Requirements for Positive Train Control Expenses and Investments [Docket No.: EP 706] received September 4, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

3076. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — 2013 Marginal Production Rates [Notice 2013-53] received September 5, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

3077. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Limitations on Duplication of Net Built-in Losses [TD 9633] (RIN: 1545-BE58) received September 5, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on 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. MICHAUD (for himself and Mr. DENHAM):

H.R. 3169. A bill to clarify the application of the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act to the Internal Revenue Service, to require the Service to convene a regulatory review panel for certain rules, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Small Business, 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. POSEY (for himself, Mr. ROONEY, and Mr. MILLER of Florida):

H.R. 3170. A bill to provide that the only health plans that the Federal Government may make available to Federal employees responsible for the administration of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act are those created under such Act or offered through a health insurance exchange, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and in addition to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, House Administration, and Appropriations, 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. WOMACK:

H.R. 3171. A bill to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to approve waivers under the Medicaid Program under title XIX of the Social Security Act that are related to State provider taxes that exempt certain retirement communities; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

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. MICHAUD:

H.R. 3169.

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

This bill is enacted pursuant to the power granted to Congress under Article I, Section 8 of the United States Constitution, including, but not limited to, Clauses 1 and 18.

By Mr. POSEY:

H.R. 3170.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 18

By Mr. WOMACK

H.R. 3171

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

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 18—To make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers, and all other Powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United States, or in any Department or Officer thereof.

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

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

H.R. 129: Mrs. KIRKPATRICK.
H.R. 485: Mr. TONKO.
H.R. 494: Mr. CARNEY and Mr. ENGEL.
H.R. 713: Ms. JENKINS.
H.R. 1173: Mr. COURTNEY, Mr. RUSH, Mr. DEFAZIO, Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California, Mr. WATT, Mr. ISRAEL, Mr. LEWIS, and Mr. MORAN.
H.R. 1281: Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. CALVERT, and Mr. ROYCE.
H.R. 1563: Mr. PASCRELL, Ms. MOORE, and Mr. PETRI.
H.R. 1821: Mr. RUSH.
H.R. 1830: Mr. GRAVES of Missouri.
H.R. 1891: Mr. MORAN.
H.R. 2037: Mr. COLE.
H.R. 2041: Mr. MAFFEI.
H.R. 2101: Ms. LOFGREN.
H.R. 2203: Mr. KINZINGER of Illinois, Mr. ROYCE, Mr. SHUSTER, Mr. ROGERS of Michigan, Mr. ISSA, Mr. VISCLOSKY, Mr. FLEISCHMANN, and Mr. ENYART.
H.R. 2247: Mr. NUNNELEE.
H.R. 2315: Ms. JENKINS and Mr. MEEHAN.
H.R. 2328: Mr. OWENS.
H.R. 2504: Mr. WITTMAN, Mr. RUSH, and Mr. SMITH of Texas.
H.R. 2686: Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas.
H.R. 2776: Mr. WEBSTER of Florida.
H.R. 2797: Mr. ANDREWS and Mrs. BUSTOS.
H.R. 2957: Mr. GRAVES of Missouri and Ms. SCHWARTZ.
H.R. 3067: Mr. HECK of Nevada.
H.R. 3103: Mr. NUNES.
H.R. 3121: Ms. FOXX and Mr. ROTHFUS.
H.R. 3140: Mr. STIVERS and Mrs. WAGNER.
H.R. 3146: Mr. TAKANO.
H.J. Res. 34: Mr. RUSH and Mr. SHERMAN.
H.J. Res. 51: Mr. CONAWAY.
H. Res. 36: Mr. WEBSTER of Florida.
H. Res. 301: Mr. LATHAM and Mr. HIGGINS.