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House of Representatives

The House met at 11:30 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. MESSER).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
January 21, 2014.

I hereby appoint the Honorable LUKE MESSER to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

JOHN A. BOEHNER,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE SERGEANT AT ARMS OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Sergeant at Arms of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE SERGEANT AT ARMS,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, January 21, 2014.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER, As you are aware, the time previously appointed for the next meeting of the House is 1 p.m. on Tuesday, January 21, 2014. This is to notify you, pursuant to clause 12(c) of rule I, of an imminent impairment of the place of reconvening at that time. The impairment is due to the weather.

Sincerely,

PAUL D. IRVING,
Sergeant at Arms.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under clause 12(c) of rule I, the Speaker established this time for reconvening and notified Members accordingly.

PRAYER

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

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

As the members of this people's House are home with family and taking time to meet with constituents, our Nation has paused to remember a period of America's history when the ideals of our founding documents were put to the test and a new era of greater rights for all citizens emerged.

We thank You for the greatness of those times and the individuals who toiled and suffered to call us to our better selves as a people. May we remain vigilant, for the rights of men seem still in jeopardy.

In these days as well, many Americans come to the Capital, as so many did 50 years ago, to make their voices heard about another major issue affecting our Nation. May Your spirit of truth and justice descend upon all who are exercising one of the great freedoms our Nation stands for—to peaceably assemble and make known our concerns to government.

May all that is done this day be done for Your greater honor and glory.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 4(a) of House Resolution 458, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is 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.

BILL PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Karen L. Haas, Clerk of the House, reported that on January 17, 2014, she presented to the President of the United States, for his approval, the following bill:

H.R. 3547. Making consolidated appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(c) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 33 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess.

EXPENDITURE REPORTS CONCERNING OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL

Reports concerning the foreign currencies and U.S. dollars utilized for Official Foreign Travel during the fourth quarter of 2013 pursuant to Public Law 95–384 are as follows:

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, DELEGATION TO SOUTH AFRICA, EXPENDED BETWEEN DEC. 9 AND DEC. 11, 2013

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. Aaron Schock	12/10	12/11	South Africa		2,127.00		(3)				2,127.00
Hon. Marcia Fudge	12/10	12/11	South Africa		2,127.00		(3)				2,127.00
Hon. John Conyers	12/10	12/11	South Africa		2,127.00		(3)				2,127.00
Hon. Charles Rangel	12/10	12/11	South Africa		2,127.00		(3)				2,127.00
Hon. John Lewis	12/10	12/11	South Africa		2,127.00		(3)				2,127.00
Hon. Jim McDermott	12/10	12/11	South Africa		2,127.00		(3)				2,127.00
Hon. Eleanor Holmes Norton	12/10	12/11	South Africa		2,127.00		(3)				2,127.00
Hon. Maxine Waters	12/10	12/11	South Africa		2,127.00		(3)				2,127.00
Hon. Robert Scott	12/10	12/11	South Africa		2,127.00		(3)				2,127.00
Hon. Mel Watt	12/10	12/11	South Africa		2,127.00		(3)				2,127.00
Hon. Sheila Jackson Lee	12/10	12/11	South Africa		2,127.00		(3)				2,127.00
Hon. Elijah Cummings	12/10	12/11	South Africa		2,127.00		(3)				2,127.00
Hon. Donna Christensen	12/10	12/11	South Africa		2,127.00		(3)				2,127.00
Hon. Gregory Meeks	12/10	12/11	South Africa		2,127.00		(3)				2,127.00
Hon. Barbara Lee	12/10	12/11	South Africa		2,127.00		(3)				2,127.00
Hon. G.K. Butterfield	12/10	12/11	South Africa		2,127.00		(3)				2,127.00
Hon. Al Green	12/10	12/11	South Africa		2,127.00		(3)				2,127.00
Hon. Gwen Moore	12/10	12/11	South Africa		2,127.00		(3)				2,127.00
Hon. Yvette Clarke	12/10	12/11	South Africa		2,127.00		(3)				2,127.00
Hon. Karen Bass	12/10	12/11	South Africa		2,127.00		(3)				2,127.00
Hon. Terri Sewell	12/10	12/11	South Africa		2,127.00		(3)				2,127.00
Hon. Joyce Beatty	12/10	12/11	South Africa		2,127.00		(3)				2,127.00
Michael Long	12/10	12/11	South Africa		2,127.00		(3)				2,127.00
Committee total					48,921.00						48,921.00

[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.
[3] Military air transportation.

HON. AARON SCHOCK, Jan. 8, 2014.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN OCT. 1 AND DEC. 31, 2013

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]

HOUSE COMMITTEES
Please Note: If there were no expenditures during the calendar quarter noted above, please check the box at right to so indicate and return. ☒

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[2] If foreign currency is used, enter U.S. dollar equivalent; if U.S. currency is used, enter amount expended.

HON. FRANK D. LUCAS, Chairman, Jan. 9, 2014.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, COMMITTEE ON THE BUDGET, U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN OCT. 1 AND DEC. 31, 2013

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]

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HON. PAUL RYAN, Chairman, Jan. 6, 2014.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND THE WORKFORCE, U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN OCT. 1 AND DEC. 31, 2013

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]

HOUSE COMMITTEES
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HON. JOHN KLINE, Chairman, Jan. 16, 2014.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, COMMITTEE ON ETHICS, U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN OCT. 1 AND DEC. 31, 2013

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]

HOUSE COMMITTEE
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HON. K. MICHAEL CONAWAY, Chairman, Jan. 8, 2014.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES, U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN OCT. 1 AND DEC. 31, 2013

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. Gregorio Kilili Camacho Sablan	9/29	10/2	Palau		861.00		1,277.00				2,138.00
Committee total					861.00		1,277.00				2,138.00

[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. DOC HASTINGS, Chairman, Jan. 8, 2014.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, COMMITTEE ON RULES, U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN OCT. 1 AND DEC. 31, 2013

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]

HOUSE COMMITTEES
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HON. PETE SESSIONS, Chairman, Jan. 6, 2014.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS, U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN OCT. 1 AND DEC. 31, 2013

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]

HOUSE COMMITTEES
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HON. SAM GRAVES, Chairman, Jan. 6, 2014.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS, U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN OCT. 1 AND DEC. 31, 2013

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]

HOUSE COMMITTEES
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HON. JEFF MILLER, Chairman, Jan. 7, 2014.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, JOINT COMMITTEE ON TAXATION, EXPENDED BETWEEN OCT. 1 AND DEC. 31, 2013

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]

HOUSE COMMITTEES
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HON. DAVE CAMP, Chairman, Jan. 7, 2014.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

4526. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting a letter regarding the designation of Overseas and Contingency Operations/Global War on Terrorism funding; (H. Doc. No. 113–88); to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

4527. A letter from the General Counsel, Consumer Product Safety Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Safety Standard for Hand-Held Infant Carriers [CPSC Docket No.: CPSC-2012-0068] received January 7, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

4528. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Wisconsin; Total Suspended Particulate Matter SIP Revision [EPA-R05-OAR-2013-0502; FRL-9905-32-Region 5] received January 9, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

4529. A letter from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations. (Ehrenberg, First Mesa, Kachina Village, Munds Park, Wickenburg, and Williams, Arizona) Application of Univision Radio License Corporation KHOV-FM, Wickenburg, Arizona [MB Docket No.: 11-207] [RM-11517] [RM-11518] [RM-11669] [File No.: BPH-20080915AFP] [Facility ID No.: 29021] received January 31, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

4530. A letter from the General Counsel, 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 January 7, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

4531. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting notification that the national emergency regarding terrorists who threaten to disrupt the Middle

East peace process is to continue in effect beyond January 23, 2014, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1622(d); (H. Doc. No. 113–87); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed.

4532. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Cooperation Agency, transmitting Transmittal No. 13-67, Notice of Proposed Issuance of Letter of Offer and Acceptance, pursuant to Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

4533. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Cooperation Agency, transmitting Transmittal No. 13-73, Notice of Proposed Issuance of Letter of Offer and Acceptance, pursuant to Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

4534. A letter from the Associate General Counsel for General Law, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting a report pursuant to the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

4535. A letter from the Chief Financial Officer, Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, transmitting the FY 2013 annual report under the Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act (FMFIA) of 1982, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 3512(c)(3); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

4536. A letter from the General Counsel, Peace Corps, transmitting a report pursuant to the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

4537. A letter from the Chief, Trade and Commercial Regulations Branch, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Extension of Import Restrictions Imposed on Certain Archaeological Material from China [CBP Dec. 14-02] (RIN: 1515-AD99) received January 13, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.