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House of Representatives

The House met at 2 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. ROONEY).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
February 18, 2014.

I hereby appoint the Honorable THOMAS J. ROONEY to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

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

PRAYER

Reverend William Federici, The United Church, Washington, D.C., offered the following prayer:

Most loving, and most gracious God, we come before You this day knowing that You are with us in the story of this time and this age, knowing that You are with us, guiding us, sustaining us, and nurturing us with the gift of Your steadfast love. You are with us today in this place, this House, which represents the dreams and visions of so many.

We pray that that wisdom, justice, and compassion may guide every Member and every member of their staff.

May this House's deliberations and actions be taken in the spirit of respect for our diversity and differences. May this Nation be knit together as one.

May we hold one another true to the covenant of freedom and justice for all.

May we be peaceful.

May we be safe.

May we be grateful.

All this we ask in the presence of and with the power of Divine love, which sustains and transforms all.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 2(a) of House Resolution 475, 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.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under clause 5(d) of rule XX, the Chair announces to the House that, in light of the resignation of the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. ANDREWS), the whole number of the House is 431.

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, February 18, 2014.

Hon. JOHN A. BOEHNER,
The 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 February 18, 2014 at 10:15 a.m.:

That the Senate passed S. 1254.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

KAREN L. HAAS.

SENATE BILL REFERRED

A bill of the Senate of the following title was taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. 1254. An act to amend the Harmful Algal Blooms and Hypoxia Research and Control Act of 1998, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology; in addition, to the Committee on Natural Resources 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.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 2(b) of House Resolution 475, the House stands adjourned until 11 a.m. on Friday, February 21, 2014.

Thereupon (at 2 o'clock and 3 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Friday, February 21, 2014, at 11 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

4779. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's FY 2013 annual performance report to Congress required by the Medical Device User Fee and Modernization Act of 2002; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

4780. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Department's final rule — Export Administration Regulations: Editorial Clean-up or References to Foreign Trade Regulations [Docket No.: 130829771-3771-01] (RIN: 0694-AF97) received February 10, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

4781. A letter from the Attorney-Advisor, Department of Transportation, transmitting a report pursuant to the Federal Vacancies

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Reform Act of 1998; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

4782. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel, General Law, Ethics, and Regulation, Department of the Treasury, transmitting two reports pursuant to the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

4783. A letter from the Board Chair and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting notification that the Administration is in compliance with the Government in the Sunshine Act for calendar year 2013; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

4784. A letter from the Secretary, Federal Trade Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Revised Jurisdictional Thresholds for Section 7A of the Clayton Act received February 10, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

4785. A letter from the Secretary, Federal Trade Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Revised Jurisdictional Thresholds for Section 8 of the Clayton Act received February 10, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

4786. A letter from the Paralegal Specialist, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Eurocopter Deutschland GmbH Helicopters [Docket No.: FAA-2013-0634; Directorate Identifier 2012-SW-023-AD; Amendment 39-17725; AD 2014-01-02] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received February 6, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

4787. A letter from the Paralegal Specialist, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Modification of the Dallas/Fort Worth Class B Airspace; TX [Docket No.: FAA-2012-1168; Airspace Docket No.: 07-AWA-3] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received February 6, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

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. CAMP: Committee on Ways and Means. H.R. 3865. A bill to prohibit the Internal Revenue Service from modifying the standard for determining whether an organization is operated exclusively for the promotion of social welfare for purposes of section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1996; with an amendment (Rept. 113–353). 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 Mr. WHITFIELD (for himself, Mr. LATTA, Mr. WELCH, and Mr. MATHESON):

H.R. 4066. A bill to modify the efficiency standards for grid-enabled water heaters; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Ms. JENKINS:

H.R. 4067. A bill to provide for the extension of the enforcement instruction on supervision requirements for outpatient therapeutic services in critical access and small rural hospitals through 2014; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, 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. JONES:

H.R. 4068. A bill to amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to require the consent of parties to contracts for the use of arbitration to resolve controversies arising under the contracts and subject to provisions of such Act and to preserve the rights of servicemembers to bring class actions under such Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. MARINO (for himself and Mrs. BLACKBURN):

H.R. 4069. A bill to improve enforcement efforts related to prescription drug diversion and abuse, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY STATEMENT

Pursuant to clause 7 of rule XII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the following statements are submitted regarding the specific powers granted to Congress in the Constitution to enact the accompanying bill or joint resolution.

By Mr. WHITFIELD:

H.R. 4066.

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

To regulate commerce with foreign nations, and among the several states, and with the Indian tribes.

By Ms. JENKINS:

H.R. 4067.

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

Article I, Section 8:

The Congress shall have Power To lay and collect Taxes, Duties, Imposts and Excises, to pay the Debts and provide for the common Defense and general Welfare of the United States.

By Mr. JONES:

H.R. 4068.

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

Pursuant to Article I, section 8 of the United States Constitution, the reported bill is authorized by Congress' power to ''provide for the common Defense and general Welfare of the United States.''

By Mr. MARINO:

H.R. 4069.

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, Clause 18 of the United States Constitution. The Constitution's Necessary and Proper Clause allows Congress to enact laws when reasonably related to the regulation of commerce.

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

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

H.R. 755: Mr. ROGERS of Michigan.
H.R. 792: Mr. BISHOP of New York.
H.R. 1528: Mr. WALDEN.
H.R. 1579: Ms. SCHAKOWSKY.
H.R. 1801: Mr. LANCE.
H.R. 2037: Mr. BEN RAY LUJÁN of New Mexico.
H.R. 2073: Mr. HIMES.
H.R. 2429: Mr. BYRNE.
H.R. 2632: Mr. VARGAS.
H.R. 2767: Mr. GOODLATTE.
H.R. 2870: Mr. MARCHANT and Mr. MCDERMOTT.
H.R. 2939: Ms. BONAMICI and Mr. GRAYSON.
H.R. 2998: Mr. TONKO.
H.R. 3413: Mr. SESSIONS.
H.R. 3426: Mr. KING of Iowa.
H.R. 3529: Mrs. ELLMERS, Mr. LAMALFA, Mr. WITTMAN, Mr. ROONEY, Mr. FLORES, Mr. STUTZMAN, Mr. SOUTHERLAND, Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana, and Mr. JONES.
H.R. 3530: Mr. NEUGEBAUER.
H.R. 3543: Ms. SHEA-PORTER and Ms. WATERS.
H.R. 3658: Mr. DUNCAN of Tennessee, Mr. CLEAVER, and Mr. GOODLATTE.
H.R. 3663: Mr. BACHUS.
H.R. 3708: Mr. PETRI.
H.R. 3905: Ms. BASS and Ms. JACKSON LEE.
H.R. 3912: Ms. JACKSON LEE.
H.R. 3954: Mr. RYAN of Ohio.
H.R. 3973: Mr. CRAMER.
H.R. 3979: Mr. BISHOP of New York, Mr. CARSON of Indiana, and Mr. HASTINGS of Washington.
H.R. 3987: Mr. CASSIDY.
H.R. 3997: Mr. CONYERS, Mr. MAFFEI, Mr. SMITH of Washington, and Mr. LOWENTHAL.
H.R. 4008: Mr. GOHMERT.
H.R. 4012: Mr. DUNCAN of South Carolina and Mr. GRIFFITH of Virginia.
H.R. 4015: Mr. MCKINLEY and Mr. PEARCE.
H.R. 4041: Ms. CHU, Mr. MCGOVERN, Ms. DELBENE, and Mr. LEVIN.
H.R. 4058: Mrs. NOEM.
H.R. 4064: Mr. CASSIDY.
H. Con. Res. 78: Mr. MCNERNEY.
H. Res. 425: Mr. JONES.

PETITIONS, ETC.

Under clause 3 of Rule XII, petitions and papers were laid on the clerk's desk and referred as follows:

69. The SPEAKER presented a petition of The Board of Chosen Freeholders, Toms River, New Jersey, relative to a letter asking the Congress to support Senate Bill 1846; to the Committee on Financial Services.