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House of Representatives

The House met at noon and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. HARRIS).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
March 10, 2015.

I hereby appoint the Honorable ANDY HARRIS to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

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

PRAYER

Reverend Scott Sina, St. John the Beloved Catholic Church, McLean, Virginia, offered the following prayer:

Loving and gracious God, we ask that You pour out Your blessings on our Nation this day.

May these men and women, who are called here today as Representatives of the people of this country, be given an inspired vision of the common good, and may they meet the challenges they face with resolve and righteousness.

May Your grace bestow upon the Members of this House a lively hope and the virtues of justice, wisdom, and compassion that they may be instruments of Your holy will in carrying out their noble vocation as public servants.

We pray that the work of this House will contribute to the flourishing of this Nation so that all peoples and families will be raised in dignity, encouraged in solidarity, and blessed with ordered liberty.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord, who reigns forever and ever.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 2(a) of House Resolution 134, 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.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 2(b) of House Resolution 134, the House stands adjourned until 11 a.m. on Friday, March 13, 2015.

Thereupon (at 12 o'clock and 2 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Friday, March 13, 2015, 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:

722. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Homeland Defense and Global Security, Department of Defense, transmitting the consolidated budget justification, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 229; to the Committee on Armed Services.

723. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting notification that an Executive Order was issued declaring a national emergency with respect to the unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States posed by the situation in Venezuela, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.; (H. Doc. No. 114—16); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed.

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. RENACCI (for himself, Mr. ENGEL, Mr. KILMER, Mr. DOLD, Mr. AMODEI, and Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana):

H.R. 1343. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to adjust the Medicare hospital readmission reduction program to respond to patient disparities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. GUTHRIE (for himself and Mrs. CAPPS):

H.R. 1344. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize a program for early detection, diagnosis, and treatment regarding deaf and hard-of-hearing newborns, infants, and young children; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Ms. BASS (for herself, Mr. RANGEL, Mrs. CAPPS, Mr. GRIJALVA, and Ms. MCCOLLUM):

H.R. 1345. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to extend to physician assistants eligibility for Medicaid incentive payments for the adoption and use of certified electronic health records, whether or not such physician assistants practice at a rural health center or Federally qualified health center; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. COOPER (for himself, Mr. RIBBLE, Mr. SCHRADER, Mrs. BUSTOS, Mr. COSTA, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Mr. PETERSON, Mr. ASHFORD, Mr. LIPINSKI, Mr. O'ROURKE, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. POCAN, Mr. LOEBSACK, Mr. HIMES, Mr. CONNOLLY, and Mr. CARTWRIGHT):

H.R. 1346. A bill to require States to carry out Congressional redistricting in accordance with a process under which members of the public are informed of redistricting proposals and have the opportunity to participate in the development of such proposals prior to their adoption, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. COOPER (for himself, Mr. RIBBLE, Mr. SCHRADER, Mrs. BUSTOS, Mr. COSTA, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Mr. PETERSON, Mr. ASHFORD, Mr. GIBSON, Mr. ISRAEL, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, and Mr. MURPHY of Florida):

H.R. 1347. A bill to prohibit States from carrying out more than one Congressional redistricting after a decennial census and apportionment, to require States to conduct

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such redistricting through independent commissions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. ELLMERS of North Carolina:

H.R. 1348. A bill to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to allow individuals to opt out of the minimum required health benefits by permitting health insurance issuers to offer qualified health plans that offer alternative benefits to the minimum essential health benefits otherwise required, and for other purposes; 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 Ms. GRAHAM:

H.R. 1349. A bill to authorize assistance to Israel to establish an anti-tunneling defense system, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services, and in addition to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, 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. SERRANO (for himself, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. CROWLEY, Mr. ENGEL, Mr. ISRAEL, Mr. KING of New York, Miss RICE of New York, Mr. MEEKS, Ms. MENG, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mr. JEFFRIES, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Mr. NADLER, Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York, Mrs. LOWEY, Mr. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY of New York, Mr. GIBSON, Mr. TONKO, Mr. HANNA, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Mr. HIGGINS, Mr. ZELDIN, Ms. STEFANIK, and Mr. KATKO):

H.R. 1350. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 442 East 167th Street in Bronx, New York, as the ''Herman Badillo Post Office Building''; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Ms. WILSON of Florida:

H.R. 1351. A bill to establish a State-sponsored national catastrophic risk consortium to ensure the availability and affordability of homeowners' insurance coverage for catastrophic events; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Ms. WILSON of Florida:

H.R. 1352. A bill to establish student loan borrowers' rights to basic consumer protections, reasonable and flexible repayment options, access to earned credentials, and effective loan cancellation in exchange for public service, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, the Judiciary, and Oversight and Government Reform, 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. DEUTCH (for himself, Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, and Mr. DIAZ-BALART):

H. Res. 148. A resolution calling on the government of Iran to fulfill their promises of assistance in this case of Robert Levinson, the longest held United States civilian in our Nation's history; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

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. RENACCI:

H.R. 1343.

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

Article 1, Section 8: ''. . . provide for the common Defense and general Welfare of the United States . . .''

By Mr. GUTHRIE:

H.R. 1344.

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

Article I, Section 8

By Ms. BASS:

H.R. 1345.

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

Article. I.

Section 1.

All legislative Powers herein granted shall be vested in a Congress of the United States, which shall consist of a Senate and House of Representatives.

By Mr. COOPER:

H.R. 1346.

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

Article I, Section 4 of the Constitution of the United States.

By Mr. COOPER:

H.R. 1347.

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

Article I, Section 4 of the Constitution of the United States.

By Mrs. ELLMERS of North Carolina:

H.R. 1348.

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

The authority to enact this bill is derived from, but may not be limited to, Clause 1 of Section 8 of Article I of the United States Constitution.

By Ms. GRAHAM:

H.R. 1349.

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

Article I, Section 8

By Mr. SERRANO:

H.R. 1350.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 7 of the Constitution, which states that ''The Congress shall have Power. . . . To establish Post Offices and post roads.''

By Ms. WILSON of Florida:

H.R. 1351.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 1. 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; but all Duties, Imposts and Excises shall be uniform throughout the United States

By Ms. WILSON of Florida:

H.R. 1352.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 3 (the Commerce Clause) and Article I, Section 8, Clause 18 (the Necessary and Proper Clause).

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

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

H.R. 27: Mr. PETERSON.

H.R. 187: Mr. LOWENTHAL.

H.R. 244: Mr. CARTER of Georgia, Mr. HARPER, and Mr. PETERSON.

H.R. 270: Mr. BARLETTA.

H.R. 317: Mr. ISRAEL.

H.R. 344: Mr. PETERS.

H.R. 353: Mrs. BUSTOS.

H.R. 401: Mr. FORBES.

H.R. 470: Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia.

H.R. 495: Mr. DESAULNIER.

H.R. 577: Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, and Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN.

H.R. 592: Mr. VALADAO, Mr. TAKANO, Mr. GRAVES of Missouri, Mr. O'ROURKE, and Ms. PINGREE.

H.R. 642: Mrs. MIMI WALTERS of California, Mrs. COMSTOCK, Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana, Ms. JENKINS of Kansas, and Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN.

H.R. 712: Mr. CRAMER.

H.R. 716: Mr. TAKANO.

H.R. 721: Mr. GUTHRIE, Mr. POSEY, Mrs. LAWRENCE, Ms. ESTY, Mr. PEARCE, Mr. LANGEVIN, Mr. NUGENT, and Mr. DELANEY.

H.R. 831: Ms. SLAUGHTER, Mr. HASTINGS, Mr. RANGEL, Ms. JUDY CHU of California, Ms. DELBENE, and Mr. ELLISON.

H.R. 885: Mr. REED and Ms. LEE.

H.R. 906: Mr. GOWDY and Mr. MESSER.

H.R. 917: Mr. LYNCH.

H.R. 920: Mr. ELLISON, Mr. DEUTCH, and Mr. TAKANO.

H.R. 932: Mr. TAKAI, Mr. PETERS, and Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD.

H.R. 969: Mr. GIBBS, Mr. KILMER, Mr. POSEY, Mr. LOEBSACK, Mr. KEATING, Mr. BUTTERFIELD, and Ms. KUSTER.

H.R. 985: Mr. RIBBLE, Ms. MOORE, Mr. COLLINS of New York, Mr. WALBERG, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. GRAVES of Missouri, and Mr. GARAMENDI.

H.R. 986: Mr. CRENSHAW, Mr. SCALISE, Mr. PITTENGER, Mr. HANNA, Mr. GIBSON, and Mr. EMMER of Minnesota.

H.R. 987: Mr. AMASH.

H.R. 997: Mr. TURNER and Mr. BARLETTA.

H.R. 1017: Mr. NUGENT.

H.R. 1034: Mr. GOHMERT and Mr. LUETKEMEYER.

H.R. 1043: Mrs. BUSTOS.

H.R. 1092: Ms. CASTOR of Florida.

H.R. 1132: Mr. HONDA, Mr. COSTA, Mr. SHERMAN, Mrs. DAVIS of California, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Ms. ESHOO, Mrs. TORRES, Mr. HUFFMAN, Mr. GARAMENDI, Ms. MATSUI, Mr. BERA, Mr. COOK, Mr. DESAULNIER, Ms. LEE, Mr. VALADAO, Mrs. CAPPS, Ms. JUDY CHU of California, Mr. AGUILAR, Mr. TED LIEU of California, Mr. BECERRA, Mr. RUIZ, Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Mr. CALVERT, Ms. HAHN, and Mr. HUNTER.

H.R. 1147: Mr. BABIN, Mr. RATCLIFFE, and Mr. HECK of Nevada.

H.R. 1180: Mr. BABIN, Mr. LUCAS, Mr. RIGELL, Mr. CRAWFORD, Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia, Mr. POSEY, Mr. GROTHMAN, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mr. BROOKS of Alabama, Mr. RICE of South Carolina, Mrs. HARTZLER, Mr. STUTZMAN, Mr.WITTMAN, Mr. HUIZENGA of Michigan, Mr. ROUZER, Mr. ALLEN, Ms. JENKINS of Kansas, Mr. ROGERS of Alabama, Mr. LANCE, Mr. VALADAO, Mr. ROKITA, Mr. WILLIAMS, Mr. BUCK, Mr. BURGESS, Mrs. ROBY, Mr. ROSS, and Mr. SMITH of Nebraska.

H.R. 1202: Mr. HECK of Nevada.

H.R. 1222: Mr. CÁRDENAS.

H.R. 1270: Mr. MURPHY of Florida.

H.R. 1283: Mrs. BLACK.

H.R. 1329: Mr. RIBBLE.

H.R. 1331: Mr. HIGGINS and Mr. ABRAHAM.

H. J. Res. 2: Mr. MOONEY of West Virginia, Mr. TIBERI, Mr. PETERSON, and Mr. COFFMAN.

H. J. Res. 32: Mr. SALMON.

H. Con. Res. 23: Mr. GIBSON, Mr. CLAWSON of Florida, Ms. BONAMICI, and Mr. SWALWELL of California.

H. Res. 11: Mr. CONAWAY, Mr. FORBES, Mr. LANCE, and Mr. MARCHANT.

H. Res. 26: Mr. JORDAN.

H. Res. 119: Mr. PERRY, Mr. WESTERMAN, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. MCNERNEY, and Mr. GRIJALVA.

H. Res. 122: Mr. COOK and Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania.

H. Res. 139: Mr. HARRIS and Mr. DUNCAN of Tennessee.