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

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,  
September 19, 2016.

I hereby appoint the Honorable GEORGE HOLDING to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

PAUL D. RYAN,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

### PRAYER

Reverend Michael Wilker, Church of the Reformation, Washington, D.C., offered the following prayer:

God of earth and air, water and fire, height and depth, we pray for those who work in danger, who rush in to bring hope and help and comfort when others flee to safety, whose mission is to seek and save, serve and protect, and whose presence embodies the protection of the Good Shepherd.

Thank you for the first responders in each community including the United States Capitol Police. Give them caution and concern for one another, so that in safety they may do what must be done under Your watchful eye.

Support them in their courage and dedication that they may continue to save lives, ease pain, and mend the torn fabric of lives and social order.

In the spirit of justice, love, and humility we pray.

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.

### COMMUNICATION FROM CHAIR OF COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Chair of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure; which was read and, without objection, referred to the Committee on Appropriations:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE,

Washington, DC, September 14, 2016.

Hon. PAUL RYAN,  
*Speaker of the House, House of Representatives, The Capitol, Washington, DC.*

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: On September 14, 2016, pursuant to section 3307 of Title 40, United States Code, the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure met in open session to consider 20 resolutions included in the General Services Administration's Capital Investment and Leasing Programs.

The Committee continues to work to reduce the cost of federal property and leases. Of the 20 resolutions considered, the four construction projects include federal courthouses consistent with existing funding, and the 16 lease prospectuses include significant reductions of leased space. In total, these resolutions represent \$154 million in avoided lease costs and offsets.

I have enclosed copies of the resolutions adopted by the Committee on Transpor-

tation and Infrastructure on September 14, 2016.

Sincerely,

BILL SHUSTER,  
*Chairman.*

Enclosures.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION  
LEASE—INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, AUSTIN, TX

*Resolved by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the U.S. House of Representatives, that pursuant to 40 U.S.C. §3307, appropriations are authorized for a lease of up to 219,000 rentable square feet of space for the Department of the Treasury, Internal Revenue Service National Office currently located at 1821 Director's Boulevard in Austin, Texas at a proposed total annual cost of \$8,103,000 for a lease term of up to 15 years, a prospectus for which is attached to and included in this resolution.*

Approval of this prospectus constitutes authority to execute an interim lease for all tenants, if necessary, prior to the execution of the new lease.

*Provided that, the Administrator of General Services and tenant agencies agree to apply an overall utilization rate of 190 square feet or less per person, except that, if the Administrator determines that the overall utilization rate cannot be achieved, the Administrator shall provide an explanatory statement to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives prior to exercising any lease authority provided in this resolution.*

*Provided that, except for interim leases as described above, the Administrator may not enter into any leases that are below prospectus level for the purposes of meeting any of the requirements, or portions thereof, included in the prospectus that would result in an overall utilization rate of 190 square feet or higher per person.*

*Provided that, to the maximum extent practicable, the Administrator shall include in the lease contract(s) a purchase option.*

*Provided further, that the Administrator shall require that the delineated area of the procurement is identical to the delineated area included in the prospectus, except that, if the Administrator determines that the delineated area of the procurement should not be identical to the delineated area included in the prospectus, the Administrator shall provide an explanatory statement to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives*

☐ This symbol represents the time of day during the House proceedings, e.g., ☐ 1407 is 2:07 p.m.

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