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The House met at noon and was called to order by the Speaker.

PRAYER

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

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

We thank You again today for Your divine inspiration, which led to the creation of the Republican democracy we enjoy today, mindful that our responsibility is to faithfully carry forward this legacy to all those Americans who will follow us.

By law, the Congress meets this day in joint session to count the electoral votes for President and Vice President of the United States. May all who attend to these proceedings, and those responsible for the management of government, be mindful that something greater than each and any of us gathered, or affected by these events, is coming to pass.

Bless our great Nation and those entrusted with its care throughout this first session of the 115th Congress, the 226th session of the Supreme Court, and the imminent administration of the 45th President. May all, by their actions, remember that we are a Nation which claims to put our trust in You.

And may all that is done be for Your greater honor and glory.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. 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. Will the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. HOLDING) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. HOLDING 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.

APPOINTMENT OF TELLERS ON THE PART OF THE HOUSE TO COUNT ELECTORAL VOTES

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to Senate Concurrent Resolution 2, 115th Congress, the Chair appoints as tellers on the part of the House to count the electoral votes:

The gentleman from Mississippi (Mr. HARPER) and

The gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. BRADY).

RECESS

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until approximately 12:55 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 2 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker at 1 p.m.

COUNTING ELECTORAL VOTES—JOINT SESSION OF THE HOUSE AND SENATE HELD PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 2

At 1 p.m., the Sergeant at Arms, Paul D. Irving, announced the Vice President and the Senate of the United States.

The Senate entered the Hall of the House of Representatives, headed by the Vice President and the Secretary of the Senate, the Members and officers of the House rising to receive them.

The Vice President took his seat as the Presiding Officer of the joint convention of the two Houses, the Speaker of the House occupying the chair on his left. Senators took seats to the right of the rostrum as prescribed by law.

The joint session was called to order.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Mr. Speaker and Members of Congress, pursuant to the Constitution and laws of the United States, the Senate and House of Representatives are meeting in joint session to verify the certificates and count the votes of the electors of the several States for President and Vice President of the United States.

After ascertainment has been had that the certificates are authentic and correct in form, the tellers will count and make a list of the votes cast by the electors of the several States.

The tellers on the part of the two Houses will take their places at the Clerk's desk.

The tellers, Senator BLUNT and Senator KLOBUCHAR on the part of the Senate, and Mr. HARPER and Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania on the part of the House, took their places at the desk.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Without objection, the tellers will dispense with reading formal portions of the certificates.

There was no objection.

The VICE PRESIDENT. After ascertaining that certificates are regular in form and authentic, the tellers will announce the votes cast by the electors for each State, beginning with Alabama.

Senator BLUNT. Mr. President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the State of Alabama seems to be regular in form and authentic, and it appears therefrom that Donald J. Trump of the State of New York received 9 votes for President and Michael R. Pence of the State of Indiana received 9 votes for Vice President.

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Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. President, I object to the certificate from the State of Alabama on the grounds that the electoral votes were not, under all of the known circumstances, regularly given and that the electors were not lawfully certified, especially given the confirmed and illegal activities engaged in by the Government of Russia that were designed to interfere with our election and the widespread violations of the Voting Rights Act that unlawfully suppressed thousands of votes in the State of Alabama.

Mr. VICE PRESIDENT. Sections 15 and 17 of title 3 of the United States Code require that any objection be presented in writing, signed by a Member of the House of Representatives and a Senator.

Is the objection in writing and signed not only by a Member of the House of Representatives but also by a Senator?

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. President, the objection is in writing and is signed by a Member of the House of Representatives but not yet by a Member of the United States Senate.

Mr. VICE PRESIDENT. In that case, the objection cannot be entertained.

Mr. HARPER. Mr. President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the State of Alaska seems to be regular in form and authentic, and it appears therefrom that Donald J. Trump of the State of New York received 3 votes for President and Michael R. Pence of the State of Indiana received 3 votes for Vice President.

Senator KLOBUCHAR. Mr. President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the State of Arizona seems to be regular in form and authentic, and it appears therefrom that Donald J. Trump of the State of New York received 11 votes for President and Michael R. Pence of the State of Indiana received 11 votes for Vice President.

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the State of Arkansas seems to be regular in form and authentic, and it appears therefrom that Donald J. Trump of the State of New York received 6 votes for President and Michael R. Pence from the State of Indiana received 6 votes for Vice President.

Senator BLUNT. Mr. President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the State of California seems to be regular in form and authentic, and it appears therefrom that Hillary Clinton of the State of New York received 55 votes for President and TIM KAINE of the Commonwealth of Virginia received 55 votes for Vice President.

Mr. HARPER. Mr. President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the State of Colorado seems to be regular in form and authentic, and it appears therefrom that Hillary Clinton of the State of New York received 9 votes for President and TIM KAINE of the Commonwealth of Virginia received 9 votes for Vice President.

Senator KLOBUCHAR. Mr. President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the State of Connecticut seems to be regular in form and authentic, and it appears therefrom that Hillary Clinton of the State of New York received 7 votes for President and TIM KAINE of the Commonwealth of Virginia received 7 votes for Vice President.

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the State of Delaware seems to be regular in form and authentic, and it appears therefrom that Hillary Clinton of the State of New York received 3 votes for President and TIM KAINE of the Commonwealth of Virginia received 3 votes for Vice President.

Senator BLUNT. Mr. President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the District of Columbia seems to be regular in form and authentic, and it appears therefrom that Hillary Clinton of the State of New York received 3 votes for President and TIM KAINE of the Commonwealth of Virginia received 3 votes for Vice President.

Mr. HARPER. Mr. President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the State of Florida seems to be regular in form and authentic, and it appears therefrom that Donald J. Trump of the State of New York received 29 votes for President and Michael R. Pence of the State of Indiana received 29 votes for Vice President.

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The VICE PRESIDENT. For what purpose does the gentleman from Maryland rise?

Mr. RASKIN. Mr. President, I have an objection because 10 of the 29 electoral votes cast by Florida were cast by electors not lawfully certified because they violated Florida's prohibition against dual office holding.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Debate is out of order.

Section 15 and 17 of title 3 of the United States Code requires that any objection presented be in writing, signed by both a Member of the House of Representatives and a Senator.

Is the objection in writing and signed not only by the Member of the House of Representatives, but also by a Senator?

Mr. RASKIN. It is in writing, Mr. President.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Is it signed by a Senator?

Mr. RASKIN. Not as of yet, Mr. President.

The VICE PRESIDENT. In that case, the objection cannot be entertained.

Senator KLOBUCHAR. Mr. President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the State of Georgia seems to be regular in form and authentic, and it appears therefrom that Donald J. Trump of the State of New York received 16 votes for President and Michael R. Pence of the State of Indiana received 16 votes for Vice President.

The VICE PRESIDENT. For what purpose does the gentlewoman from Washington rise?

Ms. JAYAPAL. Mr. President, I object to the certificate from the State of Georgia on the grounds that the electoral votes were not—

The VICE PRESIDENT. There is no debate. There is no debate.

Section 15 and 17 of title 3 of the United States Code requires that any objection be presented in writing, signed by both a Member of the House of Representatives and a Senator.

Is the objection in writing and not only signed by the Member, but by a United States Senator?

Ms. JAYAPAL. Mr. President, even as people waited hours in Georgia—

The VICE PRESIDENT. There is no debate. There is no debate.

If there is not one signed by a Senator, the objection cannot be entertained.

Ms. JAYAPAL. Mr. President, the objection is signed by a Member of the House, but not yet by a Member of the Senate.

The VICE PRESIDENT. It is over.

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the State of Hawaii seems to be regular in form and authentic, and it appears therefrom that Hillary Clinton of the State of New York received 3 votes for President, and BERNIE SANDERS of the State of Vermont received 1 vote for President, and TIM KAINE of the Commonwealth of Virginia received 3 votes for Vice President, and ELIZABETH WARREN of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts received 1 vote for Vice President.

Senator BLUNT. Mr. President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the State of Idaho seems to be regular in form and authentic, and it appears therefrom that Donald J. Trump of the State of New York received 4 votes for President and Michael R. Pence of the State of Indiana received 4 votes for Vice President.

Mr. HARPER. Mr. President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the State of Illinois seems to be regular in form and authentic, and it appears therefrom that Hillary Clinton of the State of New York received 20 votes for President and TIM KAINE of the Commonwealth of Virginia received 20 votes for Vice President.

Senator KLOBUCHAR. Mr. President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the State of Indiana seems to be regular in form and authentic, and it appears therefrom that Donald J. Trump of the State of New York received 11 votes for President and Michael R. Pence of the State of Indiana received 11 votes for Vice President.

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the State of Iowa seems to be regular in form and authentic, and it appears therefrom that Donald J. Trump of the State of New York received 6 votes for President and Michael R. Pence of the State of Indiana received 6 votes for Vice President.

Senator BLUNT. Mr. President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the State of Kansas seems to be regular in form and authentic, and it appears

therefrom that Donald J. Trump of the State of New York received 6 votes for President and Michael R. Pence of the State of Indiana received 6 votes for Vice President.

Mr. HARPER. Mr. President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the Commonwealth of Kentucky seems to be regular in form and authentic, and it appears therefrom that Donald J. Trump of the State of New York received 8 votes for President and Michael R. Pence of the State of Indiana received 8 votes for Vice President.

Senator KLOBUCHAR. Mr. President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the State of Louisiana seems to be regular in form and authentic, and it appears therefrom that Donald J. Trump of the State of New York received 8 votes for President and Michael R. Pence of the State of Indiana received 8 votes for Vice President.

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the State of Maine seems to be regular in form and authentic, and it appears therefrom that Hillary Clinton of the State of New York received 3 votes for President and Donald J. Trump of the State of New York received 1 vote for President and TIM KAINE of the Commonwealth of Virginia received 3 votes for Vice President and Michael R. Pence of the State of Indiana received 1 vote for Vice President.

Senator BLUNT. Mr. President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the State of Maryland seems to be regular in form and authentic, and it appears therefrom that Hillary Clinton of the State of New York received 10 votes for President and TIM KAINE of the Commonwealth of Virginia received 10 votes for Vice President.

Mr. HARPER. Mr. President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts seems to be regular in form and authentic, and it appears therefrom that Hillary Clinton of the State of New York received 11 votes for President and TIM KAINE of the Commonwealth of Virginia received 11 votes for Vice President.

Senator KLOBUCHAR. Mr. President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the State of Michigan seems to be regular in form and authentic, and it appears therefrom that Donald J. Trump of the State of New York received 16 votes for President and Michael R. Pence of the State of Indiana received 16 votes for Vice President.

The VICE PRESIDENT. For what purpose does the gentlewoman from California rise?

Ms. LEE. Mr. President, I object because people are horrified by the overwhelming evidence of Russian interference in our elections.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Section 18, title 3 of the United States Code prohibits debate in the joint session.

Section 15 and 17 of title 3 of the U.S. Code requires any objection be presented in writing, signed by both a Member of the House and a Member of the Senate.

Is the objection in writing and signed not only by the Member of the House, but also by a Senator?

Ms. LEE. Mr. President, even with the malfunction of 87 voting machines at predominantly African—

The VICE PRESIDENT. There is no debate in order.

Ms. LEE. I have grave concerns—

The VICE PRESIDENT. The objection cannot be entertained.

Ms. LEE. Unfortunately, it is not yet signed by a Senator.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The Chair is prepared to proceed with the count.

Senator KLOBUCHAR. Mr. President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the State of Minnesota seems to be regular in form and authentic, and it appears therefrom that Hillary Clinton of the State of New York received 10 votes for President and TIM KAINE of the Commonwealth of Virginia received 10 votes for Vice President.

Mr. HARPER. Mr. President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the State of Mississippi seems to be regular in form and authentic, and it appears therefrom that Donald J. Trump of the State of New York received 6 votes for President and Michael R. Pence of the State of Indiana received 6 votes for Vice President.

The VICE PRESIDENT. For what purpose does the gentlewoman from Texas rise?

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. President, I object on the massive voter suppression that is provisional that denied individual ballots—

The VICE PRESIDENT. Debate is not in order. Debate is not in order.

The gentlewoman will suspend.

Section 15 and 17 of title 3 of the U.S. Code requires that any objection be presented in writing and signed by both the Member of the House of Representatives and a Senator.

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. President, I have an objection.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Is it signed by a United States Senator?

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Not yet. We are seeking a United States Senator.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Well, in that case, the objection cannot be entertained.

We will proceed with the count.

Senator BLUNT. Mr. President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the State of Missouri seems to be regular in form and authentic, and it appears therefrom that Donald J. Trump of the State of New York received 10 votes for President and Michael R. Pence of the State of Indiana received 10 votes for Vice President.

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the State of Montana seems to be regular in form and authentic, and it appears therefrom that Donald J. Trump of the State of New York received 3 votes for President and Michael R. Pence of the State of Indiana received 3 votes for Vice President.

Senator BLUNT. Mr. President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the State of Nebraska seems to be regular in form and authentic, and it appears therefrom that Donald J. Trump of the State of New York received 5 votes for President and Michael R. Pence of the State of Indiana received 5 votes for Vice President.

Mr. HARPER. Mr. President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the State of Nevada seems to be regular in form and authentic, and it appears therefrom that Hillary Clinton of the State of New York received 6 votes for President and TIM KAINE of the Commonwealth of Virginia received 6 votes for Vice President.

Senator KLOBUCHAR. Mr. President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the State of New Hampshire seems to be regular in form and authentic, and it appears therefrom that Hillary Clinton of the State of New York received 4 votes for President and TIM KAINE of the Commonwealth of Virginia received 4 votes for Vice President.

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the State of New Jersey seems to be regular in form and authentic, and it appears therefrom that Hillary Clinton of the State of New York received 14 votes for President and TIM KAINE of the Commonwealth of Virginia received 14 votes for Vice President.

Senator BLUNT. Mr. President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the State of New Mexico seems to be regular in form and authentic, and it appears therefrom that Hillary Clinton of the State of New York received 5 votes for President and TIM KAINE of the Commonwealth of Virginia received 5 votes for Vice President.

Mr. HARPER. Mr. President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the State of New York seems to be regular in form and authentic, and it appears therefrom that Hillary Clinton of the State of New York received 29 votes for President and TIM KAINE of the Commonwealth of Virginia received 29 votes for Vice President.

Senator KLOBUCHAR. Mr. President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the State of North Carolina seems to be regular in form and authentic, and it appears therefrom that Donald J. Trump of the State of New York received 15 votes for President and Michael R. Pence of the State of Indiana received 15 votes for Vice President.

The VICE PRESIDENT. For what purpose does the gentleman from Arizona rise?

Mr. GRIJALVA. Mr. President, I object to the certificate from the State of North Carolina based on violations of the Voting Rights Act and confirmed hacking by the—

The VICE PRESIDENT. There is no debate in the joint session.

The Chair has previously ruled that a signature from a Senator is required. Is there a signature from a Senator?

Mr. GRIJALVA. There is a signature from the House of Representatives, myself, and—

The VICE PRESIDENT. The objection cannot be received without a signature from a Senator.

The tellers will continue the count.

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. President.

The VICE PRESIDENT. For what purpose does the gentlewoman from Texas rise?

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. President, I object to the 15 votes from the State of North Carolina because of the massive voter suppression and the closing of voting massive suppression that occurred from African American—

The VICE PRESIDENT. There is no debate. There is no debate. There is no debate.

The gentlewoman will suspend.

As the Chair has previously ruled, a signature from a Senator is required.

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Vice President, I do have in writing a signature from myself, not yet a signature from a Senator.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The objection cannot be received.

The tellers will continue the count.

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Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the State of North Dakota seems to be regular in form and authentic, and it appears therefrom that Donald J. Trump of the State of New York received 3 votes for President and Michael R. Pence of the State of Indiana received 3 votes for Vice President.

Senator BLUNT. Mr. President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the State of Ohio seems to be regular in form and authentic, and it appears therefrom that Donald J. Trump of the State of New York received 18 votes for President and Michael R. Pence of the State of Indiana received 18 votes for Vice President.

Mr. HARPER. Mr. President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the State of Oklahoma seems to be regular in form and authentic, and it appears therefrom that Donald J. Trump of the State of New York received 7 votes for President and Michael R. Pence of the State of Indiana received 7 votes for Vice President.

Senator KLOBUCHAR. Mr. President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the State of Oregon seems to be regular in form and authentic, and it appears therefrom that Hillary Clinton of the State of New York received 7 votes for President and TIM KAINE of the Commonwealth of Virginia received 7 votes for Vice President.

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania seems to be regular in form and authentic, and it appears therefrom that Donald J. Trump of the State of New York received 20 votes for President and Michael R. Pence of the State of Indiana received 20 votes for Vice President.

Senator BLUNT. Mr. President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the State of Rhode Island seems to be regular in form and authentic, and it appears therefrom that Hillary Clinton of the State of New York received 4 votes for President and TIM KAINE of the Commonwealth of Virginia received 4 votes for Vice President.

Mr. HARPER. Mr. President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the State of South Carolina seems to be regular in form and authentic, and it appears therefrom that Donald J. Trump of the State of New York received 9 votes for President and Michael R. Pence of the State of Indiana received 9 votes for Vice President.

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. President.

The VICE PRESIDENT. For what purpose does the gentlewoman from Texas rise?

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. President, I object to the votes from South Carolina because—

The VICE PRESIDENT. The gentlewoman will suspend.

As the Chair has previously ruled, there is no debate in the joint session. As the Chair has previously ruled, a Senator is required to sign.

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. President, I have it in writing. I am now seeking a signature from a United States Senator.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The objection cannot be received.

Senator KLOBUCHAR. Mr. President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the State of South Dakota seems to be regular in form and authentic, and it appears therefrom that Donald J. Trump of the State of New York received 3 votes for President and Michael R. Pence of the State of Indiana received 3 votes for Vice President.

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the State of Tennessee seems to be regular in form and authentic, and it appears therefrom that Donald J. Trump of the State of New York received 11 votes for President and Michael R. Pence of the State of Indiana received 11 votes for Vice President.

Senator BLUNT. Mr. President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the State of Texas seems to be regular in form and authentic, and it appears therefrom that Donald J. Trump of the State of New York received 36 votes for President, John R. Kasich of the State of Ohio received 1 vote for President, and Ron Paul of the State of Texas received 1 vote for President, and Michael R. Pence of the State of Indiana received 37 votes for Vice President, and Carly Fiorina of the Commonwealth of Virginia received 1 vote for Vice President.

Mr. HARPER. Mr. President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the State of Utah seems to be regular in form and authentic, and it appears therefrom that Donald J. Trump of the State of New York received 6 votes for President and Michael R. Pence of the State of Indiana received 6 votes for Vice President.

Senator KLOBUCHAR. Mr. President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the State of Vermont seems to be regular in form and authentic, and it appears therefrom that Hillary Clinton of the State of New York received 3 votes for President and TIM KAINE of the Commonwealth of Virginia received 3 votes for Vice President.

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the Commonwealth of Virginia seems to be regular in form and authentic, and it appears therefrom that Hillary Clinton of the State of New York received 13 votes for President and TIM KAINE of the Commonwealth of Virginia received 13 votes for Vice President.

Senator BLUNT. Mr. President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the State of Washington seems to be regular in form and authentic, and it appears therefrom that Hillary Clinton of the State of New York received 8 votes for President, Colin Powell of the Commonwealth of Virginia received 3 votes for President, and Faith Spotted Eagle of the State of South Dakota received 1 vote for President, and TIM KAINE of the Commonwealth of Virginia received 8 votes for Vice President, ELIZABETH WARREN of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts received 1 vote for Vice President, MARIA CANTWELL of the State of Washington received 1 vote for Vice President, SUSAN COLLINS of the State of Maine received 1 vote for Vice President, and Winona LaDuke of the State of Minnesota received 1 vote for Vice President.

Mr. HARPER. Mr. President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the State of West Virginia seems to be regular in form and authentic, and it appears therefrom that Donald J. Trump of the State of New York received 5 votes for President and Michael R. Pence of the State of Indiana received 5 votes for Vice President.

The VICE PRESIDENT. For what purpose does the gentlewoman from California rise?

Ms. LEE. Mr. President, I object on behalf of the million of Americans, including members of the intelligence community.

The VICE PRESIDENT. As the Chair has previously ruled, debate is prohibited.

As the Chair has previously ruled, a signature from a Senator is required. The objection cannot be received unless such a signature is obtained.

Ms. LEE. Mr. President, despite grave concerns of the intelligence—

The VICE PRESIDENT. The objection cannot be received.

Senator KLOBUCHAR, continue the tally.

Senator KLOBUCHAR. Mr. President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the State of Wisconsin seems to be regular in form and authentic, and it appears therefrom that Donald J.

Trump of the State of New York received 10 votes for President and Michael R. Pence of the State of Indiana received 10 votes for Vice President.

The VICE PRESIDENT. For what purpose does the gentlewoman from Texas rise?

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. President, I object to the votes from the State of Wisconsin which should not be legally certified.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The gentlewoman will suspend.

As the Chair has previously ruled, a signature from a Senator is required. Is there such a signature?

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. President, I do have a written document with my objection.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The objection cannot be received.

We will continue the tally.

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the State of Wyoming seems to be regular in form and authentic, and it appears therefrom that Donald J. Trump of the State of New York received 3 votes for President and Michael R. Pence of the State of Indiana received 3 votes for Vice President.

The VICE PRESIDENT. For what purpose does the gentlewoman from California rise?

Ms. MAXINE WATERS of California. Mr. President, I do not wish to debate. I wish to ask: Is there one United States Senator who will join me in this letter of objection?

The VICE PRESIDENT. The gentlewoman will suspend.

The Chair has previously ruled a signature from a Senator is required. The objection cannot be received.

Members of Congress, the certificates having been read, the tellers will ascertain and deliver the result to the President of the Senate.

Senator BLUNT. Mr. President, the undersigned, ROY BLUNT and AMY KLOBUCHAR, tellers on the part of the Senate, GREGG HARPER and ROBERT A. BRADY, tellers on the part of the House of Representatives, report the following as the result of the ascertainment and counting of the electoral vote for President and Vice President of the United States for the term beginning on the 20th day of January 2017.

The tellers delivered to the President of the Senate the following statement of results:

JOINT SESSION OF CONGRESS FOR THE COUNTING OF THE ELECTORAL VOTES FOR PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES—OFFICIAL TALLY

The undersigned, ROY BLUNT and AMY KLOBUCHAR tellers on the part of the Senate, GREGG HARPER and ROBERT A. BRADY tellers on the part of the House of Representatives, report the following as the result of the ascertainment and counting of the electoral vote for President and Vice President of the United States for the term beginning on the twentieth day of January, two thousand and seventeen.

Electoral votes of each State	For President							For Vice President						
	Donald J. Trump	Hillary Clinton	Colin Powell	John Kasich	Ron Paul	Bernie Sanders	Faith Spotted Eagle	Michael R. Pence	Tim Kaine	Elizabeth Warren	Maria Cantwell	Susan Collins	Carly Fiorina	Winona LaDuke
Alabama—9	9							9						
Alaska—3	3							3						
Arizona—11	11							11						
Arkansas—6	6							6						
California—55		55							55					
Colorado—9		9							9					
Connecticut—7		7							7					
Delaware—3		3							3					
District of Columbia—3		3							3					
Florida—29	29							29						
Georgia—16	16							16						
Hawaii—4		3				1			3	1				
Idaho—4	4							4						
Illinois—20		20							20					
Indiana—11	11							11						
Iowa—6	6							6						
Kansas—6	6							6						
Kentucky—8	8							8						
Louisiana—8	8							8						
Maine—4	1	3						1	3					
Maryland—10		10							10					
Massachusetts—11		11							11					
Michigan—16	16							16						
Minnesota—10		10							10					
Mississippi—6	6							6						
Missouri—10	10							10						
Montana—3	3							3						
Nebraska—5	5							5						
Nevada—6		6							6					
New Hampshire—4		4							4					
New Jersey—14		14							14					
New Mexico—5		5							5					
New York—29		29							29					
North Carolina—15	15							15						
North Dakota—3	3							3						
Ohio—18	18							18						
Oklahoma—7	7							7						
Oregon—7		7							7					
Pennsylvania—20	20							20						
Rhode Island—4		4							4					
South Carolina—9	9							9						
South Dakota—3	3							3						
Tennessee—11	11							11						
Texas—38	36			1	1			37					1	
Utah—6	6							6						
Vermont—3		3							3					
Virginia—13		13							13					
Washington—12		8	3				1		8	1	1	1		1
West Virginia—5	5							5						
Wisconsin—10	10							10						
Wyoming—3	3							3						
Total—538	304	227	3	1	1	1	1	305	227	2	1	1	1	1

ROY BLUNT,
AMY KLOBUCHAR,
Tellers on the part of the Senate.

GREGG HARPER,
ROBERT A. BRADY,
Tellers on the part of the use of Representatives.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The state of the vote for President of the United States, as delivered to the President of the Senate, is as follows:

The whole number of electors appointed to vote for President of the United States is 538. Within that whole number, a majority is 270.

The votes for President of the United States are as follows:

Donald J. Trump of the State of New York has received 304 votes.

Hillary Clinton of the State of New York has received 227 votes.

Colin Powell of the Commonwealth of Virginia has received 3 votes.

John Kasich of the State of Ohio has received 1 vote.

Ron Paul of the State of Texas has received 1 vote.

BERNIE SANDERS of the State of Vermont has received 1 vote.

Faith Spotted Eagle of the State of South Dakota has received 1 vote.

The state of the vote for Vice President of the United States, as delivered to the President of the Senate, is as follows:

The whole number of electors appointed to vote for Vice President of the United States is 538. Within that whole number, a majority is 270.

The votes for Vice President of the United States are as follows:

Michael R. Pence of the State of Indiana has received 305 votes.

TIM KAINE of the Commonwealth of Virginia has received 227 votes.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE VICE PRESIDENT

The VICE PRESIDENT. The joint session will be in order.

The Sergeant at Arms will remove the disturbance from the gallery.

The joint session will be in order.

ELIZABETH WARREN of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts has received 2 votes.

MARIA CANTWELL of the State of Washington has received 1 vote.

SUSAN COLLINS of the State of Maine has received 1 vote.

Carly Fiorina of the Commonwealth of Virginia has received 1 vote.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE VICE PRESIDENT

The VICE PRESIDENT. The Sergeant at Arms will remove the protestors from the gallery.

The joint session will be in order.

Winona LaDuke of the State of Minnesota has received 1 vote.

This announcement of the state of the vote by the President of the Senate shall be deemed a sufficient declaration of the persons elected President and Vice President of the United States, each for the term beginning on the 20th day of January 2017 and shall be entered, together with the list of the votes, on the Journals of the Senate and House of Representatives.

The purpose of the joint session having concluded, pursuant to the Senate Concurrent Resolution 2, 115th Congress, the Chair declares the joint session dissolved.

(Thereupon, at 1 o'clock and 41 minutes p.m., the joint session of the two Houses of Congress dissolved.)

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to Senate Concurrent Resolution 2, 115th Congress, the electoral vote will be spread at large upon the Journal.

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ELECTING MEMBERS TO CERTAIN STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the House Republican Conference, I offer a privileged resolution and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 29

Resolved, That the following named Members be, and are hereby, elected to the following standing committees of the House of Representatives:

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS: Mr. Rogers of Kentucky, Mr. Aderholt, Ms. Granger, Mr. Simpson, Mr. Culberson, Mr. Carter of Texas, Mr. Calvert, Mr. Cole, Mr. Diaz-Balart, Mr. Dent, Mr. Graves of Georgia, Mr. Yoder, Mr. Womack, Mr. Fortenberry, Mr. Thomas J. Rooney of Florida, Mr. Fleischmann, Ms. Beutler, Mr. Joyce of Ohio, Mr. Valadao, Mr. Harris, Mrs. Roby, Mr. Amodei, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Young of Iowa, Mr. Jenkins of West Virginia, Mr. Palazzo, Mr. Newhouse, Mr. Moolenaar, and Mr. Taylor.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND COMMERCE: Mr. Barton, Mr. Upton, Mr. Shimkus, Mr. Murphy of Pennsylvania, Mr. Burgess, Mrs. Blackburn, Mr. Scalise, Mr. Latta, Mrs. McMorris Rodgers, Mr. Harper, Mr. Lance, Mr. Guthrie, Mr. Olson, Mr. McKinley, Mr. Kinzinger, Mr. Griffith, Mr. Bilirakis, Mr. Johnson of Ohio, Mr. Long, Mr. Bucshon, Mr. Flores, Mrs. Brooks of Indiana, Mr. Mullin, Mr. Hudson, Mr. Collins of New York, Mr. Cramer, Mr. Walberg, Mrs. Mimi Walters of California, Mr. Costello of Pennsylvania, and Mr. Carter of Georgia.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCIAL SERVICES: Mr. King of New York, Mr. Royce of California, Mr. Lucas, Mr. McHenry, Mr. Pearce, Mr. Posey, Mr. Luetkemeyer, Mr. Huizenga, Mr. Duffy, Mr. Stivers, Mr. Hultgren, Mr. Ross, Mr. Pittenger, Mrs. Wagner, Mr. Barr, Mr. Rothfus, Mr. Messer, Mr. Tipton, Mr. Williams, Mr. Poliquin, Mrs. Love, Mr. Hill, Mr. Emmer, Mr. Zeldin, Mr. Trott, Mr. Loudermilk, Mr. Mooney of West Virginia, Mr. MacArthur, Mr. Davidson, Mr. Budd, Mr. Kustoff, Ms. Tenney, and Mr. Hollingsworth.

COMMITTEE OF WAYS AND MEANS: Mr. Sam Johnson of Texas, Mr. Nunes, Mr. Tiberi, Mr. Reichert, Mr. Roskam, Mr. Tom Price of Georgia, Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Smith of Nebraska, Ms. Jenkins of Kansas, Mr. Paulsen, Mr. Marchant, Mrs. Black, Mr. Reed, Mr. Kelly of Pennsylvania, Mr. Renacci, Mr. Meehan, Mrs. Noem, Mr. Holding, Mr. Smith of Missouri, Mr. Tom Rice of South Carolina, Mr. Schweikert, Mrs. Walorski, and Mr. Curbelo of Florida.

Mr. SMITH of Missouri (during the reading). Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be considered as read and printed in the RECORD.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Missouri?

There was no objection.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO PERMANENT SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. HOLDING). The Chair announces, without objection, the Speaker's appointment, pursuant to clause 11 of rule X, clause 11 of rule I, and the order of the House of January 3, 2017, and notwithstanding the requirement clause 11(a)(1)(D) of rule X, of the following Members of the House to the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:

Mr. CONAWAY, Texas
Mr. KING, New York
Mr. LOBIONDO, New Jersey
Mr. TOM ROONEY, Florida
Mr. POMPEO, Kansas
Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, Florida
Mr. TURNER, Ohio
Mr. WENSTRUP, Ohio
Mr. STEWART, Utah
Mr. SCHIFF, California

PERMISSION TO PLACE IN THE RECORD A STATEMENT REGARDING THE JOINT SESSION OF ELECTION

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to place in the RECORD a statement regarding the joint session of election, the county electoral ballots, and as well the appropriate letters of objection and documentation.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from Texas?

There was no objection.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 1 o'clock and 54 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Monday, January 9, 2017, 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:

34. A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Specialty Crops Program, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Almonds Grown in California; Increased Assessment Rate [Doc. No.: AMS-SC-16-0045; SC16-981-2 FR] received January 5, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Agriculture.

35. A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Specialty Crops Program, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's affirmation of interim rule as final rule — Domestic Dates Produced or Packed in Riverside County, California; Decreased Assessment Rate [Doc. No.: AMS-SC-16-0084; SC16-987-1 FIR] received January 5, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Agriculture.

36. A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Specialty Crops Program, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Cherries Grown in Designated Counties in Washington; Increased Assessment Rate [Doc. No.: AMS-SC-16-0077; SC16-923-1 FR] received January 5, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Agriculture.

37. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Affairs, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's final rule — Benefits Payable in Terminated Single-Employer Plans; Interest Assumptions for Paying Benefits received January 5, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

38. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Affairs, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's final rule — Allocation of Assets in Single-Employer Plans: Interest Assumptions for Valuing Benefits received January 5, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

39. A letter from the Assistant Administrator, Office of Diversion Control, Drug Enforcement Administration, Department of Justice, transmitting the Department's final order — Schedules of Controlled Substances: Temporary Placement of U-47700 Into Schedule I [Docket No.: DEA-440] received January 5, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

40. A letter from the Assistant Administrator, Office of Diversion Control, Drug Enforcement Administration, Department of Justice, transmitting the Department's final order- Schedules of Controlled Substances: Temporary Placement of Furanyl Fentanyl Into Schedule I [Docket No.: DEA-448] received January 5, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

41. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Tetraconazole; Pesticide Tolerances [EPA-HQ-OPP-2015-0695; FRL-9955-74] received January 4, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

42. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Revisions to the Guideline on Air Quality Models: Enhancements to the AERMOD Dispersion Modeling System and Incorporation of Approaches to Address Ozone and Fine Particulate Matter [EPA-HQ-OAR-2015-0310; FRL-9956-23-OAR] (RIN: 2060-AS54) received January 4, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

43. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants: Ferroalloys Production [EPA-HQ-OAR-2010-0895; FRL-9958-01-OAR] (RIN: 2060-AS90) received January 4, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

44. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Determination of Nonattainment and Reclassification of the Houston-Galveston-Brazoria 2008 8-hour Ozone Nonattainment Area; Texas; Correction [EPA-R06-OAR-2016-0275; FRL-9957-57-Region 6] received January 4, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

45. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Electronic Reporting and Recordkeeping Requirements for New Source Performance Standards [EPA-HQ-OAR-2009-0174; FRL-9957-67-OAR] (RIN: 2060-AP63) received January 4, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

46. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Chemical Substances When Manufactured or Processed as Nanoscale Materials; TSCA Reporting and Recordkeeping Requirements [EPA-HQ-OPPT-2010-0572; FRL-9957-81] (RIN: 2070-AJ54) received January 4, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

47. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Texas; Control of Air Pollution from Visible Emissions and Particulate Matter [EPA-R06-OAR-2014-0222; FRL-9956-55-Region 6] received January 4, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

48. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Butanedioic acid, 2-methylene-, telomer with sodium phosphinate (1:1), acidified, potassium salts; Tolerance Exemption [EPA-HQ-OPP-2016-0487; FRL-9954-53] received January 4, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

49. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Alabama; Infrastructure Requirements for the 2010 Sulfur Dioxide National Ambient Air Quality Standard [EPA-R04-OAR-2014-0431; FRL-9957-93-Region 4] received January 4, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

50. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Air Plan Approval; TN Infrastructure Requirements for the 2010 NO2 NAAQS [EPA-R04-OAR-2015-0252; FRL-9957-90-Region 4] received January 4, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

51. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Acequinocyl; Pesticide Tolerances [EPA-HQ-OPP-2015-0829; FRL-9956-85] received January 4, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

52. A letter from the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting a report titled, ''FY 2014 Superfund Five-Year Review Report to Congress'', pursuant to Sec. 121(c) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

53. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule — Refuse to Accept Procedures for Premarket Tobacco Product Submissions [Docket No.: FDA-2016-N-1555] received January 5, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

54. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Department's final rule — Commerce Control List: Updates Based on the 2015 and 2016 Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG) Plenary Meetings; Conforming Changes and Corrections to Certain Nuclear Nonproliferation (NP) Controls [Docket No.: 161102999-6999-01] (RIN: 0694-AH20) received January 5, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

55. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. ACT 21-552, ''Enhanced Penalties for Distracted Driving Amendment Act of 2016'', pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

56. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. ACT 21-549, ''Improving Access to Identity Documents Amendment Act of 2016'', pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

57. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. ACT 21-548, ''Sporting Events Tobacco Products Restriction Amendment Act of 2016'',

pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

58. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. ACT 21-547, ''International Registration Plan Amendment Act of 2016'', pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

59. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 21-553, ''Rent Control Hardship Petition Limitation Amendment Act of 2016'', pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

60. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. ACT 21-545, ''Prohibition Against Selling Tobacco Products to Individuals Under 21 Amendment Act of 2016'', pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

61. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 21-554, ''Commemorative Flag Amendment Act of 2016'', pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

62. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. ACT 21-543, ''Electronic Cigarette Parity Amendment Act of 2016'', pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

63. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 21-555, ''Adult Protective Services Amendment Act of 2016'', pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

64. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. ACT 21-542, ''Statute of Limitations Clarifying Amendment Act of 2016'', pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

65. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. ACT 21-541, ''Driver's License Fair Access and Equality Amendment Act of 2016'', pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

66. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 21-557, ''Feminine Hygiene and Diaper Sales Tax Exemption Amendment Act of 2016'', pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

67. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. ACT 21-539, ''Commission on Climate Change and Resiliency Establishment Act of 2016'', pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

68. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 21-558, ''Charitable Solicitations Relief Amendment Act of 2016'', pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

69. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. ACT 21-538, ''Kennedy Street, N.W., Economic Development and Small Business Revitalization Advisory Committee Establishment Act of 2016'', pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

70. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. ACT 21-568, ''Comprehensive Youth Justice Amendment Act of 2016'', pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

71. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 21-559, ''Department of Motor Vehicles Extension of Deadlines Amendment Act of 2016'', pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

72. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. ACT 21-537, ''Access to Emergency Epinephrine in Schools Clarification Temporary Amendment Act of 2016'', pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

73. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 21-560, ''Food, Environmental, and Economic Development in the District of Columbia Amendment Act of 2016'', pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

74. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. ACT 21-544, ''Fiscal Year 2017 Budget Support Clarification Temporary Amendment Act of 2016'', pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

75. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. ACT 21-579, ''Georgia Avenue Retail Priority Area Temporary Amendment Act of 2016'', pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

76. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 21-564, ''Automatic Voter Registration Amendment Act of 2016'', pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

77. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. ACT 21-561, ''Extension of Time to Dispose of the Stevens School Temporary Amendment Act of 2016'', pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

78. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. ACT 21-562, ''Revised Wage Theft Prevention Clarification Temporary Amendment Act of 2016'', pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

79. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. ACT 21-563, ''Public School Nurse Assignment Temporary Amendment Act of 2016'', pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

80. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 21-565, ''Medical Marijuana Omnibus Amendment Act of 2016'', pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

81. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 21-566, ''Residential Lease Clarification Amendment Act of 2016'', pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

82. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 21-567, ''Relocation Expenses Recoupment and Lien Authority Amendment Act of 2016'', pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

83. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 21-569, ''Specialty License Plate Amendment Act of 2016'', pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

84. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 21-570, ''Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs Community Partnership Amendment Act of 2016'', pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

85. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 21-571, ''Student Loan Ombudsman Establishment and Servicing Regulation Amendment Act of 2016'', pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

86. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 21-577, ''Death with Dignity Act of 2016'', pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

87. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 21-578, ''Sale of Synthetic Drugs Amendment Act of 2016'', pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

88. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 21-580, ''Foster Parents Statement of Rights and Responsibilities Amendment Act of 2016'', pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

89. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 21-581, ''Protecting Students Digital Privacy Act of 2016'', pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

90. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 21-582, ''Planning Actively for Comprehensive Education Facilities Amendment Act of 2016'', pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

91. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. ACT 21-546, ''Department of Motor Vehicles Reform Amendment Act of 2016'', pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

92. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 21-556, ''Vacant Property Enforcement Amendment Act of 2016'', pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

93. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. ACT 21-540, ''Substance Abuse and Opioid Overdose Prevention Amendment Act of 2016'', pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

94. A letter from the Regulatory Specialist, LRA, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's interim final rule

— Availability of Information Under the Freedom of Information Act [Docket ID: OCC-2016-0033] (RIN: 1557-AE12) received January 5, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

95. A letter from the President, Overseas Private Investment Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's Annual Management Report and Financial Statements, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 9106(a)(1); Public Law 97-258 (as amended by Public Law 101-576, Sec. 306(a)) (104 Stat. 2854); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

96. A letter from the Acting Commissioner, Social Security Administration, transmitting a letter reporting to Congress on FY 2016 Competitive Sourcing efforts, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 501 note; Public Law 108-199, Sec. 647(b); (118 Stat. 361); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

97. A letter from the Board Members, United States Capitol Police Board, transmitting a response to the GAO Draft Report, GAO 17-112, ''U.S. Capitol Police Board: Fully Incorporating Leading Governance Practices Would Help Enhance Accountability, Transparency, and External Communication''; to the Committee on House Administration.

98. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's determination on a petition filed on behalf of workers at the Westinghouse Electric Corporation in Bloomfield, NJ, to be added to the Special Exposure Cohort, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 7384q(c)(2); Public Law 106-398, Sec. 1 (as amended by Public Law 108-375, Sec. 3166(b)(1)); (118 Stat. 2188); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

99. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's determination on a petition filed on behalf of workers at the Blockson Chemical Company site, Joliet, Illinois, to be added to the Special Exposure Cohort, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 7384q(c)(2); Public Law 106-398, Sec. 1 (as amended by Public Law 108-375, Sec. 3166(b)(1)); (118 Stat. 2188); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

100. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's determination on a petition filed on behalf of workers at the Bliss and Laughlin Steel site in Buffalo, New York, to be added to the Special Exposure Cohort, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 7384q(c)(2); Public Law 106-398, Sec. 1 (as amended by Public Law 108-375, Sec. 3166(b)(1)); (118 Stat. 2188); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

101. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Civil Works, Department of the Army, Department of Defense, transmitting a list of projects, or separable elements of projects, which have been authorized, but for which no funds have been obligated for planning, design or construction during the preceding five full fiscal years, pursuant to 33 U.S.C. 579a(b)(2); Public Law 99-662, Sec. 1001(b)(2) (as amended by Public Law 106-109, Sec. 8(d)); (113 Stat. 1497); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

102. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Uniform National Discharge Standards for Vessels of the Armed Forces —— Phase II Batch One [EPA-HQ-OW-2013-0469; FRL-9957-85-OW] (RIN: 2040-AD39) received January 4, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

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. MCHENRY (for himself, Mr. ABRAHAM, Mr. BOST, Mr. BUCSHON, Mr. BURGESS, Mr. CARTER of Georgia, Mr. CRAMER, Ms. FOXX, Mr. GOSAR, Mr. GRIFFITH, Mr. GROTHMAN, Mr. HUDSON, Mr. HUIZENGA, Mr. JONES, Mr. LAMALFA, Mr. LOUDERMILK, Mr. MOOLENAAR, Mr. MULLIN, Mr. PITTENGER, Mr. POSEY, Mr. ROE of Tennessee, Mr. ROGERS of Alabama, Mr. ROKITA, Mr. RYAN of Ohio, Mr. WALBERG, Mrs. WALORSKI, Mrs. MIMI WALTERS of California, Mr. WESTERMAN, Mr. MCCLINTOCK, Mr. ZELDIN, Mr. NOLAN, Mr. HOLDING, Mr. BROOKS of Alabama, Mr. COOK, Mr. EMMER, Mr. RENACCI, Mr. COOPER, Mr. CUELLAR, Mr. LONG, Mr. SENSENBRENNER, Mr. BRAT, Mrs. WAGNER, Mr. TIBERI, Ms. JENKINS of Kansas, and Mr. SMITH of Texas):

H.R. 350. A bill to exclude vehicles used solely for competition from certain provisions of the Clean Air Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. SANFORD (for himself, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. AMASH, Mr. POE of Texas, Mr. MASSIE, Mr. EMMER, and Ms. LEE):

H.R. 351. A bill to allow travel between the United States and Cuba; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. ROKITA (for himself, Mr. MESSER, Mr. FRANKS of Arizona, Mr. FARENTHOLD, Mr. WESTERMAN, Mr. DESJARLAIS, Mr. MOOLENAAR, Mr. PALAZZO, Mrs. BLACK, Mr. SCHWEIKERT, Mr. JODY B. HICE of Georgia, Mr. LOUDERMILK, Mr. PITTENGER, Mr. BISHOP of Utah, Mr. DUNCAN of South Carolina, Mr. COLE, Mr. OLSON, Mr. ROHRABACHER, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. MEADOWS, Mr. BRAT, Mr. STEWART, Mr. PEARCE, Mr. TROTT, Mr. BANKS of Indiana, Mr. BARR, and Mr. ALLEN):

H.R. 352. A bill to amend the Social Security Act to replace the Medicaid program and the Children's Health Insurance program with a block grant to the States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Rules, Ways and Means, Education and the Workforce, the Judiciary, Natural Resources, 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. LUCAS:

H.R. 353. A bill to improve the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's weather research through a focused program of investment on affordable and attainable advances in observational, computing, and modeling capabilities to support substantial improvement in weather forecasting and prediction of high impact weather events, to expand commercial opportunities for the provision of weather data, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

By Mrs. BLACK (for herself, Mr. HENSARLING, Mr. FLEISCHMANN, Mr. MCCAUL, Mr. PITTENGER, Mr. KELLY of Mississippi, Mr. FARENTHOLD, Mr. WENSTRUP, Mr. OLSON, Mr. ROE of Tennessee, Mr. BLUM, Mr. ROHRABACHER, Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia, Mr. GROTHMAN, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mr. ABRAHAM, Mr. JODY B. HICE of Georgia, Mr. PEARCE, Mr. HUDSON, Mr. ROSKAM, Mr. DUNCAN of South Carolina, Mr. MULLIN, Mr. COLLINS of Georgia, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Ms. JENKINS of Kansas, Mr. MASSIE, Mr. GIBBS, Mr. LABRADOR, Mr. ROTHFUS, Mr. MOOLENAAR, Mr. JENKINS of West Virginia, Mr. FRANKS of Arizona, Mr. CONAWAY, Mrs. HARTZLER, Mrs. LOVE, Mr. LAMBORN, Mr. YOHO, Mr. GOSAR, Mr. CHABOT, Mr. HARRIS, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. HULTGREN, Mr. CARTER of Georgia, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. MOONEY of West Virginia, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. ADERHOLT, Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania, Mr. RATCLIFFE, Mrs. WALORSKI, Mr. BRAT, Mr. GRAVES of Missouri, Mr. CULBERSON, Mr. JONES, Mr. MARCHANT, Mr. BABIN, Mr. WOODALL, Mr. EMMER, Mr. ROKITA, Mr. MESSER, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mrs. WAGNER, Mr. BRIDENSTINE, Mr. BYRNE, Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio, Mr. WESTERMAN, Mr. MEADOWS, Mr. DESJARLAIS, Mr. CRAWFORD, Mr. HILL, Mr. TURNER, Mr. GUTHRIE, Mr. GOHMERT, Mr. RUSSELL, Mr. FLORES, Mr. LONG, Mr. HARPER, Mr. PALAZZO, Mr. CARTER of Texas, Mr. BISHOP of Michigan, Mr. SENSENBRENNER, Mr. BARLETTA, Mr. BARR, Mr. PERRY, Mr. DAVIDSON, Mr. HOLDING, Mr. LATTA, Mr. SMITH of Nebraska, Mr. SANFORD, Mr. SHIMKUS, Mr. HUIZENGA, Mr. BANKS of Indiana, Mr. SMITH of Texas, Mr. SHUSTER, Mr. ROGERS of Alabama, Mr. CALVERT, Mr. POE of Texas, Mr. WILLIAMS, Mr. BRADY of Texas, Mr. SESSIONS, Mrs. ROBY, Mr. WITTMAN, Mr. LOUDERMILK, Mr. BUCSHON, Mr. GRAVES of Georgia, Mrs. NOEM, Mr. DUFFY, Mr. WALBERG, Mr. STEWART, Mr. WALKER, Mr. KUSTOFF of Tennessee, Mr. GRIFFITH, Mr. LUETKEMEYER, Mr. PALMER, Mr. SMITH of Missouri, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mr. VALADAO, Mr. SCALISE, Mr. ROUZER, Mr. POSEY, Mr. TIBERI, Mr. COLE, Mr. YODER, Mr. GRAVES of Louisiana, Mr. BIGGS, Mr. COMER, Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas, and Mr. LAHOOD):

H.R. 354. A bill to provide for a moratorium on Federal funding to Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. WILSON of South Carolina:

H.R. 355. A bill to provide for a 2-year delay in the effective date of a rule of the Department of Labor relating to the ''Definition of the Term 'Fiduciary'; Conflict of Interest Rule-Retirement Investment Advice''; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, 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. SWALWELL of California (for himself, Mr. CUMMINGS, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Mr. AGUILAR, Ms. BARRAGÁN, Ms. BASS, Mrs. BEATTY, Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Ms. BONAMICI, Ms. BORDALLO, Mr. BRENDAN F. BOYLE of Pennsylvania, Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania, Mr. BROWN of Maryland, Ms. BROWNLEY of California, Mrs. BUSTOS, Mr. BUTTERFIELD, Mr. CAPUANO, Mr. CARBAJAL, Mr. CÁRDENAS, Mr. CARTWRIGHT, Mr. CARSON of Indiana, Ms. CASTOR of Florida, Mr. CASTRO of Texas, Ms. JUDY CHU of California, Mr. CICILLINE, Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts, Mr. CLAY, Mr. CLEAVER, Mr.

CLYBURN, Mr. COHEN, Mr. CONNOLLY, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. COOPER, Mr. CORREA, Mr. COSTA, Mr. COURTNEY, Mr. CROWLEY, Mr. CUELLAR, Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois, Mrs. DAVIS of California, Mr. DEFAZIO, Ms. DEGETTE, Mr. DELANEY, Ms. DELAURO, Mr. DESAULNIER, Mr. DEUTCH, Mr. DOGGETT, Mr. MICHAEL F. DOYLE of Pennsylvania, Mr. ELLISON, Mr. ENGEL, Ms. ESHOO, Ms. ESTY, Mr. EVANS, Mr. FOSTER, Ms. FRANKEL of Florida, Ms. FUDGE, Mr. GALLEGO, Mr. GARAMENDI, Mr. GONZALEZ of Texas, Mr. AL GREEN of Texas, Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. GUTIÉRREZ, Mr. HASTINGS, Mr. HECK, Mr. HIMES, Mr. HOYER, Mr. HUFFMAN, Ms. JAYAPAL, Mr. JEFFRIES, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. KEATING, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KHANNA, Mr. KIHUEN, Mr. KILDEE, Mr. KILMER, Mr. KIND, Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHI, Mr. LANGEVIN, Mr. LARSEN of Washington, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Mrs. LAWRENCE, Ms. LEE, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. TED LIEU of California, Mr. LOEBSACK, Ms. LOFGREN, Mrs. LOWEY, Mr. BEN RAY LUJÁN of New Mexico, Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico, Mr. LYNCH, Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York, Ms. MATSUI, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Mr. MCEACHIN, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. MCNERNEY, Mr. MEEKS, Ms. MENG, Mr. MOULTON, Ms. MOORE, Mr. NADLER, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mr. NEAL, Mr. NORCROSS, Ms. NORTON, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. PANETTA, Mr. PASCRELL, Ms. PELOSI, Mr. PERLMUTTER, Mr. PETERS, Mr. PETERSON, Ms. PLASKETT, Mr. POCAN, Mr. POLIS, Mr. PRICE of North Carolina, Mr. QUIGLEY, Mr. RASKIN, Miss RICE of New York, Mr. RICHMOND, Ms. ROSEN, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Mr. RUIZ, Mr. RUPPERSBERGER, Mr. RYAN of Ohio, Ms. SÁNCHEZ, Mr. SARBANES, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. SCHNEIDER, Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, Ms. SEWELL of Alabama, Ms. SHEA-PORTER, Mr. SHERMAN, Ms. SINEMA, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Mr. SOTO, Ms. SPEIER, Mr. SUOZZI, Mr. TAKANO, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Ms. TITUS, Mr. TONKO, Mrs. TORRES, Ms. TSONGAS, Mr. VARGAS, Mr. VEASEY, Mr. VELA, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Ms. MAXINE WATERS of California, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Mr. WELCH, Mr. YARMUTH, Ms. ADAMS, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Mrs. DINGELL, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Ms. GABBARD, Mr. HIGGINS of New York, Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire, Mr. LOWENTHAL, Mrs. MURPHY of Florida, Mr. O'ROURKE, Mr. RUSH, Mr. SABLAN, Mr. SERRANO, Mr. SIRES, and Ms. WILSON of Florida):

H.R. 356. A bill to establish the National Commission on Foreign Interference in the 2016 Election; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mrs. BUSTOS (for herself, Mr. GUTIÉRREZ, Ms. SEWELL of Alabama, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Mr. LOEBSACK, Mr. POCAN, Ms. KAPTUR, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. CARTWRIGHT, Mr. LYNCH, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania, Mr. RYAN of Ohio, Mr. SCHNEIDER, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. NOLAN, Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHI, Mr. LIPINSKI, Mr. FOSTER, Mrs. DINGELL, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. KILDEE, Mr. CLEAVER, Mr. MICHAEL F. DOYLE of Pennsylvania, and Mr. CARSON of Indiana):

H.R. 357. A bill to require the President to develop and release a comprehensive national strategy to prevent United States employers from overseas outsourcing and offshoring practices that impact the United States workforce; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. GRIFFITH (for himself, Mr. PALAZZO, Mr. BABIN, Mr. DUNCAN of South Carolina, Mr. BROOKS of Alabama, Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio, Mr. STEWART, Mr. MESSER, Mr. ABRAHAM, Mr. TIPTON, Mr. FRANKS of Arizona, Mr. LAMBORN, Mr. FARENTHOLD, Mr. ZELDIN, Mr. GIBBS, Mr. DUFFY, Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania, Mr. LONG, Mr. OLSON, Ms. JENKINS of Kansas, Mr. HENSARLING, Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, Mr. JODY B. HICE of Georgia, and Mr. ROE of Tennessee):

H.R. 358. A bill to amend chapter 44 of title 18, United States Code, to more comprehensively address the interstate transportation of firearms or ammunition; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. GRIFFITH:

H.R. 359. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for waivers of user fees imposed with respect to applications for reinstatement of tax-exempt status of small, subsidiary tax-exempt organizations; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. GRIJALVA:

H.R. 360. A bill to designate the Greater Grand Canyon Heritage National Monument in the State of Arizona, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. KING of Iowa:

H.R. 361. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to increase the penalties applicable to aliens who unlawfully reenter the United States after being removed; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. MCSALLY (for herself, Mr. FRANKS of Arizona, Mr. SCHWEIKERT, Ms. SINEMA, Mr. BIGGS, Mr. O'HALLERAN, Mr. GALLEGO, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Mr. PRICE of North Carolina, Mr. COSTA, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, and Mr. FITZPATRICK):

H.R. 362. A bill National Memorial in Tucson, Arizona, as an affiliated area of the National Park System, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. MESSER:

H.R. 363. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify eligibility for the child tax credit; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. MULLIN (for himself, Mr. DUNCAN of South Carolina, Mr. FARENTHOLD, Mr. MCKINLEY, Mr. BISHOP of Utah, Mr. MARSHALL, Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio, Mr. RUSSELL, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. HENSARLING, Mr. OLSON, Mr. CULBERSON, Mr. BRIDENSTINE, and Mr. COLE):

H.R. 364. A bill to direct the Secretary of Transportation to ensure that on-duty time does not include waiting time at a natural gas or oil well site for certain commercial motor vehicle operators, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. PAULSEN (for himself, Mr. BLUMENAUER, and Mr. DENT):

H.R. 365. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the treatment of certain direct primary care service arrangements and periodic provider fees; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. PERRY (for himself, Mr. MCCAUL, and Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN):

H.R. 366. A bill to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to direct the Under Secretary for Management of the Department of Homeland Security to make certain improvements in managing the Department's vehicle fleet, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security.

By Mr. PALAZZO (for himself, Mr. DUNCAN of South Carolina, and Mr. GOHMERT):

H.J. Res. 21. A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to limit Congress' power to impose a tax on a failure to purchase goods or services; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. PERRY:

H.J. Res. 22. A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of a rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to ''Oil and Natural Gas Sector: Emission Standards for New, Reconstructed, and Modified Sources''; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. RENACCI (for himself, Ms. SINEMA, Mr. O'ROURKE, Mr. COOPER, Mr. BARTON, Mr. DAVIDSON, Ms. STEFANIK, Mr. LIPINSKI, Miss RICE of New York, Mr. HUIZENGA, Mr. GOHMERT, Mr. SANFORD, Mr. COSTELLO of Pennsylvania, Mr. BYRNE, Mr. BURGESS, Mr. BUCSHON, Mr. WESTERMAN, Mr. MEEHAN, Mr. KILMER, Mr. TURNER, Mr. WEBSTER of Florida, Mr. JOYCE of Ohio, Mr. MCCLINTOCK, Mr. CALVERT, Mr. SENSENBRENNER, Mr. AMODEI, Mr. SMITH of Nebraska, Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio, Mr. PETERS, Mr. MOULTON, Mr. LAHOOD, Mr. BARLETTA, Mr. BISHOP of Michigan, Mr. VALADAO, and Mr. MARINO):

H. Con. Res. 8. Concurrent resolution providing for a joint session of Congress to receive a presentation from the Comptroller General of the United States regarding the audited financial statement of the Executive branch; to the Committee on House Administration.

By Mr. SMITH of Missouri:

H. Res. 29. A resolution electing Members to certain standing committees of the House of Representatives; considered and agreed to. considered and agreed to.

By Mr. HASTINGS (for himself, Mr. GRIJALVA, Ms. FRANKEL of Florida, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. PERRY, Mr. ZELDIN, Ms. DELAURO, Mr. NADLER, Ms. DELBENE, Mr. CARTWRIGHT, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. COHEN, Mr. BUCHANAN, Mr. YARMUTH, Mr. CONNOLLY, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. STIVERS, Mr. LOBIONDO, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. SABLAN, Mr. SARBANES, Ms. MOORE, Ms. WILSON of Florida, Mr. DONOVAN, Mr. SWALWELL of California, Mr. DEUTCH, Mr. LANCE, Ms. TITUS, Mr. DEFAZIO, Ms. TSONGAS, Ms. CASTOR of Florida, Mr. POCAN, Ms. SÁNCHEZ, Mr. CÁRDENAS, Mr. BISHOP of Michigan, Mr. PERLMUTTER, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Ms. PINGREE, Mr. LANGEVIN, Mr. WELCH, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. COSTELLO of Pennsylvania, Mr. KEATING, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Ms. MATSUI, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. MURPHY of Pennsylvania, and Mr. UPTON):

H. Res. 30. A resolution condemning the Dog Meat Festival in Yulin, China, and urging China to end the dog meat trade; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. MCKINLEY (for himself, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. NOLAN, Mr. TONKO, Mr. JOYCE of Ohio, Ms. SÁNCHEZ, Mr. LAMALFA, and Mr. YOUNG of Alaska):

H. Res. 31. A resolution expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that

the United States Postal Service should take all appropriate measures to restore service standards in effect as of July 1, 2012; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Ms. MENG:

H. Res. 32. A resolution recognizing July 28, 2017, as ''World Hepatitis Day''; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

MEMORIALS

Under clause 3 of rule XII,

1. The SPEAKER presented a memorial of the Senate of the State of California, relative to Senate Resolution No. 7, condemning in the strongest terms bigoted, racist, or misinformed descriptions of the immigrant community that serve only to foment hatred and violence and that the Senate supports a comprehensive and workable approach to solving our nation's historically broken immigration system; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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. MCHENRY:

H.R. 350.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 3: ''To regulate Commerce with foreign nations, and among the several states, and with the Indian Tribes.''

Because the federal government has extended Article I, Section 8, Clause 3 beyond its intended boundaries, it follows that efforts to rein in excessive federal government encroachment in this area can be justified by Article I, Section 8, Clause 3.

By Mr. SANFORD:

H.R. 351.

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

Article I, Section 8, of the U.S. Constitution

By Mr. ROKITA:

H.R. 352.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause I (the Spending Clause) of the United States Constitution states that ''The Congress shall have Power to lay and collect Taxes, Duties, Imposts, and Excises, to pay for Debts and provide for the common defense and general welfare of the United States. The bill also makes specific changes to existing law in a manner that returns power to the states, in accordance with Amendment X of the United States Constitution.

By Mr. LUCAS:

H.R. 353.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 18:

The Congress shall have power 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 of Officer thereof.

By Mrs. BLACK:

H.R. 354.

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 1 and Article I, Section 9, Clause 7 of the United States Constitution.

By Mr. WILSON of South Carolina:

H.R. 355.

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

Article 1 Section 8 of the United States Constitution

By Mr. SWALWELL of California:

H.R. 356.

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

Article I, Section 8

By Mrs. BUSTOS:

H.R. 357.

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.

By Mr. GRIFFITH:

H.R. 358.

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

Article I, Section 8 of the United States Constitution as well as Amendment II

By Mr. GRIFFITH:

H.R. 359.

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 as well as Amendment XVI

By Mr. GRIJALVA:

H.R. 360.

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

U.S. Const. art. I, sec. 8, cl. 3

To regulate Commerce with foreign Nations, and among the several States, and with the Indian tribes;

U.S. Cont. art. IV, sec. 3, cl. 2, sen. a

The Congress shall have Power to dispose of and make all needful Rules and Regulations respecting the Territory or other Property belonging to the United States;

By Mr. KING of Iowa:

H.R. 361.

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

Article I, section 8, clause 4

By Ms. MCSALLY:

H.R. 362.

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

Article I, section 8 of the Constitution of the United States grants Congress the authority to enact this bill.

By Mr. MESSER:

H.R. 363.

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 Mr. MULLIN:

H.R. 364.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 3 of the U.S. Constitution

By Mr. PAULSEN:

H.R. 365.

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

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 1—the power to lay and collect taxes

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 18—necessary and proper clause

By Mr. PERRY:

H.R. 366.

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 of Officer thereof.

By Mr. PALAZZO:

H.J. Res. 21.

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

Article V: The Congress, whenever two thirds of both houses shall deem it necessary, shall propose amendments to this Constitution, or, on the application of the legislatures of two thirds of the several states, shall call a convention for proposing amendments, which, in either case, shall be valid to all intents and purposes, as part of this Constitution, when ratified by the legislatures of three fourths of the several states, or by conventions in three fourths thereof, as the one or the other mode of ratification may be proposed by the Congress; provided that no amendment which may be made prior to year one thoustand eighthundred and eight shall in any manner affect the first and fourth clauses in the ninth section of the first article; and that no state, without its consent, shall be deprived of its equal suffrage in the Senate.

By Mr. PERRY:

H.J. Res. 22.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 3 of the Constitution of the United States

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

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

H.R. 5: Mr. SMITH of Texas, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. YOUNG of Iowa, Mr. COLLINS of Georgia, Mr. FRANKS of Arizona, Mr. LABRADOR, Mr. HUIZENGA, Mr. JENKINS of West Virginia, Mr. TIPTON, Mr. HULTGREN, Mrs. WAGNER, and Mr. BYRNE.

H.R. 24: Mr. MCCLINTOCK, Mr. HARRIS, Mr. DESJARLAIS, Mr. MARCHANT, Mr. WILLIAMS, Mr. LOBIONDO, Ms. JENKINS of Kansas, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. OLSON, Mrs. LOVE, Mr. LEWIS of Minnesota, Mr. SMITH of Texas, Mr. GAETZ, and Mr. GIBBS.

H.R. 38: Mr. SIMPSON, Mr. COMER, Mr. GOHMERT, Mr. VALADAO, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. POSEY, Mr. GARRETT, and Mr. MCHENRY.

H.R. 41: Mr. GARRETT.

H.R. 51: Mr. TAKANO, Mr. RYAN of Ohio, and Ms. PLASKETT.

H.R. 52: Mr. TAKANO, Mr. RYAN of Ohio, and Ms. PLASKETT.

H.R. 60: Mr. VARGAS, Mr. BARTON, Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. LOWENTHAL, Mr. SERRANO, Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, Mr. DENT, Mr. BISHOP of Michigan, Mr. FITZPATRICK, and Mr. HURD.

H.R. 76: Mr. CRAMER, Mr. HARRIS, and Mr. SENSENBRENNER.

H.R. 140: Mr. DUNCAN of Tennessee and Mr. DAVIDSON.

H.R. 165: Mr. GRIJALVA.

H.R. 166: Mrs. NAPOLITANO.

H.R. 169: Ms. ESHOO and Mr. HECK.

H.R. 174: Mr. BLUM.

H.R. 244: Mr. COSTA, Mr. HURD, and Mrs. RADEWAGEN.

H.R. 245: Mrs. RADEWAGEN.

H.R. 253: Ms. BASS.

H.R. 277: Mr. DUNCAN of South Carolina, Mr. STEWART, and Mr. ALLEN.

H.R. 281: Mr. COLLINS of New York.

H.R. 299: Mr. PALAZZO, Ms. SINEMA, Mr. THOMAS J. ROONEY of Florida, Mr. RUPPERSBERGER, Mr. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY of New

York, Ms. McCOLLUM, Mr. ZELDIN, Mrs. DINGELL, Ms. DELBENE, Ms. DELAURO, Mr. NEAL, Mr. KILDEE, Mr. MOONEY of West Virginia, Mr. MULLIN, Mr. CURBELO of Florida, Mr. WEBSTER of Florida, Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire, Mr. KNIGHT, Ms. TSONGAS, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Mr. SERRANO, Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, Mr. FARENTHOLD, Mrs. WALORSKI, Mr. RUSH, Mr. YODER, Mr. NUNES, Miss RICE of New York, Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mr. DEFAZIO, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mr. JONES, Mr. PETERS, Mr. HIMES, Mrs. BEATTY, Mr. LANGEVIN, Mr. MEEHAN, Mr. LARSEN of Washington, Mr. MOULTON, Mr. MASSIE, Mr. WELCH, Mr. GALLEGO, Mr. JOYCE of Ohio, and Ms. FRANKEL of Florida.

H.R. 305: Ms. MOORE, Mr. ENGEL, Mr. EVANS, Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts, Mr. DESAULNIER, and Ms. TITUS.

H.R. 312: Mr. KILMER.

H.J. Res. 6: Mr. BUCK.

H.J. Res. 11: Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. SHIMKUS, Mr. GOSAR, Mr. LAHOOD, Mr. WESTERMAN, Mr. STIVERS, and Mr. COOK.

H.J. Res. 13: Mr. BLUM.

H. Con. Res. 5: Ms. PLASKETT, Mr. RASKIN, Mr. SERRANO, and Ms. MATSUI.

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Senate

The Senate met at 12:45 p.m. and was called to order by the Honorable THOM TILLIS, a Senator from the State of North Carolina.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Eternal Spirit, on this January 6, when a Joint Session of Congress is set to count electoral votes, ending officially the 2016 Presidential election, we pause to acknowledge Your sovereignty over the affairs of humanity.

Grant to this Nation a social conscience built on the vision of the ancient prophets who saw sufficiency for every person and a time when goodwill toward all would overcome fear.

Lord, hasten the day when the small and weak can make their contributions alongside the great and powerful. Lead us to the day when we will see peace among the nations of the Earth, when swords shall be beaten into plowshares.

Let Your glory cover the Earth as the waters cover the sea.

We pray in Your strong Name. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Presiding Officer 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.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. HATCH).

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, January 6, 2017.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable THOM TILLIS, a Senator from the State of North Carolina, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ORRIN G. HATCH,
President pro tempore.

Mr. TILLIS thereupon assumed the Chair as Acting President pro tempore.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

MORNING BUSINESS

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 12:47 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 26. An act to amend chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, to provide that major rules of the executive branch shall have no force or effect unless a joint resolution of approval is enacted into law.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 26. An act to amend chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, to provide that major rules of the executive branch shall have no force or effect unless a joint resolution of approval is enacted into law; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

JOINT SESSION OF THE TWO HOUSES—COUNTING OF ELECTORAL BALLOTS

RECESS

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate stands in recess to proceed as a body to the Hall of the House of Representatives under the provisions of S. Con. Res. 2 for the counting of the electoral ballots.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 12:48 p.m., took a recess, and the Senate, preceded by the Secretary of the Senate, Julie E. Adams, and the Deputy Sergeant at Arms, James Morhard, proceeded to the Hall of the House of Representatives for the purpose of counting electoral ballots.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 2017, AT 2 P.M.

At the conclusion of the joint session of the two Houses, and in accordance with the order previously entered, at 1:41 p.m., the Senate adjourned until Monday, January 9, 2017, at 2 p.m.

● This "bullet" symbol identifies statements or insertions which are not spoken by a Member of the Senate on the floor.

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EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE LIFE OF JEF ''RUSTY'' RUSSELL III

HON. BRIAN BABIN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 6, 2017

Mr. BABIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the life of Jef Chaison Russell III or ''Rusty'' as I knew him, who went to be with the Lord on December 31, 2016.

Rusty was a former Beaumont Convention and Visitors Bureau director who devoted himself to promoting tourism in the Beaumont region. He was known in many different convention and tourism circles having served as director of the Bureaus of Beaumont, Texas, Forth Worth, Texas and Eureka Springs, Arkansas. Rusty loved people and in turn people loved him.

Rusty and I have been friends since 1953 during our kindergarten days at Longfellow Elementary School in Texas. There was no finer man than Rusty. Among the many memories we share together there is one I will cherish forever; two years ago, he traveled to D.C. to take part in my being sworn into the 114th Congress. I am saddened by his passing, but I am so thankful for the years of friendship I had with my dear friend. We do not know the day, hour or minute that the good Lord will call us home; Rusty knew this and spent his days serving others and touching every life he could.

I will cherish the memories of our friendship. Rusty's family will continue to be in our prayers.

HONORING STEVE PENLEY

HON. TOM GRAVES

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 6, 2017

Mr. GRAVES of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, in 1964 Steve Penley was born into a family of musicians in Chattanooga, Tennessee. The family soon moved to Athens, Georgia and then Macon, Georgia where Penley attended First Presbyterian Day School. Following high school, he studied at The School of Visual Arts in New York and at The University of Georgia.

After college, Penley was working odd jobs while painting when his talent was recognized by an attorney and art enthusiast, Robert Steed. Penley quickly gained recognition for his bold brush strokes, vivid colors and historical icon paintings.

Penley is now one of America's most celebrated artists with works exhibited across the globe. He has created multiple projects for Fox News, major companies such as Coca-Cola, AirTran/Southwest, Kaiser Permanente, as well as several U.S. Presidents and foreign heads of state. His work can even be found in the U.S. Capitol, where it's displayed on loan for visitors from across the country to enjoy.

Penley's paintings represent the very best of America and serve as a reminder of the leaders and institutions that make our country great.

In addition to his paintings, Penley has authored and illustrated several books, including books written by legendary University of Georgia football Coach Vince Dooley. He has also donated countless paintings to charities and organizations in his community and state, as well as across the nation. He is particularly honored to be involved with numerous organizations that benefit our active-duty servicemembers and our veterans.

Despite all of his professional accomplishments, Penley is proudest of his role as a father of three very talented artists and musicians: Lyall, Abbey and Parker.

Steve Penley is a legendary artist and a great American.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BETO O'ROURKE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 6, 2017

Mr. O'ROURKE. Mr. Speaker, during the roll call votes on Thursday, January 5, 2017, I missed a vote on an amendment to the Regulations from the Executive in Need of Scrutiny Act.

Had I been present, on roll call number 13, I would have voted ''Aye.''

TRIBUTE TO JOE GALLEGOS

HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 6, 2017

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Joe Gallegos, who served the County of Costilla, Colorado as a Commissioner for over ten years. Joe passed away on December 11, 2016, and will be greatly missed in the San Luis Valley.

Joe was a fifth generation farmer in San Luis, and his love for the land in the surrounding area inspired him to volunteer with non-profit community organizations to preserve water quality and find solutions to zoning issues. He was instrumental in the restoration of the old Costilla County Courthouse and the implementation of the Costilla County biodiesel pilot project.

Joe's fellow county commissioner, Lawrence Pacheco, said that Joe was the only true cowboy he knew, and at his last conference of commissioners, he remained focused on his mission to promote sustainability, protect watersheds, and make sure the most vulnerable people in the community had a voice and seat at the table.

The magnitude of Joe's impact on the San Luis Valley is immense and it is a privilege to recognize his legacy of public service and hard work.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JESSE WILLIAM ''J.W.'' RAY

HON. BRIAN BABIN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 6, 2017

Mr. BABIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Jesse William ''J.W.'' Ray, who died on January 2, 2017.

J.W. lived an impressive life. He served as a Seabee 24th NCB in the United States Navy in the Pacific Theatre during World War II and was among the soldiers who fought in the Philippines and Okinawa before being honorably discharged on April 20, 1946.

After leaving the U.S. Navy, J.W. married and was blessed with four children. He spent thirteen years working with Texaco refinery as a pipefitter and two years working for the Southern Pacific Railroad. As a family man, J.W. decided to leave the railroad because it took him away from his loved ones for days at a time. He entered the insurance industry and founded his own insurance company in Woodville, Texas, which he ran for forty years.

When his first wife Cecil passed away in 2004, J.W. began Cecil's Pantry at the United Methodist Church in Warren, Texas. It still continues to help others today.

J.W. Ray was a kind man and I feel honored and privileged to have known him. He will be missed, and his family will continue to be in our prayers.

HONORING COMMUNITY CHAMPIONS MARTIN AND MARTHA JOHNSON

HON. MIKE KELLY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 6, 2017

Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize two of my constituents from Western Pennsylvania, Martin and Martha Johnson. The Johnson's are the founders and directors of Downtown Ministries INC. as well as several other groups serving under its umbrella including Fresh Grounds Coffeehouse, Sans MOCO Gallery, His Work—His Way, Keystone Bibles and Community Health Ministry.

Created in 1994, Downtown Ministries is a charitable organization that serves as an avenue for Christians to connect, socialize and minister. Downtown Ministries strives to provide opportunity and vision to meet the physical and spiritual needs of our community.

In April 2010, Downtown Ministries established the Fresh Grounds Coffeehouse to connect with even more people in our community and positively impact our community. Fresh

Grounds Coffeehouse is the face of Downtown Ministries and has been designated as Greenville, Pennsylvania's latest landmark. Fresh Grounds Coffeehouse is not just a meeting place but, more importantly, it is a ministry. The main objective of Fresh Grounds Coffeehouse is to honor and glorify God and create a special place where God's presence is felt and embraced. While it's not a traditional church ministry, Fresh Grounds Coffeehouse creates countless opportunities for Christian growth and allows customers to engage one another in nurturing relationships, which Martin and Martha Johnson have strived for over the years.

Martin Johnson had a vision, which ultimately became a reality, with the help of countless friends, volunteers, local businesses and churches. The unwavering dedication exhibited by Martin and Martha Johnson, as well as all volunteers involved, is heartwarming and speaks volumes about the giving spirit of the Greenville community.

As a unique ministry, the main focus of Downtown Ministries, and all groups that fall under its organizational umbrella, is to bring individuals to come to believe in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. In serving God, the community, and all those in need of God's Grace, Martin and Martha Johnson are inspirations to us all. Their compassion and generosity have clearly influenced the lives of so many and will continue to do so for years to come. Therefore, on behalf of the Third Congressional District of Pennsylvania, I want to express my sincere gratitude and appreciation of Martin and Martha Johnson, they are true Community Champions.

HONORING PAMELA DUNLAP PATTERSON

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 6, 2017

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Pamela Patterson, as she retires from her career as the Chief Executive Officer of West Company and the Director of the Mendocino Small Business Development Center.

Born and raised in Virginia, Pamela Dunlap Patterson later obtained an Associate Degree at Massey Junior College in Atlanta and began a career in the retail industry. Pamela headed west to California in 1979 to become the Retail Merchandising Teacher for the Fort Bragg High School Regional Occupation Program. She then went on to serve as the literacy coordinator for the Mendocino County Library in Fort Bragg, and eventually, the coordinator for the ''Read Right'' program through Georgia Pacific where she helped improve literacy for workers in the timber industry.

In 1998, Pamela Patterson began her long career with West Company, a pilot Women's Business Center funded by the Small Business Administration. In 2004, she took the helm of the organization which at the time was struggling financially. Under Pamela's leadership, West Company stabilized funding sources, and secured a contract as the Small Business Development Center in 2007. Over her term as the Chief Executive Officer she has secured millions of dollars in funding to help micro-entrepreneurs and small businesses to start and grow as means of improving the local economy.

Pamela Patterson's legacy is one of dedicated service to entrepreneurship and an educated workforce. Please join me in congratulating Pamela on her retirement and expressing our deep appreciation for her long and exceptional career, and her outstanding contributions to Mendocino County's workforce and economy.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LOIS FRANKEL

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 6, 2017

Ms. FRANKEL of Florida. Mr. Speaker, on roll call vote 6, I was not present because I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted ''NAY.''

HONORING WILLIAM HUDNUT, III

HON. SUSAN W. BROOKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 6, 2017

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a beloved and iconic member of the Hoosier community, William Hudnut III. Bill, who served as Mayor of Indianapolis from 1976 to 1992, passed away on December 17th, 2016 at the age of 84. Bill was a vibrant, enthusiastic, and passionate individual. His larger than life persona and animated approach to being Mayor will not soon be forgotten. He was a mentor to many and will be sorely missed by our community, but we will remember him forever through the spectacular legacy he left behind. Bill entered political life with his election to Congress in 1972. After which he served 16 years as Mayor of Indianapolis, making him the longest serving Mayor of Indianapolis. Through his time as Mayor he transformed Indianapolis into a dynamic metropolitan city and the amateur sports capital of the world. The people of Indiana's Fifth Congressional District are forever grateful for Bill's contributions to our Hoosier community, and it is my privilege to honor him today.

Bill was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1932. He attended the Darrow School in New York for high school, and graduated from Princeton University as an undergraduate, where he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. In 1957, he graduated with a Master's Degree in Theology from the Union Theological Seminary in New York, and, like his father and grandfather before him, Bill became an ordained clergyman. At the age of 30, Bill first became a Hoosier when he moved to Indianapolis and began work as the senior pastor of Second Presbyterian Church in Indianapolis. He served as Senior Pastor from 1964 to 1972, during which time he became interested in politics.

In the 1972 Republican primary for Indiana's 11th Congressional District, Bill defeated future Congressman Dan Burton and went on to win the general election against four-term Congressman Andrew Jacobs, Jr. During his term in the 93rd Congress, he was an original sponsor of seventeen bills and a cosponsor of 179 bills, five of which became law. He was a true statesman focused on good governance with dedication toward bipartisan solutions. After his time in Congress he came home to Indianapolis to run for, and serve in, the office of Mayor. Bill's interest in politics came from his passion for helping his community and his belief that politics was where he could make the greatest change for his community.

As Mayor he aimed to generate job growth, improve infrastructure, and develop projects to attract businesses to downtown Indianapolis. He aimed to not only draw businesses back downtown, but to bring back many citizens who had previously fled to the suburbs. Through his dedicated efforts to revitalize the city, he made Indianapolis a more attractive place to live and to do business. Over his tenure from 1976 to 1992, he oversaw more than 30 building projects, including renovations and expansions to Monument Circle, Indianapolis Union Station, the Indiana University School of Medicine, and the Indiana Convention Center. Many office buildings were constructed, and companies such as Eli Lilly and Company and American United Life committed to stay in Indianapolis.

In addition to spurring on local business, he also made unequalled contributions to Indiana's sports culture. He retained the NBA's Pacers, which were on the brink of failing if not for the efforts of Bill and others. He built the Hoosier Dome, hopeful that the infrastructure and investment would bring Indianapolis a national football team. Ultimately, he was able to bring home the Indianapolis Colts. He was also able to draw the Pan American Games to Indiana, bringing the world's eyes to Indiana and shining the International spotlight on Indianapolis. The Pan American Games had 38 nations represented by over 4,000 competing athletes. Bill was also instrumental in founding the Indiana Sports Corp, a nonprofit organization that has brought Indianapolis numerous sporting events that include the 1982 National Sports Festival, the 1991 World Gymnastics Championships, 19 Big Ten Women's Basketball Tournaments, 10 Big Ten Men's Basketball Tournaments, recently the 2012 Superbowl, and many other events. The Indiana Sports Corp has cemented Bill's legacy and continued to realize his vision of Indianapolis as a sporting destination. Bill helped put Indianapolis on the world map and paved the way for the city to be the sporting and convention destination that it is today.

Bill's work was not only greatly appreciated by Hoosiers but also recognized and awarded by his peers. He was the president of the National League of Cities and a member of their board for over twenty years. In 1988, Bill was named City & State magazine's Nation's Most Valuable Public Official. In 1985, he earned the Distinguished Public Service Award from the Indiana Association of Cities and Towns and in 1986, a Woodrow Wilson Award for Public Service.

Bill leaves behind a larger than life legacy that is fitting for someone with his larger than life personality. In his time as Mayor, he revitalized downtown Indianapolis, transforming it into a world class city by changing it from what he called ''India-NO-place'' to ''India-SHOW-place.'' Many can fondly remember his booming voice, his uncommon approach to being Mayor, his fun antics like dressing up as a Leprechaun for a St. Patrick's Day parade, and his vivacious personality. He dedicated

his life to public service through his time as a pastor, his time in Congress and through his time as Mayor of Indianapolis. Bill will be remembered for his amazing compassion, charismatic and warm personality, as well as his unparalleled love for the city he served. I feel fortunate to have known him, and I know that his legacy lives on through the great contributions he made to Indianapolis, to Indiana, and to the country. On behalf of Indiana's Fifth District, I offer my condolences to his wife Beverly, the entire Hudnut family, and all who mourn his loss and cherish his memory.

REMEMBERING AND HONORING THE LIFE OF CONOR IRWIN

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 6, 2017

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to mourn the loss and honor the life of Conor Irwin.

The child of Whit and Holly Irwin, Conor was a resident of Ledyard, CT. He graduated from St. Bernard School and was a freshman at Ledyard High School. He was just 14 years old.

In 2013, I had the honor of meeting Conor when he visited me to discuss the quality of food served in local schools. He had been a youth representative to the New London County Food Policy Council and was seriously concerned about the effect of poor food quality on health. Wonderfully precocious, he was full of good ideas that might help address this problem.

Like many 14 year-old boys, he loved soccer, playing outdoors, and listening to music. Just this past year, he even earned his first varsity letter for cross country. But those who knew Conor acknowledge something special about him. Even at so young an age, he was already a gentleman and true renaissance man. It may have been his voracious appetite for knowledge, his signature bow ties, or his love of travel and exploration. But mostly, it was his thoughtfulness that set him apart. He was always looking out for the younger kids, helping his mom with groceries, and holding the door for whomever may be passing by.

My thoughts and prayers are with Conor's family and friends as they mourn this terrible loss. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in expressing my condolences and honoring a truly special soul, Conor Irwin.

TRIBUTE TO GIGI DENNIS

HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 6, 2017

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mrs. Gigi Dennis, of Alamosa, Colorado, who was recently named Colorado's Administrator of the Year for 2016 by the Association of County Administrators. Administrator Dennis was selected by her peers to receive this honor, and it is clear that through her dedication to public service, she has left a lasting impact on the community of Alamosa and across the state of Colorado.

Throughout her career, Administrator Dennis has served in a variety of state-wide positions, including as Colorado Secretary of State, State Senator, and most recently, Alamosa County Administrator. As a State Senator, she served as Vice Chair of the Transportation Committee, was a member of the Legislative Council, and Chair of the Majority Caucus. Administrator Dennis is a quality individual with a truly impressive record of public service.

Mr. Speaker, although this award recognizes individual achievements, Administrator Dennis credits her team for her success. Her modesty, commitment to fiscal responsibility, and passion for improving the lives of others is truly remarkable. I wish Administrator Dennis all the best and am thankful for her continued service.

RECOGNIZING ANGEL MARTINEZ FOR HIS SECOND NATIONAL TITLE IN THE U.S. YOUTH AMATEUR BOXING DIVISION

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 6, 2017

Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Angel Martinez, a shining young member of our Rockford community, who has been named a two-time national champion in the U.S. Youth Amateur Boxing Division.

Angel Martinez won his second USA boxing national title, allowing him the chance to attend the Olympic training facility in Colorado in hopes of achieving his Olympic dreams. He has dedicated himself to his sport since the young age of 11, and shows us all the value of perseverance and a strong work ethic. I am proud there is such young talent in our community, and to see him represent Rockford on the national stage.

Mr. Speaker, as a former college athlete, I know how important sports are to personal and professional growth. I want to again formally congratulate Angel Martinez on his title, and I join the rest of our community in wishing him every success in the future.

HONORING CLIFFORD A. SCHULMAN

HON. DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 6, 2017

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to honor South Florida philanthropist, business leader and prominent attorney, Cliff Schulman.

Mr. Schulman has 45 years of wide-ranging legal experience in the environmental and land use field from both the government and private sectors and is well known for his involvement in the community and commitment to charitable causes.

For 13 years, he has served as Chair of the Board of the Aventura Marketing Council and it is on this occasion that we celebrate his retirement from this position.

Under Mr. Schulman's leadership, the Aventura Marketing Council has thrived and grown to be recognized as one of the most respected organizations in Chambers of Commerce representing more than 400 businesses and non-profit organizations, supporting countless educational and regional events in South Florida.

Cliff had the unique ability to blend his sense of humor with his keen business acumen and Marketing Council members will certainly miss his ''Cliff's Notes'' at the opening of each meeting.

Cliff has also served as Vice Chairman of the Anchors Away Foundation, an Aventura Marketing Council program in cooperation with Miami-Dade County Public Schools, that provides sailing programs for physically and mentally challenged children from schools throughout the County. This program has literally changed the lives of so many kids who gain a sense of pride, independence and accomplishment.

Throughout his career, Mr. Schulman has been honored by the Anti-Defamation League, South Florida Business Leader Magazine, the South Florida Shomrim Society and countless organizations that have recognized his contributions to bettering our community for all those who call South Florida home.

I am proud to have Mr. Schulman and his wife Lauren as my constituents and am grateful for his years of dedication to Aventura and to South Florida.

It is my honor to pay tribute to his distinguished career and extend my heartfelt congratulations to him on this occasion.

TRIBUTE TO RYAN MOELLER

HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 6, 2017

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ryan Moeller, who was recently named to the 2016 First Team All-Pac 12 list. After playing football at Rifle High School, Ryan walked on to the Colorado Buffaloes football team as a special teams player. As a junior on the team this year, he earned nine total tackles on special teams and forced six fair catches on punts.

Ryan also played 391 snaps on defense, recording 36 tackles, with two forced fumbles. His overall play supported the biggest turnaround by a football program in Pac–12 Conference history. After a 1–8 conference record in 2015, the Buffaloes went 8–1 in conference matchups this season. Ryan's accomplishments are the result of dedication, hard work and perseverance, qualities that will serve him well in life.

I am proud that such an outstanding athlete and upstanding young man calls the Third Congressional District of Colorado home, and I congratulate Ryan and the Buffaloes on an exciting and successful season.

REGARDING JOINT SESSION OF CONGRESS TO COUNT ELECTORAL BALLOTS

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 6, 2017

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, as a senior member of the House Committees on the

Judiciary and Homeland Security Committee; Ranking Member of the Judiciary Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations, and the Congressional Voting Rights Caucus, I rise today to offer thoughts and reflections on the congressional responsibility to bear witness to the counting of electoral votes to determine formally the persons elected President and Vice President of the United States and on the campaign and election that brought us to this day.

Historians will surely record that the 2016 presidential campaign was one for the ages.

The two leading protagonists could not have been more dissimilar.

The Democratic candidate, Hillary Clinton of New York, was widely considered the most qualified person ever nominated for the office, having served as Secretary of State; elected by landslide margins to two terms as U.S. Senator from New York, the nation's only First Lady to win high elective office in her own right; valedictorian of her class at Wellesley University, a graduate of Yale Law School, and the first woman ever to win the presidential nomination of one of the nation's two major political parties.

Republican Donald Trump of New York, the other candidate, was sui generis as well, since he is the first person to gain an Electoral College majority with no experience whatsoever in elective or appointed governmental office or public service but possessing a remarkable talent for attracting media attention.

The 2016 was notable also for a number of other unprecedented occurrences.

For example, it was the first time in history that a Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation had ever injected himself and his agency, unintentionally or not, in a presidential campaign when FBI Director James Comey held a July 5, 2016 news conference, during which he announced that the FBI had completed its investigation regarding the email server of former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and had concluded that no violation of law had been committed but offered unfavorable personal opinions ex cathedra regarding Secretary Clinton's conduct.

Compounding the damage inflicted on Secretary Clinton's campaign by his gratuitous commentary, FBI Director Comey exacerbated the damage already done when, a mere eleven days before Election Day, he sent a vaguely worded letter to partisan Congressional Republican opponents of Secretary Clinton allowing them to leak the letter to the media and claim falsely that the FBI had reopened the investigation for the sole purpose of inflicting electoral damage on Secretary Clinton.

These actions were taken in contravention of long-standing Department of Justice policy, practice, and custom enjoining Justice Department officials and employees from engaging any conduct or taking any legal action that could impact the outcome of an election to be held within the ensuing 60 days.

The 2016 presidential election was historic in another respect as well; it is the first American presidential election that the Intelligence Community has confirmed was the subject of cyberattacks and other subversive activities of entities allied with the Government of Russia that were undertaken for the express purpose of influencing the outcome of the 2016 presidential election to secure the election of its preferred candidate, Donald Trump.

It is also worth noting that the 2016 presidential campaign was the first in history in which one of the two leading candidates, Donald Trump, openly invited a hostile foreign power to launch cyberattacks against his political opponent.

In at least one respect, however, the 2016 presidential campaign was not unprecedented.

It was the fifth time in history, and the second in the last 16 years, that the candidate winning an Electoral College majority lost the popular vote.

But what is unusual is the historic margin of the popular vote defeat produced by the 2016 campaign that saw Hillary Clinton defeat Donald Trump by an astounding 2.86 million votes: 65,844,610 votes to 62,979,636, nearly six times more than Vice-President Al Gore's popular vote win in 2000, the next highest victory margin.

Indeed, Hillary Clinton received more votes for president than any person in history not named Barack Obama, which means that the two greatest vote getters in American political history are an African American male and white female, which in itself is a testament to how far America has travelled on the path to equality and opportunity for all in the past 240 years.

While it is true that a switch of less than 80,000 votes in just three states—Pennsylvania, Michigan, and Wisconsin—would have secured an Electoral College majority for Hillary Clinton, that fact is of little consolation and practical consequence to the situation and task now before us, which is to count the electoral votes cast for President and Vice-President of the United States and announce the results to the country and the world.

It is, as I noted at the outset, a duty imposed on Members of the House and the Senate by the Constitution and laws of the United States.

But because we are all called upon to bear witness to the counting of electoral votes does not mean our role is to be passive observers.

On the contrary, the Constitution and the law, specifically Section 15 of the Electoral College Act, 3 U.S.C. § 1 et seq., vests in Representatives and Senators the power and responsibility of objecting to the counting of any vote cast by an elector if in their judgment the vote was not ''regularly given'' or the person casting the vote was not ''lawfully certified'' as an elector.

The Constitution devolves this solemn duty upon the people's representatives, the Congress, because the linchpin of representative democracy is public confidence in the political system, regime, and community.

That confidence in turn rests upon the extent to which the public has faith that the system employed to select its leaders accurately reflects its preferences.

At bottom, this means that all citizens casting a vote have a fundamental right and reasonable expectation that their votes count and are counted.

This concern is particularly salient when it comes to today's counting of the electoral votes occurring in the aftermath of the unprecedented interference by a hostile foreign power to secure victory for its preferred candidate.

And the salience is heightened by the fact that the November 8, 2016 election is the first presidential election held since the Supreme Court issued the notorious decision in Shelby County v. Holder, which neutered the preclearance provisions of the Voting Rights Act and adversely affected the ability of hundreds of thousands of persons to cast a ballot and have their vote counted.

For these reasons, I owe it to my constituents and to the American people to consider each electoral vote certificate as it is presented and accept those that appear to be meritorious but to oppose those which in my judgment do not appear to satisfy the statutory requirement that the votes reflected on the lists were ''regularly given'' by ''lawfully certified'' electors.

I am particularly skeptical that this legal standard is met where there is evidence to support the following conclusions:

1. There is a failure to provide ''distinct lists of votes'' for the President and Vice President as required by U.S. Constitution, Article II, Section 1 and Amendment XII; and by 3 U.S.C. § 9;

2. There is a failure of one or more elector to reside in the district from which elected as required under state law;

3. There appears to be a violation of state statutes prohibiting electors from holding multiple governmental offices of trust, honor, or profit;

4. There is compelling evidence that the illegal activities engaged in by individuals and entities allied with the Government of Russia that were undertaken for the purpose of benefitting the candidacy of Donald J. Trump deterred and dissuaded thousands of voters from exercising their franchise; or

5. There is compelling evidence that activities engaged in by state officials violated the Voting Rights Act of 1965 and disenfranchised thousands of voters and resulted in the unlawful certification of electors.

Finally, Mr. Speaker, let me say for the record that where, as is the case this year, the results in the Electoral College and of the popular vote diverge by the largest and most astounding margin in American history, it is particularly fitting, appropriate, and necessary to examine the electoral vote certificate presented for acceptance as carefully and fairly as possible and for as long as time permits.

The fate of our democracy is at stake. I now submit formal letters to the Vice President regarding objection to certification of Electors in certain states:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, January 6, 2017.

Basis of Objection: Failure of one or more elector to reside in district from which elected.

Hon. JOSEPH R. BIDEN,
Vice President of the United States and President of the Senate, Washington, DC.

DEAR VICE PRESIDENT BIDEN: We object to the 15 votes from the State of North Carolina for Donald J. Trump for President and Mike Pence for Vice President. Notwithstanding the certification by the Governor of the State of North Carolina, it is the opinion of the undersigned that these 15 votes were not regularly given because at least five electors were not ''lawfully certified'' and their votes were not ''regularly given'' since one or more electors does not reside in the district for which he or she was elected as required by state law.

Additionally, several activities engaged in by state officials in violation of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 disenfranchised thousands of North Carolina voters and resulted in the

unlawful certification of electors. Accordingly, no electoral vote of the State of North Carolina should be counted for Donald J. Trump for President or for Mike Pence for Vice President.

Respectfully,

SHEILA JACKSON LEE,
U.S. Representative, State of Texas.

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, January 6, 2017.

Basis of Objection: Violation of state statutes prohibiting dual-office holding.

Hon. JOSEPH R. BIDEN,
Vice President of the United States and President of the Senate, Washington, DC.

DEAR VICE PRESIDENT BIDEN: We object to the 20 votes from the State of Pennsylvania for Donald J. Trump for President and Mike Pence for Vice President. Notwithstanding the certification by the Governor of the State of Pennsylvania, it is the opinion of the undersigned that these 20 votes were not regularly given because they were cast by electors not lawfully certified since they are in violation of state law prohibiting dual-office holding.

Additionally, it appears that illegal activities engaged in by individuals and entities allied with the Government of Russia that were undertaken for the purpose to benefitting the candidacy of Donald J. Trump deterred and dissuaded thousands of voters from exercising their franchise and resulted in votes not regularly given by electors not lawfully certified. Accordingly, no electoral vote of the State of Pennsylvania should be counted for Donald J. Trump for President or for Mike Pence for Vice President.

Respectfully,

SHEILA JACKSON LEE,
U.S. Representative, State of Texas.

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, January 6, 2017.

Basis of Objection: Failure to provide ''distinct lists of votes'' for the President and Vice President.

Hon. JOSEPH R. BIDEN,
Vice President of the United States and President of the Senate, Washington, DC.

DEAR VICE PRESIDENT BIDEN: We object to the 10 votes from the State of Wisconsin for Donald J. Trump for President and Mike Pence for Vice President. Notwithstanding the certification by the Governor of the State of Wisconsin, it is the opinion of the undersigned that these 10 votes were not regularly given because they fail to comply with 3 U.S.C. §9, which requires that ''electors shall make and sign six certificates of all the votes given by them, each of which certificates shall contain two distinct lists, one of the votes for President and the other of the votes for Vice President[.]''

Additionally, it appears that illegal activities engaged in by individuals and entities allied with the Government of Russia that were undertaken for the purpose to benefitting the candidacy of Donald J. Trump deterred and dissuaded thousands of voters from exercising their franchise and resulted in votes not regularly given by electors not lawfully certified. Accordingly, no electoral vote of the State of Wisconsin should be counted for Donald J. Trump for President or for Mike Pence for Vice President.

Respectfully,

SHEILA JACKSON LEE,
U.S. Representative, State of Texas.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JANET POLINSKY

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 6, 2017

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor and remember the life of Janet Polinsky who passed away on September 26, 2016. Janet had a long and colorful career in the Connecticut General Assembly, serving as a State Representative for the 38th District for eight straight terms, from 1977 to 1993.

Janet was a 1953 graduate of the University of Connecticut, where she was the president of the Panhellenic Association. Her political career began on the Waterford Board of Education, followed by a stint on the Waterford Planning and Zoning Commission, of which she was the chairwoman. She then became the 38th District's State Representative.

During her time in the General Assembly, Janet was a mentor and inspiration to many and a true giant of state politics. She was the chairwoman of the Appropriations Committee, and the first female to serve as Deputy Speaker of the House. I was honored to serve alongside her during my time as a State Representative from 1987 until she retired in 1993. Janet's career in public service continued as the commissioner of the Department of Administrative Services from 1993 to 1995, and later the Public Utilities Control Commission from 1995 to 1999. Observing her perform her duties in committee and on the floor of the General Assembly was a great inspiration for all on how to act as a public servant. She was smart, funny, honest, decent and ethical. She left a huge footprint on the state of Connecticut, raising the salaries of public school teachers, originating a prescription drug benefit for seniors, and at the same time balancing the state's finances. It was an extraordinary record.

The Waterford community and our entire state will miss Janet deeply. I ask my colleagues to join me in offering our condolences to her husband, Alexander, and the rest of her family as they mourn her passing. She was one of the greats.

TRIBUTE TO PAUL MUNDT

HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 6, 2017

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Paul Mundt of Colorado Springs, Colorado. Known in Southern Colorado as KRDO's Paul Richards, he passed away on December 11, 2016. Paul leaves behind five children and his wife, Julie Halling, along with a lasting legacy.

Paul was the voice on five radio stations in Colorado Springs during his broadcasting career. Most recently, he was at KRDO where I had the privilege of getting to know him. After hearing of his passing, Paul's listeners immediately took to social media to share their memories of the man who played such a big part of their days and grieve with his family.

Paul was known to so many around the community as a morning broadcaster, but he will be especially missed for his volunteer work outside of the recording studio. Paul never missed a moment to help others.

Mr. Speaker, Paul's life ended much too early, but he truly lived it to the fullest while he was with us. It is an honor and a privilege to recognize Paul's work, service to his community, dedication to helping others and commitment to his family and friends. On behalf of Southern Colorado, and to the family and friends of Paul Mundt, I offer my condolences for the loss of their husband, father, and friend.

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

The House and Senate met in joint session to count electoral votes.

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Electoral Ballot Count: Senate met in Joint Session with the House of Representatives to count the electoral ballots of the States cast in the election of the President and Vice President of the United States. **Page S123**

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 12:45 p.m. and adjourned at 1:41 p.m., until 2 p.m. on Monday, January 9, 2017.

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 17 public bills, H.R. 350–366; and 7 resolutions, H.J. Res. 21–22; H. Con. Res. 8; and H. Res. 29–32, were introduced. **Pages H193–95**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H195–96**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Electoral College Vote Tellers: Pursuant to S. Con. Res. 2, to provide for the counting on January 6, 2017, of the electoral votes for President and Vice President of the United States, the Chair appointed Representative Harper and Representative Brady of Pennsylvania as tellers on the part of the House to count the electoral votes. **Page H185**

Recess: The House recessed at 12:02 p.m. and reconvened at 1 p.m. **Page H185**

Joint Session: The Joint Session was called to order at 1:06 p.m. and dissolved at 1:41 p.m. **Pages H185–90**

Declaration of the Election of President and Vice President: Pursuant to the provisions of S. Con. Res. 2, and the requirements of the Constitution and laws relating to the election of President and Vice President of the United States, the two Houses of Congress met in Joint Session with Vice President Biden as the presiding officer to count the electoral votes. The following votes were cast for President: Donald J. Trump of New York, 304, Hillary Clinton of New York, 227, Colin Powell of Virginia, 3, John Kasich of Ohio, 1, Ron Paul of Texas, 1, Bernie Sanders of Vermont, 1, and Faith Spotted Eagle of South Dakota, 1. The following votes were cast for Vice President: Michael R. Pence of Indiana, 305, Tim Kaine of Virginia, 227, Elizabeth Warren of Massachusetts, 2, Maria Cantwell of Washington, 1, Susan Collins of Maine, 1, Carly Fiorina of Virginia, 1, and Winona LaDuke of Minnesota, 1. After announcing the results of the certification process, the Vice President announced that the Joint Session was dissolved and that the results of the proceedings had during the Joint Session would be entered into the Journals of both Houses. **Pages H189–90**

During the Joint Session various House Members rose to make a point of order, object to the counting of the electoral votes from Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Michigan, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, West Virginia, Wisconsin, and Wyoming,

or to make a motion. The presiding officer and Chair, Vice President Biden, held that each case required a writing signed by both a Member of the House and a Senator. None were signed by a Senator and none were received. **Pages H186–89**

Committee Elections: The House agreed to H. Res. 29, electing Members to certain standing committees of the House of Representatives. **Page H190**

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Members to the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Representatives Conaway, King (NY), LoBiondo, Thomas J. Rooney (FL), Pompeo, Ros-Lehtinen, Turner, Wenstrup, Stewart, and Schiff. **Page H190**

Quorum Calls—Votes: There were no yea-and-nay votes, and there were no recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12 noon and adjourned at 1:54 p.m.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 2017

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of January 9 through January 13, 2017

Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, at approximately 2 p.m., Senate will resume consideration of S. Con. Res. 3, Budget Resolution, and vote on or in relation to Paul Amendment No. 1, at 5:30 p.m.

On *Tuesday*, at 2:30 p.m., Senate will vote on or in relation to Sanders Amendment No. 19, to S. Con. Res. 3, Budget Resolution.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Armed Services: January 10, to hold hearings to examine civilian control of the Armed Forces, 9:30 a.m., SH–216.

January 12, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of James N. Mattis, to be Secretary of Defense; to be immediately followed by a business meeting to consider legislation to provide for an exception to a limitation against appointment of persons as Secretary of Defense within seven years of relief from active duty as a regular commissioned officer of the Armed Forces, 9:30 a.m., SD–G50.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: January 12, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Benjamin Carson, of Michigan, to be Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, 10 a.m., SD–538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: January 11, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Elaine L. Chao, to be Secretary of Transportation, 10:15 a.m., SR–253.

January 12, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Wilbur L. Ross, Jr., to be Secretary of Commerce, 10 a.m., SR–253.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: January 11, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Betsy DeVos, of Michigan, to be Secretary of Education, 10 a.m., SD–430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: January 10, Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, to hold hearings to examine backpage.com's facilitation of online sex trafficking, 10 a.m., SD–342.

January 10, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of General John F. Kelly, USMC (Ret.), to be Secretary of Homeland Security, 3:30 p.m., SD–342.

Committee on the Judiciary: January 10, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Jeff Sessions, of Alabama, to be Attorney General, Department of Justice, 9:30 a.m., SR–325.

January 11, Full Committee, to continue hearings to examine the nomination of Jeff Sessions, of Alabama, to be Attorney General, Department of Justice, 9:30 a.m., SR–325.

House Committees

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

2 p.m., Monday, January 9

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: Senate will resume consideration of S. Con. Res. 3, Budget Resolution, and vote on or in relation to Paul Amendment No. 1, at 5:30 p.m.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12 p.m., Monday, January 9

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