HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES—*Monday, December 16, 2013*

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

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
December 16, 2013.

I hereby appoint the Honorable F. JAMES SENSENBRENNER, JR. to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

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

PRAYER

The Reverend Patrick Riffle, St. Peter's Catholic Church, Washington, D.C., offered the following prayer:

Heavenly Father, during this festive time of year we as Your people pause and reflect on Your abundant blessings. We thank You for family and friends. We thank You for the gift of this great Nation and for the gift of our liberty.

And while we reflect on our many blessings, we also remember those among us who are in need, especially the poor and marginalized of our society.

We remember those who are separated from family and friends, especially the men and women of our Armed Forces. May they know of our untiring support for them and their families, for the sacrifices they make for us each day.

Father, we ask You in a particular way to show Your love upon these our brothers and sisters, that our love and concern for them may be an act of gratitude for the blessings You have bestowed upon us.

We ask this all in Your most holy name.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 6(a) of House Resolution 438, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The SPEAKER pro tempore led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, December 13, 2013.

Hon. JOHN A. BOEHNER,
The Speaker, U.S. Capitol,
House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on December 13, 2013 at 2:59 p.m.:

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 3458.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

KAREN L. HAAS.

BILLS PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Karen L. Haas, Clerk of the House, reported that on December 13, 2013, she presented to the President of the United States, for his approval, the following bills:

H.R. 2871. To amend title 28, United States Code, to modify the composition of the southern judicial district of Mississippi to improve judicial efficiency, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2922. To extend the authority of the Supreme Court Police to protect court officials away from the Supreme Court grounds.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 6(b) of House Resolution 438, the House stands adjourned until 11 a.m. on Thursday, December 19, 2013.

Thereupon (at 11 o'clock and 3 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Thursday, December 19, 2013, at 11 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

4173. A letter from the Acting Under Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting a letter on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Richard C. Harding, United States Air Force, and his advancement on the retired list in the grade of lieutenant general; to the Committee on Armed Services.

4174. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting a letter on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Terry A. Wolff, United States Army, and his advancement on the retired list in the grade of lieutenant general; to the Committee on Armed Services.

4175. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Delaware; Attainment Plan for the Philadelphia-Wilmington, Pennsylvania-New Jersey-Delaware Nonattainment Area for the 1997 Annual Fine Particulate Matter Standard [EPA-R03-OAR-2010-0141; FRL-9904-14-Region 3] received December 11, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

4176. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Michigan [EPA-R05-OAR-2010-0566; FRL-9904-11-Region 5] received December 11, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

4177. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Pennsylvania; Philadelphia County Reasonably Available Control Technology under the 1997 8-Hour Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard [EPA-R03-OAR-2008-0603; FRL-9904-12-Region 3] received December 11, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

4178. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; New Mexico; Prevention of Significant Deterioration; Greenhouse Gas Plantwide Applicability Limit Permitting Revisions [EPA-R06-OAR-2013-0060; FRL-9903-98-Region 6] received December 11, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

4179. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Flonicamid; Pesticide Tolerances [EPA-HQ-OPP-2013-0038; FRL-9902-07] received December 11, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

4180. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Cooperation Agency, transmitting Transmittal No. 13-02, Notice of Proposed Issuance of Letter of Offer and Acceptance, pursuant to Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

4181. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Cooperation Agency, transmitting Transmittal No. 13-17, Notice of Proposed Issuance of Letter of Offer and Acceptance, pursuant to Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.