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Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 25, 2011, at 10 a.m.

House of Representatives

TUESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2011

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

DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
January 11, 2011.

I hereby appoint the Honorable VIRGINIA FOXF to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

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

MORNING-HOUR DEBATE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of January 5, 2011, the Chair will now recognize Members from lists submitted by the majority and minority leaders for morning-hour debate.

The Chair will alternate recognition between the parties, with each party limited to 1 hour and each Member other than the majority and minority leaders and the minority whip limited to 5 minutes each, but in no event shall debate continue beyond 1:50 p.m.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until 2 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 1 minute p.m.), the House stood in recess until 2 p.m.

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker at 2 p.m.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer:

Eternal God, we praise You and thank You for another day to offer You humble worship privately and publicly in this land of freedom.

We ask Your blessing upon our work and the common good of this Nation.

Help those in most need of our prayers and attention.

Touch with healing power those who are sick, grieving or wounded. Grant peace to those who have died suddenly and consoling love to all who mourn, for You have promised to be with us in our every need both now and forever.

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 Alaska (Mr. YOUNG) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska 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.

ELECTING MEMBERS TO CERTAIN STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Democratic Caucus, I offer a privileged resolution and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 31

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

(1) COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS.—Ms. Kaptur, Mr. Visclosky, Mrs. Lowey, Mr. Serrano, Ms. DeLauro, Mr. Moran, Mr. Olver, Mr. Pastor of Arizona, Mr. Price of North Carolina, Mr. Hinchey, Ms. Roybal-Allard, Mr. Farr, Mr. Jackson of Illinois, Mr. Fattah, Mr. Rothman of New Jersey, Mr. Bishop of Georgia, Ms. Lee of California, Mr. Schiff, Mr. Honda, and Ms. McCollum.

(2) COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND COMMERCE.—Mr. Dingell, Mr. Markey, Mr. Towns, Mr. Pallone, Mr. Rush, Ms. Eshoo, Mr. Engel, Mr. Gene Green of Texas, Ms. DeGette, Mrs. Capps, Mr. Doyle, Ms. Harman, Ms. Schakowsky, Mr. Gonzalez, Mr. Inslee, Ms. Baldwin, Mr. Ross of Arkansas, Mr. Weiner, Mr. Matheson, Mr. Butterfield, Mr. Barrow, and Ms. Matsui.

(3) COMMITTEE ON ETHICS.—Ms. Zoe Lofgren of California.

(4) COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS.—Mr. Rangel, Mr. Stark, Mr. McDermott, Mr. Lewis of Georgia, Mr. Neal, Mr. Becerra, Mr. Doggett, Mr. Thompson of California, Mr.

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Larson of Connecticut, Mr. Blumenauer, Mr. Kind, Mr. Pascrell, Ms. Berkley, and Mr. Crowley.

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut (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 Connecticut?

There was no objection.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

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Keating Neal
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Amash Dingell Miller
Benishek Huizenga Peters
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Clarke Levin Upton
Conyers McCotter Walberg

MINNESOTA

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Cravaack McCollum Walz
Ellison Paulsen

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MONTANA

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Bass Guinta

NEW JERSEY

Andrews LoBiondo Runyan
Frelinghuysen Pallone Sires
Garrett Pascrell Smith
Holt Payne
Lance Rothman

NEW MEXICO

Heinrich Luján Pearce

NEW YORK

Ackerman Higgins Owens
Bishop Hinchey Rangel
Buerkle Israel Reed
Clarke King Serrano
Crowley Lee Slaughter
Engel Lowey Tonko
Gibson Maloney Towns
Grimm McCarthy Velázquez
Hanna Meeks Weiner
Hayworth Nadler

NORTH CAROLINA

Butterfield Kissell Price
Coble McHenry Shuler
Ellmers McIntyre Watt
Foxy Miller
Jones Myrick

NORTH DAKOTA

Berg

OHIO

Austria Jordan Ryan
Boehner Kaptur Schmidt
Chabot Kucinich Stivers
Fudge LaTourrette Sutton
Gibbs Latta Tiberi
Johnson Renacci Turner

OKLAHOMA

Boren Lankford Sullivan
Cole Lucas

OREGON

Blumenauer Walden
Schrader Wu

PENNSYLVANIA

Altmire Fitzpatrick Pitts
Barletta Gerlach Platts
Brady Holden Schwartz
Critz Kelly Schuster
Dent Marino Thompson
Doyle Meehan
Fattah Murphy

RHODE ISLAND

Ciциlline Langevin

SOUTH CAROLINA

Clyburn Gowdy Scott
Duncan Mulvaney Wilson

SOUTH DAKOTA

Noem

TENNESSEE

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Blackburn DesJarlais Fleischmann
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Cuellar Hensarling Reyes
Culberson Hinojosa Sessions
Doggett Jackson Lee Smith
Farenthold Johnson, E. B. Thornberry
Flores Johnson, Sam

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Connolly Hurt Wittman
Forbes Moran Wolf
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Hastings McDermott Smith
Herrera Beutler McMorris
Inslee Rodgers

WEST VIRGINIA

Capito McKinley Rahall

WISCONSIN

Baldwin Moore Ryan
Duffy Petri Sensenbrenner
Kind Ribble

WYOMING

Lummis

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 2 o'clock and 3 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, January 12, 2011, at 10 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

54. A letter from the Acting Secretary, Federal Trade Commission, transmitting the Commission's fourth interim report on an ongoing study of the accuracy and completeness of information contained in consumer reports prepared or maintained by consumer reporting agencies and methods for improving the accuracy and completeness of such information, pursuant to Section 319 of the Fair and Accurate Credit Transactions Act of 2003; to the Committee on Financial Services.

55. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting as required by section 401(c) of the National Emergencies Act, 50 U.S.C. 1641(c), and section 204(c) of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, 50 U.S.C. 1703(c), a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to North Korea that was declared in Executive Order 13466 of June 26, 2008, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1641(c); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

56. A letter from the Chief Administrative Officer, transmitting the quarterly report of receipts and expenditures of appropriations and other funds for the period October 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010 as compiled by the Chief Administrative Officer, pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 104a Public Law 88-454; (H. Doc. No. 112-6); to the Committee on House Administration and ordered to be printed.

57. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Summer Flounder Fishery; Quota Transfer [Docket No.: 0908191244-91427-02] (RIN: 0648-XA070) received January 6, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

58. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Groundfish Retention Standard; Emergency Rule [Docket No.: 101203602-0602-1] (RIN: 0648-BA29) received January 6, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C.

801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

59. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Reef Fish Fishery of the Gulf of Mexico; Red Grouper Management Measures [Docket No.: 100803319-0565-02] (RIN: 0648-BA04) received January 4, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

60. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Emergency Fisheries Closure in the Gulf of Mexico Due to the Deepwater Horizon MC252 Oil Spill; Amendment 3 [Docket No.: 100510220-0581-04] (RIN: 0648-AY90) received January 4, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

61. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Snapper-Grouper Fishery Off the Southern Atlantic States; Amendment 17A [Docket No.: 0907271170-0576-03] (RIN: 0648-AY10) received January 4, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

62. A letter from the Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, transmitting the Department's quarterly report from the Office of Privacy and Civil Liberties for the second quarter of fiscal year 2010, pursuant to Public Law 110-53, section 803 (121 Stat. 266, 360); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

63. A letter from the Secretary, Judicial Conference of the United States, transmitting a report on the continuing need for bankruptcy judgeships, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 153(b)(3); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

[The following action occurred on January 3, 2011]

Mr. CONYERS: Committee on the Judiciary. Report on the Activities of the Committee on the Judiciary During the 111th Congress (Rept. 111-712). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions of the following titles were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. SIRES (for himself, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mr. CARNAHAN, and Mr. CAPUANO):

H.R. 260. A bill to amend titles 23 and 49, United States Code, to enhance employer involvement in transportation planning and to create and expand commuter benefit programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. PALLONE (for himself, Mr. GARAMENDI, and Ms. CASTOR of Florida):

H.R. 261. A bill to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to prohibit the leasing of any area of the outer Continental Shelf for the exploration, development, or production of oil, gas, or any other mineral; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. LARSON of Connecticut:

H. Res. 31. A resolution electing Members to certain standing committees of the House of Representatives; considered and agreed to, considered and agreed to.

CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY STATEMENT

Pursuant to clause 7 of rule XII of the Rules of the House of Representa-

tives, 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. SIRES:

H.R. 260.

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

Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution.

By Mr. PALLONE:

H.R. 261.

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

Article IV, Section 3, Clause 2:

“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; and nothing in this Constitution shall be so construed as to Prejudice any Claims of the United States, or of any particular State.”

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

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

H.R. 2: Mrs. NOEM, Mr. McCOTTER, Mr. RIGELL, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. HUNTER, and Mr. GUINTA.

H.R. 21: Mr. ROSS of Florida and Mr. FLORES.

H.R. 25: Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. POSEY, and Mr. FLEMING.

H.R. 61: Mr. HUNTER.

H.R. 136: Mr. KING of New York.

H.R. 152: Ms. FOXX.

H.R. 206: Mr. HUELSKAMP, Mr. RENACCI, Mr. HUNTER, and Mr. WALBERG.

H.R. 217: Mr. FLORES and Mr. MCINTYRE.

H. Res. 11: Mr. SCHIFF, Ms. BORDALLO, Ms. MOORE, Ms. WOOLSEY, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. FILNER, and Ms. NORTON.

H. Res. 30: Mr. BRALEY of Iowa.