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Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, June 18, 2012, at 3 p.m.

House of Representatives

FRIDAY, JUNE 15, 2012

The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. LATOURETTE).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
June 15, 2012.

I hereby appoint the Honorable STEVEN C. LATOURETTE to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

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

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer:
Loving and gracious God, we give You thanks for giving us another day. Help us this day to draw closer to You, so that with Your spirit and aware of Your presence among us, we may all face the tasks of this day with grace and confidence.

Bless the Members of the people's House as they spend their final day away of this constituent work week.

May these decisive days through which we are living make them genuine enough to maintain their integrity, great enough to be humble, and good enough to keep their faith, always regarding public office as a sacred trust. Give them the wisdom and the courage to fail not their fellow citizens, nor You.

May all that is done this day be for Your greater honor and glory. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

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

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

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the House stands adjourned until 2 p.m. on Monday next.

There was no objection.

Accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 3 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Monday, June 18, 2012, at 2 p.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

6437. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation, titled the "Leadership, Education, Accountability and Dis-

cipline on Sexual Assault Prevention Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

6438. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the thirty-second annual report on the implementation of the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 by departments and agencies which administer programs of Federal financial assistance, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 6106a(b); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

6439. A letter from the Chair, Advisory Council on Alzheimer's Research, Care, and Services, transmitting recommendations by the Council; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

6440. A letter from the Acting Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Affairs, Consumer Product Safety Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Testing and Labeling Pertaining to Product Certification [CPSC Docket No.: CPSC-2010-0038] received May 13, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

6441. A letter from the Program Manager, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule — Medical Loss Ratio Requirements under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act [CMS-9998-F] (RIN: 0938-AR41) received May 15, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

6442. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting a report entitled, "National Plan to Address Alzheimer's Disease"; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

6443. A letter from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Amendment of the Commission's Rules Governing Hearing Aid-Compatible Mobile Handsets [WT Docket No.: 07-250] received May 15, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C.

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801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

6444. A letter from the Assistant Legal Advisor for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting report prepared by the Department of State concerning international agreements other than treaties entered into by the United States to be transmitted to the Congress within the sixty-day period specified in the Case-Zablocki Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

6445. 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 Belarus that was declared in Executive Order 13405 of June 16, 2006; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

6446. A letter from the Auditor, Office of the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting copy of the report entitled "Review of the Permanent Supportive Housing Program — Department of Human Services", pursuant to D.C. Code section 47-117(d); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

6447. A letter from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting the Office's "Major" final — Excepted Service, Career and Career-Conditional Employment; and Pathways Programs (RIN: 3206-AM34) received June 4, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

6448. A letter from the Attorney Advisor, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Drawbridge Operation Regulations; Long Island, New York Inland Waterway from East Rockaway Inlet to Shinnecock Canal, NY [Docket No.: USCG-2012-0144] (RIN: 1625-AA09) received May 14, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6449. A letter from the Attorney Advisor, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Safety Zones; Sellwood Bridge Project, Willamette River; Portland, OR [Docket No.: USCG-2011-1174] (RIN: 1625-AA00) received May 14, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6450. A letter from the Attorney Advisor, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Eighth Coast Guard District Annual Marine Events and Safety Zones [Docket No.: USCG-2011-0286] (RIN: 1625-AA00; 1625-AA08) received May 14, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6451. A letter from the Senior Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments [Docket No.: 30838; Amdt. No. 3475] received May 15, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6452. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Health Insurance Premium Tax Credit [TD 9590] (RIN: 1545-BJ82) received May 22, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

6453. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting additional legislative proposals that the Department requests be enacted during the second session of the 112th Congress; jointly to the

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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:

Mr. KING of New York: Committee on Homeland Security. H.R. 3173. A bill to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to reform the process for the enrollment, activation, issuance, and renewal of a Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC) to require, in total, not more than one in-person visit to a designated enrollment center; with an amendment (Rept. 112-523). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington: Committee on Natural Resources. H.R. 3685. A bill to amend the Herger-Feinstein Quincy Library Group Forest Recovery Act to extend and expand the scope of the pilot forest management project required by that Act; with an amendment (Rept. 112-524, Pt. 1). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington: Committee on Natural Resources. H.R. 4039. A bill to convey certain Federal land to the city of Yerington, Nevada; with an amendment (Rept. 112-525). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington: Committee on Natural Resources. H.R. 4094. A bill to authorize pedestrian and motorized vehicular access in Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreational Area, and for other purposes (Rept. 112-526, Pt. 1). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington: Committee on Natural Resources. S. 997. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to extend a water contract between the United States and the East Bench Irrigation District (Rept. 112-527). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington: Committee on Natural Resources. H.R. 4383. A bill to streamline the application for permits to drill process and increase funds for energy project permit processing, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 112-528, Pt. 1). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington: Committee on Natural Resources. H.R. 3065. A bill to amend the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act to facilitate the establishment of additional or expanded public target ranges in certain States (Rept. 112-529, Pt. 1). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington: Committee on Natural Resources. H.R. 4381. A bill to di-

rect the Secretary of the Interior to establish goals for an all-of-the-above energy production plan strategy on a 4-year basis on all onshore Federal lands managed by the Department of the Interior and the Forest Service; with an amendment (Rept. 112-530). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington: Committee on Natural Resources. H.R. 4382. A bill to ensure Federal oil and natural gas lease sales occur, eliminate redundant leasing bureaucracy, and provide leasing certainty; with an amendment (Rept. 112-531). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington: Committee on Natural Resources. H.R. 2352. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to adjust the boundary of the Stephen Mather Wilderness and the North Cascades National Park in order to allow the rebuilding of a road outside of the floodplain while ensuring that there is no net loss of acreage to the Park or the Wilderness, and for other purposes (Rept. 112-532). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington: Committee on Natural Resources. H.R. 4234. A bill to amend the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 to improve the management of grazing leases and permits, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 112-533, Pt. 1). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. ISSA: Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. H.R. 538. A bill to require the establishment of customer service standards for Federal agencies; with an amendment (Rept. 112-534). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. ISSA: Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. H.R. 4363. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to allow Federal employees to continue their public service while partially retired; with an amendment (Rept. 112-535). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. ISSA: Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. H.R. 2008. A bill to amend title 41, United States Code, to prohibit inserting politics into the Federal acquisition process by prohibiting the submission of political contribution information as a condition of receiving a Federal contract (Rept. 112-536). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

DISCHARGE OF COMMITTEE

Pursuant to clause 2 of rule XIII, the following action was taken by the Speaker:

The Committee on the Judiciary discharged from further consideration. H.R. 3065 referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

The Committee on Agriculture discharged from further consideration. H.R. 3685 referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

The Committee on the Judiciary discharged from further consideration. H.R. 4094 referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

The Committee on Agriculture discharged from further consideration. H.R. 4234 referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

The Committee on the Judiciary discharged from further consideration. H.R. 4383 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. SMITH of Texas (for himself, Mr. ROGERS of Michigan, Mr. RUPPERSBERGER, Mr. SENSENBRENNER, and Mr. DANIEL E. LUNGREN of California):

H.R. 5949. A bill to extend the FISA Amendments Act of 2008 for five years; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Intelligence (Permanent Select), 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. BURGESS:

H.R. 5950. A bill to amend the FAA Modernization and Reform Act of 2012 to establish prohibitions to prevent the use of unmanned aircraft systems as weapons while operating in the national airspace system, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. HECK:

H.R. 5951. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to restore to Members of the House of Representatives an election to decline coverage under the Federal Employees' Retirement System; to the Committee on House Administration, and in addition to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. ISRAEL (for himself and Mr. COLE):

H. Res. 687. A resolution calling for Syrian President Bashar al-Assad to be tried before the International Criminal Court for committing crimes against humanity; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY STATEMENT

Pursuant to clause 7 of rule XII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the following statements are submitted regarding the specific powers granted to Congress in the Constitution to enact the accompanying bill or joint resolution.

By Mr. SMITH of Texas:

H.R. 5949.

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

The authority to enact this bill is derived from, but may not be limited to, Article I, Section 8, Clauses 1 and 3 of the United States Constitution.

By Mr. BURGESS:

H.R. 5950.

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

The attached language falls within Congress' delegated authority to legislate interstate commerce, found in Article I, Section 8, clause 3 of the U.S. Constitution. Further, Congress' authority to authorize the FAA to regulate airspace within the U.S. has been found to be within its authority under the General Welfare clause of the U.S. Constitution, Article I, Section 8, clause 1.

By Mr. HECK:

H.R. 5951.

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

Article 1, Section 6: The Senators and Representatives shall receive a compensation for their services, to be ascertained by law, and paid out of the treasury of the United States.

Article 1, Section 8: . . . 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 or officer thereof.

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

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

H.R. 178: Ms. DEGETTE.

H.R. 1464: Ms. FOXX, Mr. PITTS, Mr. BERMAN, and Mr. SCHIFF.

H.R. 2066: Mr. GINGREY of Georgia.

H.R. 2140: Mr. HIGGINS.

H.R. 2827: Mr. HANNA.

H.R. 2969: Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Mr. REYES, Ms. RICHARDSON, and Ms. NORTON.

H.R. 3067: Mr. CANSECO, Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA, Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio, Ms. SPEIER, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mr. MORAN, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Mr. CUMMINGS, and Mr. TOWNS.

H.R. 3187: Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania, Mr. CULBERSON, Mr. LONG, Mr. AL GREEN of Texas, Mr. LANGEVIN, Mr. MCHENRY, Mr. HIMES, Ms. NORTON, and Mr. PLATTS.

H.R. 3324: Mr. RANGEL.

H.R. 3352: Mr. LOBIONDO.

H.R. 3399: Mr. MEEHAN.

H.R. 3596: Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas.

H.R. 3797: Mr. LANCE.

H.R. 3839: Mr. YOUNG of Alaska.

H.R. 4160: Mrs. BLACKBURN and Mr. HENSARLING.

H.R. 4329: Ms. CHU.

H.R. 5707: Mr. PERLMUTTER.

H.R. 5850: Mr. GARRETT, Mr. RIVERA, and Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio.

H.R. 5895: Mr. FILNER, Ms. CASTOR of Florida, Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, and Ms. CLARKE of New York.

H.R. 5910: Mr. CHAFFETZ, Mr. JOHNSON of Illinois, Mr. BOREN, Mr. SIMPSON, and Mr. RANGEL.

H. Res. 134: Mr. RIBBLE, Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN, and Ms. SCHWARTZ.

H. Res. 289: Mr. BERMAN and Mr. MORAN.

H. Res. 397: Mr. HOLT and Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi.

H. Res. 506: Mr. MICHAUD.

H. Res. 623: Mr. CULBERSON and Mr. ROGERS of Michigan.

H. Res. 672: Mr. CONYERS and Mr. MCGOVERN.

H. Res. 683: Mr. BERMAN, Ms. RICHARDSON, Mr. SHERMAN, Ms. SPEIER, and Mr. CLARKE of Michigan.