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Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, May 3, 2021, at 12:45 p.m.

House of Representatives

FRIDAY, APRIL 30, 2021

The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. BROWN).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
April 30, 2021.

I hereby appoint the Honorable ANTHONY G. BROWN to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

Almighty God, in Your most sacred presence, who can stand? Who can come near Your holy mountain? And yet, we dare approach You in this moment, asking that You give us the strength to live this day without blame, that we would do what is right; and in opening our hearts to Your truth, that we would speak it.

May our words, our conversations, do no harm, neither to a stranger nor to friend or loved one.

Call us out when our lives turn toward wickedness, but we pray for Your approval when what we do, what we say, and how we live honors Your righteousness.

May we keep the vows we have made to You, to our spouses, to our country.

To each, may we give of ourselves without asking for more in return. And may we be faithful and merciful in our dealings with the innocent.

In the living of our lives this day, cause not our feet to stumble. In Your most holy name we pray.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 11(a) of House Resolution 188, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. NORMAN) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. NORMAN 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 REPUBLICAN LEADER

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Honorable KEVIN MCCARTHY, Republican Leader:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, April 30, 2021.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: Pursuant to Clause 5(a)(4)(A) of rule X, I am pleased to appoint the following Republican Members of the House to be available to serve on investigative subcommittees of the Committee on Ethics for the 117th Congress:

The Honorable John W. Rose of Tennessee
The Honorable Ann Wagner of Missouri
The Honorable Ben Cline of Virginia
The Honorable David Rouzer of North Carolina

The Honorable Vicky Hartzler of Missouri
The Honorable Charles J. "Chuck" Fleischmann of Tennessee
The Honorable Jodey C. Arrington of Texas
The Honorable Cliff Bentz of Oregon
The Honorable Michelle Fischbach of Minnesota

The Honorable Andrew R. Garbarino of New York
Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

KEVIN MCCARTHY,
Republican Leader.

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, April 29, 2021.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
The Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II

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

Matter set in this typeface indicates words inserted or appended, rather than spoken, by a Member of the House on the floor.



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of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on April 29, 2021, at 4:13 p.m.:

That the Senate agreed to S.J. Res. 14.

That the Senate passed S. 914.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 2630.

Appointments:

Health Information Technology Advisory Committee

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

GLORIA J. LETT,
Deputy Clerk.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 11(b) of House Resolution 188, the House stands adjourned until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, May 4, 2021.

Thereupon (at 9 o'clock and 3 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Tuesday, May 4, 2021, at 10 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV,

EC-1004. A letter from the Chief Administrative Officer, U.S. House of Representatives, transmitting the quarterly report of receipts and expenditures of appropriations and other funds for the period January 1, 2021, to March 31, 2021 (H. Doc. No. 117-33), was taken from the Speaker's table, referred to the Committee on House Administration and ordered to be printed.

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:

Ms. WATERS: Committee on Financial Services. H.R. 2547. A bill to expand and enhance consumer, student, servicemember, and small business protections with respect to debt collection practices, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 117-23). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi: Committee on Homeland Security. H.R. 1877. A bill to require the Transportation Security Administration to issue a plan to improve security screening procedures at airports during the COVID-19 national emergency, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 117-24). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi: Committee on Homeland Security. H.R. 1893. A bill to direct the Transportation Security Administration to develop a transportation security preparedness plan in the event of a communicable disease outbreak, and for other purposes (Rept. 117-25). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi: Committee on Homeland Security. H.R. 1895. A bill to enhance the preparedness of the Transportation Security Administration for public health threats to the transportation security system of the United States, and for other purposes (Rept. 117-26). 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 Mrs. LESKO (for herself and Ms. BASS):

H.R. 2906. A bill to amend title 9 of the United States Code to prohibit the enforcement of predispute arbitration agreements with respect to sexual assault claims; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. PENCE (for himself and Mr. RUSH):

H.R. 2907. A bill to direct the Secretary of Commerce, in coordination with the heads of other relevant Federal departments and agencies, to conduct an interagency review of and report to Congress on ways to increase the global competitiveness of the United States in attracting foreign direct investment; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Ms. BASS (for herself and Mr. CÁRDENAS):

H.R. 2908. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to account for the age of certain juvenile offenders and to amend title IV of the Social Security Act to allow the Secretary of Health and Human Services to award competitive grants to enhance collaboration between State child welfare and juvenile justice systems, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary, 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. BEYER (for himself and Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania):

H.R. 2909. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a one-time election for a qualified charitable distribution to a split-interest entity and to inflation adjust the limits for qualified charitable distributions; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. BIGGS (for himself, Ms. SALAZAR, Mr. GAETZ, Ms. HERRELL, Mr. BUDD, Mrs. GREENE of Georgia, Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas, Mr. GOOD of Virginia, and Mrs. MCCLAIN):

H.R. 2910. A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program to improve the ability of veterans to access medical care in medical facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs and in the community by providing the veterans the ability to choose health care providers; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. BOST (for himself, Mr. TAKANO, Mr. PAPPAS, and Mr. MANN):

H.R. 2911. A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit to Congress a plan for obligating and expending Coronavirus pandemic funding made available to the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. CARTWRIGHT (for himself, Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, Mr. VARGAS, Mr. PETERS, Mr. SWALWELL, Mr. CONNOLLY, and Ms. SCHAKOWSKY):

H.R. 2912. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to require certain institutions of higher education to provide notice of tuition levels for students; to the Committee on Education and Labor.

By Ms. CHU (for herself, Mr. PANETTA, and Ms. SEWELL):

H.R. 2913. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide matching payments for retirement savings contributions

by certain individuals; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. CORREA (for himself and Mr. STEWART):

H.R. 2914. A bill to add suicide prevention resources to school identification cards; to the Committee on Education and Labor.

By Mr. CORREA (for himself, Mr. MAST, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. PAPPAS, and Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi):

H.R. 2915. A bill to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 regarding the procurement of certain items related to national security interests for Department of Homeland Security frontline operational components, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security.

By Mr. CORREA (for himself and Mr. MEIJER):

H.R. 2916. A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a series of clinical trials on the effects of cannabis on certain health outcomes of veterans with chronic pain and post-traumatic stress disorder, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois (for himself, Mr. LAHOOD, Mr. PASCRELL, Mr. ESTES, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Ms. SEWELL, Mrs. TRAHAN, and Mr. ZELDIN):

H.R. 2917. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for retirement matching contributions by employers on account of student loan payments made by employees; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. DEFAZIO (for himself, Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. KIND, Mr. NEWHOUSE, Ms. PINGREE, and Mr. PANETTA):

H.R. 2918. A bill to require the Secretary of Agriculture to initiate and complete notice and comment rulemaking to implement recommendations approved by the National Organic Standards Board, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mrs. DINGELL (for herself, Mr. KHANNA, Ms. BARRAGAN, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Ms. OMAR, Mr. BOWMAN, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Mr. CROW, Ms. JAYAPAL, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. RASKIN, Mr. JONES, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Ms. NEWMAN, Ms. PINGREE, Ms. LEE of California, Ms. TLAI, Mr. NADLER, Mr. POCAN, Mr. SUOZZI, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. BRENDAN F. BOYLE of Pennsylvania, Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois, Mr. LOWENTHAL, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia, Mrs. TRAHAN, Mr. WELCH, Mr. LIEU, Ms. MENG, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York, Ms. KAPTUR, Ms. PRESSLEY, Mr. TAKANO, Mr. TORRES of New York, Mr. HUFFMAN, Mr. CONNOLLY, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Mr. LEVIN of Michigan, Mr. GOMEZ, Mr. MCGOVERN, and Ms. TITUS):

H.R. 2919. A bill to establish a Federal agenda to transform, heal, and renew the United States by investing in a vibrant economy, to provide funds to certain Federal investment programs that meet related labor, equity, and environmental standards, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and Labor, and in addition to the Committees on Financial Services, Energy and Commerce, Natural Resources, Transportation and Infrastructure, and Agriculture, 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 Ms. ESCOBAR (for herself and Mr. VALADAO):