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Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 16, 2021, at 10 a.m.

House of Representatives

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2021

The House met at 9:30 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,
February 15, 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, Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

Almighty God, we come before You still recovering from last week's hearings. We confess that our arguments were void of mercy and vitriolic in intent and have left us overwhelmed with both despair and heartsickness.

You have warned us that quarreling is of no value and subverts the very message we attempt to convey. Convict us of our hubris and our headstrong ways, and call us to account for our unwillingness to diffuse the contention in our deliberations.

As we set our sights on another week of controversy, inspire us to pursue righteousness and not rightness; to exercise our faith and not exploit our rivals' flaws; to speak in love and not with license; to find paths to peace

rather than resign ourselves to resentment.

Make us better than we were yesterday, so that our efforts today will bring a more perfect tomorrow.

We pray in the strength of Your holy name.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 5(a)(1)(A) of House Resolution 8, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

Mr. HUDSON 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 A MEMBER TO A CERTAIN STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 122

Resolved, That the following named Member be, and is hereby, elected to the fol-

lowing standing committee of the House of Representatives:

COMMITTEE ON THE BUDGET: Mr. Kelly of Mississippi (to rank immediately after Mr. Smith of Missouri).

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE REPUBLICAN LEADER

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

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, February 10, 2021.

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

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: Pursuant to Section 2(b) of the Commission on the Social Status of Black Men and Boys Act (Pub. L. 116-156), amended by Section 201 of Title II, Division O of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021, I am pleased to appoint the following member to the Commission on the Social Status of Black Men and Boys:

Mr. Marshall B. Dillard, Bakersfield, California.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

KEVIN MCCARTHY,
Republican Leader.

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

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, February 10, 2021.

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

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: Pursuant to Section 4(b) of House Resolution 8, 117th Congress, I am pleased to appoint the following Member to the Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission to serve as the Republican Co-chairman:

The Honorable CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH of New Jersey.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

KEVIN MCCARTHY,
Republican Leader.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, February 10, 2021.

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

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: Pursuant to 22 USC §7002, I am pleased to appoint the following member to the United States-China Economic and Security Review Commission:

Dr. Derek M. Scissors, Bethesda, Maryland.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

KEVIN MCCARTHY,
Republican Leader.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, February 10, 2021.

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

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: Pursuant to 22 USC §7002, I am pleased to appoint the following individual to the United States-China Economic and Security Review Commission to fill the existing vacancy thereon:

Mr. Alex N. Wong, Wyckoff, New Jersey.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

KEVIN MCCARTHY,
Republican Leader.

APPOINTMENT OF INDIVIDUAL TO COMMISSION ON THE SOCIAL STATUS OF BLACK MEN AND BOYS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces the Speaker's appointment, pursuant to section 2(b) of Public Law 116-156, as amended by Public Law 116-260, and the order of the House of January 4, 2021, of the following individual on the part of the House to the Commission on the Social Status of Black Men and Boys:

Dr. Joseph E. Marshall, Jr., of San Francisco, California.

PUBLICATION OF COMMITTEE RULES

RULES OF THE COMMITTEE ON HOUSE
ADMINISTRATION FOR THE 117TH CONGRESS
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON HOUSE ADMINISTRATION
Washington, DC, February 15, 2021.

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

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: Pursuant to clause 2(a) of rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives, I submit the Rules of the Committee on House Administration for the 117th Congress for publication in the Congressional Record. On February 10, 2021, the Committee met in open session and adopted these Rules by voice vote, a quorum being present.

Sincerely,

ZOE LOFGREN,
Chairperson.

Attachment.

Adopted February 10, 2021

Rule No. 1—General Provisions

(a) The Rules of the House of Representatives are the rules of the Committee so far as applicable, except that a motion to recess from day to day is a privileged motion in the Committee.

(b) The Committee is authorized at any time to conduct such investigations and studies as it may consider necessary or appropriate in the exercise of its responsibilities under rule X of the Rules of the House of Representatives and, subject to the adoption of expense resolutions as required by clause 6 of rule X of the Rules of the House of Representatives, to incur expenses (including travel expenses) in connection therewith.

(c) The Committee is authorized to have printed and bound testimony and other data presented at hearings held by the Committee, and to make such information available to the public. All costs of stenographic services and transcripts in connection with any meeting or hearing of the Committee shall be paid from the appropriate House account.

(d) The Committee shall submit to the House, not later than January 2 of each odd-numbered year, a report on the activities of the committee under rules X and XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives.

(e) The Committee's rules shall be made publicly available in electronic form and published in the Congressional Record not later than 60 days after the Chairperson is elected in each odd-numbered year.

Rule No. 2—Regular and Special Meetings

(a)(1) The regular meeting date of the Committee shall be the second Tuesday of every month when the House is in session in accordance with clause 2(b) of rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives. If the House is not in session on the second Tuesday of a month, the regular meeting date shall be the third Tuesday of that month.

(2) Additional meetings may be called by the Chairperson of the full Committee as the Chairperson considers necessary, or at the request of a majority of the members of the Committee in accordance with clause 2(c) of rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives.

(3) The determination of the business to be considered at each meeting shall be made by the Chairperson subject to clause 2(c) of rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives. A regularly scheduled meeting may be dispensed with if, in the judgment of the Chairperson, there is no need for the meeting.

(b) If the Chairperson is not present at any meeting of the Committee, the ranking

member of the majority party who is present shall preside at the meeting.

(c) The Chairperson, in the case of meetings to be conducted by the Committee shall make public announcement of the date, place, and subject matter of any meeting to be conducted on any measure or matter. Such meeting shall not commence earlier than the third calendar day (excluding Saturdays, Sundays, or legal holidays except when the House is in session on such a day) on which members have notice thereof. If the Chairperson, with the concurrence of the ranking minority member, determines that there is good cause to begin the meeting sooner, or if the Committee so determines by majority vote, a quorum being present, the Chairperson shall make the announcement at the earliest possible date. The announcement shall promptly be made publicly available in electronic form and published in the Daily Digest.

(d) The Chairperson, in the case of meetings to be conducted by the Committee shall make publicly available in electronic form the text of any legislation to be marked up at a meeting at least 24 hours before such meeting (or at the time of an announcement made within 24 hours of such meeting). This requirement shall also apply to any resolution or regulation to be considered at a meeting.

Rule No. 3—Open Meetings

As required by clause 2(g) of rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives, each meeting for the transaction of business, including the markup of legislation of the Committee, shall be open to the public except when the Committee in open session and with a quorum present determines by record vote that all or part of the remainder of the meeting on that day shall be closed to the public because disclosure of matters to be considered would endanger national security, would compromise sensitive law enforcement information, or would tend to defame, degrade, or incriminate any person, or otherwise would violate any law or rule of the House. Provided, however, that no person other than members of the Committee, and such congressional staff and such other persons as the Committee may authorize, shall be present in any business or markup session which has been closed to the public. To the maximum extent practicable, the Chairperson shall cause to be provided audio and video coverage of each hearing or meeting that allows the public to easily listen to and view the proceedings and maintain the recordings of such coverage in a manner that is easily accessible to the public.

Rule No. 4—Records and Rollcalls

(a)(1) A record vote shall be held if requested by any member of the Committee.

(2) The result of each record vote in any meeting of the Committee shall be made publicly available in electronic form within 48 hours of such record vote. Information so available shall include a description of the amendment, motion, order or other proposition, the name of each member voting for and against, and the members present but not voting.

(3) The Chairperson shall make publicly available in electronic form on the Committee's website not later than 24 hours after the adoption of any amendment, or 48 hours after the disposition or withdrawal of any other amendment, to a measure or matter the text of such amendment.

(b)(1) Subject to subparagraph (2), the Chairperson may postpone further proceedings when a record vote is ordered on the question of approving any measure or matter or adopting an amendment. The Chairperson may resume proceedings on a postponed request at any time.