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House of Representatives

The House met at 10:30 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. SARBANES).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
December 20, 2021.

I hereby appoint the Honorable JOHN P. SARBANES 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:

O Lord, our God, You turn our world upside down. From the most unlikely places You raise up priests and prophets, saints and a savior.

May we have eyes to see and hearts to receive them.

Prepare the way and give us knowledge of the salvation You offer, the forgiveness of sins, the mercy You bestow on us.

May our ears be open and our souls receptive to these incredible gifts.

Give light to those who sit in darkness and over whom the shadow of death looms near.

May we be the hands in sharing Your gracious comfort.

Open our eyes to the vital work You are doing even this day.

May we have the courage to serve You in holding up the lowly and filling the hungry with good things. May we honor the humble and show Your mercy.

Guide our feet into the way of peace in this season and into the future.

May we be worthy of the grace You extend through our generation.

In Your radical 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. 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.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Ms. Byrd, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed without amendment a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 1664. An act to authorize the National Medal of Honor Museum Foundation to establish a commemorative work in the District of Columbia and its environs, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the Senate has passed with an amendment a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 1192. An act to impose requirements on the payment of compensation to professional persons employed in voluntary cases commenced under title III of the Puerto Rico Oversight Management and Economic Stability Act (commonly known as "PROMESA").

The message also announced that the Senate has passed bills and a concurrent resolution of the following titles in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 1760. An act to designate the community-based outpatient clinic of the Depart-

ment of Veterans Affairs planned to be built in Oahu, Hawaii, as the "Daniel Kahikina Akaka Department of Veterans Affairs Community-Based Outpatient Clinic".

S. 2514. An act to rename the Provo Veterans Center in Orem, Utah, as the "Col. Gail S. Halvorsen 'Candy Bomber' Veterans Center".

S. 2551. An act to require the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to establish or otherwise provide an artificial intelligence training program for the acquisition workforce, and for other purposes.

S. 3437. An act to extend certain COVID-19 bankruptcy relief provisions through March 2, 2022.

S. CON. RES. 24. Concurrent Resolution directing the Secretary of the Senate to make corrections in the enrollment of the bill S. 1605.

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 16, 2021.

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

DEAR MADAM 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 16, 2021, at 4:37 p.m.:

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 6256.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely,

CHERYL L. JOHNSON,
Clerk.

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:

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

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OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, December 17, 2021.

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

DEAR MADAM 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 17, 2021, at 9:27 a.m.:

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 3537.

Appointment:

Board of Visitors of the United States Merchant Marine Academy.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely,

CHERYL L. JOHNSON,
Clerk.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 4 of rule I, the following enrolled bills were signed by the Speaker pro tempore RASKIN on Friday, December 17, 2021:

H.R. 5545, to extend certain expiring provisions of law relating to benefits provided under Department of Veterans Affairs educational assistance programs during COVID-19 pandemic, and for other purposes;

H.R. 6256, to ensure that goods made with forced labor in the Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region in the People's Republic of China do not enter the United States market, and for other purposes;

S. 3377, to empower the Chief of the United States Capitol Police to unilaterally request the assistance of the D.C. National Guard or Federal law enforcement agencies in emergencies without prior approval of the Capitol Police Board.

DIRECTING THE SECRETARY OF THE SENATE TO MAKE CORREC- TIONS IN THE ENROLLMENT OF THE BILL S. 1605

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the Chair lays before the House the following concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 24) Directing the Secretary of the Senate to make corrections in the enrollment of the bill S. 1605.

The Clerk read the title of the concurrent resolution.

There was no objection.

The text of the concurrent resolution is as follows:

S. CON. RES. 24

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That in the enrollment of the bill S. 1605, the Secretary of the Senate shall make the following corrections:

(1) In the table in section 2301(a), in the item relating to Eielson Air Force Base, strike "\$44,850,00" in the amount column and insert "\$44,850,000".

(2) In section 4601, in the table relating to Military Construction, Navy, in the item relating to AEGIS Ashore Barracks Planning and Design in Redzikowo, Poland, insert "0" in the Conference Authorized column.

The concurrent resolution was concurred in.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Cheryl L. Johnson, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly enrolled bills of the House of the following titles, which were thereupon signed by the Speaker pro tempore, Mr. RASKIN, on Friday, December 17, 2021:

H.R. 5545. An act to extend certain expiring provisions of law relating to benefits provided under Department of Veterans Affairs educational assistance programs during COVID-19 pandemic, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6256. An act to ensure that goods made with forced labor in the Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region of the People's Republic of China do not enter the United States market, and for other purposes.

SENATE ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The Speaker pro tempore, Mr. RASKIN, on Friday, December 17, 2021 announced his signature to an enrolled bill of the Senate of the following title:

S. 3377.—An act to empower the Chief of the United States Capitol Police to unilaterally request the assistance of the DC National Guard or Federal law enforcement agencies in emergencies without prior approval for the Capitol Police Board.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 11(b) of House Resolution 188, the House stands adjourned until 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, December 23, 2021.

Thereupon (at 10 o'clock and 36 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Thursday, December 23, 2021, 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:

EC-2997. A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — AWA Research Facility Registration Updates, Reviews, and Reports [Docket No.: APHIS-2019-0001] (RIN: 0579-AE54) received December 9, 2021, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Agriculture.

EC-2998. A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Importation of Sheep, Goats, and Certain Other Ruminants [Docket No.: APHIS-2009-0095] (RIN: 0579-AD10) received December 14, 2021, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Agriculture.

EC-2999. A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Handling of Animals; Contin-

gency Plans [Docket No.: APHIS-2020-0101] (RIN: 0579-AC69) received December 14, 2021, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Agriculture.

EC-3000. A letter from the Program Specialist, Chief Counsel's Office, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's Major final rule — Community Reinvestment Act Regulations [Docket No.: OCC-2021-0014] (RIN: 1557-AF12) received December 16, 2021, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Financial Services.

EC-3001. A letter from the Supervisory Workforce Analyst, OPDR, Employment and Training Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting the Department's final rule — Strengthening Wage Protections for the Temporary and Permanent Employment of Certain Immigrants and Non-Immigrants in the United States, Implementation of Vacatur [Docket No.: ETA-2020-0006] (RIN: 1205-AC00) received December 16, 2021, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Education and Labor.

EC-3002. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Cyflumetofen; Pesticide Tolerances [EPA-HQ-OPP-2020-0603; FRL-9234-01-OCSP] received December 9, 2021, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-3003. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's Office of Inspector General Semiannual Report to Congress for the period ending September 30, 2021; to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

EC-3004. A letter from the Departmental Privacy Officer, Office Law Enforcement and Security, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — Privacy Act Regulations; Exemption for the Physical Security Access Files System [DOI-2020-0014; DS65100000, DWSN00000.000000, DP.65106, 21XD4523WS] (RIN: 1090-AB13) received December 9, 2021, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

EC-3005. A letter from the Regulation Development Coordinator, Office of Regulation Policy and Management, Office of General Counsel (00REG), Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting the Department's final rule — Release of Information From Department of Veterans Affairs' Records (RIN: 2900-AR39) received December 13, 2021, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-3006. A letter from the Regulation Development Coordinator, Office of Regulation Policy and Management, Office of General Counsel (00REG), Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting the Department's final rule — Awards Under the Nehmer Court Orders for Disability or Death Caused by a Condition Presumptively Associated With Herbicide Exposure; Implementing Court Order (RIN: 2900-AR40) received December 13, 2021, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-3007. A letter from the Assistant Chief Counsel, Office of the Chief Counsel for Trade Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Department's interim final rule — Procedures and Rules for Article 10.12 of the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement [Docket No.: 211115-0233]