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Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, March 14, 2022, at 3 p.m.

House of Representatives

FRIDAY, MARCH 11, 2022

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

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,

March 11, 2022.

I hereby appoint the Honorable DIANA DEGETTE to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

Rabbi Hannah Spiro, Hill Havurah, Washington, D.C., offered the following prayer:

Creator of all, at this time when Jews around the world are preparing for Purim—for a time of confronting hate and persecution with courage, pride, and a sense of humor—help us find that laughter and that love for ourselves and one another, even when the world seems to be crashing down around us.

When the world is upside down, teach us how to cartwheel, audaciously adapting and returning rooted, always back to who we truly are.

May our bold open-heartedness bring forth a world of peace, of righteousness, and of jubilation for our families, for our communities, for our Nation, and for all who dwell on Earth.

We know that every soul deserves peace. We know that every soul de-

serves celebration. May we be Your vessels to bring that time about quickly and in our day.

And let us say:
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 agreed to without amendment a joint resolution and a concurrent resolution of the House of the following titles:

H.J. Res. 75. Joint Resolution making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2022, and for other purposes.

H. Con. Res. 79. Concurrent Resolution directing the Clerk of the House of Representatives to make a correction in the enrollment of H.R. 2471.

The message also announced that the Senate agrees to the amendment of the

House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2471) entitled "An Act to measure the progress of post-disaster recovery and efforts to address corruption, governance, rule of law, and media freedoms in Haiti."

The message also announced that the Senate has passed a bill of the following title in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 497. An act to establish the American Fisheries Advisory Committee to assist in the awarding of fisheries research and development grants, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 9355(a), the Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, appoints the following Senator to the Board of Visitors of the U.S. Airforce Academy:

The Senator from Colorado (Mr. Hickenlooper) (At Large).

The message also announced that pursuant to Public Law 117-81, the Chair, on behalf of the Ranking Member of the Senate Committee on Armed Services, appoints the following individuals to serve as members of the National Security Commission on Emerging Biotechnology:

The Senator from Indiana (Mr. Young).

The message also announced that pursuant to Public Law 110-315, the Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, announces the appointment of the following individual to be a member of the National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity:

Zakiya Smith Ellis of New Jersey vice Dr. Paul LeBlanc of New Hampshire.

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

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APPOINTMENT OF HON. DIANA
DeGETTE TO ACT AS SPEAKER
PRO TEMPORE TO SIGN EN-
ROLLED BILLS AND JOINT RESO-
LUTIONS ON TODAY

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid be-
fore the House the following commu-
nication from the Speaker:

NANCY PELOSI,
SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE,
Washington, DC, March 11, 2022.

I hereby appoint the Honorable DIANA
DeGETTE to act as Speaker pro tempore to
sign enrolled bills and joint resolutions on
this day.

NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without
objection, the appointment is ap-
proved.

There was no objection.

JOINT EXPLANATORY MATERIAL
STATEMENT ON THE INTEL-
LIGENCE AUTHORIZATION ACT
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022, SUB-
MITTED BY MR. SCHIFF, CHAIR-
MAN OF THE HOUSE PERMA-
NENT SELECT COMMITTEE ON
INTELLIGENCE

The following is the Joint Explanatory
Statement (the “Explanatory Statement”)
to the Intelligence Authorization Act for
Fiscal Year 2022 (“the Act”), which has been
included as Division X of the Consolidated
Appropriations Act, 2022. The Explanatory
Statement reflects the result of negotiations
and disposition of issues reached between the
Senate Select Committee on Intelligence
(“SSCI”) and the House Permanent Select
Committee on Intelligence (“HPSCI”) (to-
gether, the “Committees”). The Explanatory
Statement shall have the same effect with
respect to the implementation of the Act as
if it were a joint explanatory statement of a
conference committee.

The Explanatory Statement comprises
three parts: an overview of the application of
the annex to accompany this statement; a
statement on anomalous health incidents;
and unclassified congressional direction.

PART I: APPLICATION OF THE CLASSIFIED ANNEX
AND SCHEDULE OF AUTHORIZATIONS

The classified nature of U.S. intelligence
activities prevents the Committees from
publicly disclosing many details concerning
their final decisions regarding funding levels
and policy direction. Therefore, in addition
to the Schedule of Authorizations a classi-
fied annex to the Act—referred to here and
within the annex itself as the “Agree-
ment”—has been prepared to describe in de-
tail the scope and intent of the Committees’
actions.

The Agreement supersedes the classified
annexes that accompanied H.R. 5412 and S.
2610; and reconciles differences between the
Committees, with respect to the National In-
telligence Program (NIP). The Agreement
also makes recommendations for the Mili-
tary Intelligence Program (MIP) and the In-
formation Systems Security Program (ISSP). The Agreement authorizes the Intel-
ligence Community (IC) to obligate and ex-
pend funds not altered or modified by the
classified Schedule of Authorizations as re-
quested in the President’s budget, subject to
modification under applicable reprogram-
ming procedures.

The classified Schedule of Authorizations
is incorporated into the bill pursuant to Sec-
tion 102. It has the status of law. The Agree-

ment supplements and adds detail to clarify
the authorization levels found in the bill and
the classified Schedule of Authorizations.

The Committees view direction and rec-
ommendations, whether contained in the Ex-
planatory Statement or in the Agreement, as
requiring compliance by the Executive
Branch.

PART II: STATEMENT REGARDING ANOMALOUS
HEALTH INCIDENTS

From the time the Committees received
the first “Havana Syndrome” reports, the
Committees have focused intently on the
anomalous health incidents (“AHIs”) that
have afflicted United States Government
personnel, including many in the Intel-
ligence Community (IC) and other United
States Government personnel. Provisions of
the Act reflect that continuing, bicameral
and bipartisan effort.

The Biden Administration also has pursued
its own initiatives. As directed by Congress,
it earlier this year appointed a senior offi-
cial, within the National Security Council,
to oversee the government’s response to
AHIs. Additionally, in recent months, a
widely-discussed assessment concluded that
a majority of reported AHIs can be explained
by medical conditions or environmental or
technical factors, and that it is unlikely that
a foreign actor—including Russia—is en-
gaged in a sustained, global campaign in-
volving hundreds of incidents without detec-
tion. But the assessment left other cases un-
explained, including a small subset that the
IC continues to scrutinize most closely.

Around the same time, an IC panel of ex-
perts determined that certain AHIs cannot
be explained by environmental or medical
conditions, but could be due to external
stimuli. While acknowledging important in-
formation gaps, the panel further determined
that pulsed electromagnetic energy—and, in
some cases, ultrasound—plausibly might ex-
plain AHIs’ core characteristics; and that
psychosocial factors alone could not account
for those characteristics, though they might
cause some other incidents or contribute to
long-term symptoms.

These findings advance the United States’
understanding of AHIs. But these findings
are also heavily qualified, tentative, and
based on a developing and incomplete body
of evidence and scientific and medical
knowledge. Most important, as the Commit-
tees wish to stress, these recent develop-
ments do not justify shifting the Executive
Branch’s AHI-related activities into a lower
gear, or discrediting the reports of AHI vic-
tims.

The core work on AHIs—to include exam-
ination of a potential role by one or more
foreign actors—must continue apace. As
with prior inquiries into complex and murky
intelligence problems, unraveling the AHI
mystery fully may take time. It might be
years before the United States reaches defi-
nitive conclusions about exactly who, or
what, is behind AHIs.

The Administration has acknowledged that
a great deal remains to be done. Indeed,
much more evidence will have to be gather-
ed. Plausible theories regarding responsi-
bility for AHIs will have to be weighed
against a record that will grow and change
over time, and potentially may have to be
revisited if circumstances warrant. And no
plausible theory should be ruled out or
downplayed prematurely.

Success will depend on many factors.
Among other things, it will be important to
have a well-resourced cadre of “cross-
cleared” individuals, at all relevant IC ele-
ments and other Executive Branch organiza-
tions, who can readily review and analyze all
relevant intelligence and information, and
without hindrances. The Committees long

have emphasized this, with respect to AHI
and many other priority intelligence mat-
ters. However, the Executive Branch has yet
to take all necessary steps, to do away with
excessive compartmentation and unneces-
sary bureaucracy; and to ensure that, for
AHI and for other vital missions, the right
people consistently and easily can access
necessary information. That will have to
change.

Treatment also must remain a matter of
highest priority. All AHI victims must be en-
couraged to file prompt reports of their expe-
riences, and without fear of being disbelieved
or dismissed. They and their families must
receive the highest quality medical and
other care and must receive that care imme-
diately. Thus far, some bureaucratic road-
blocks to the provision of care have been re-
moved—but there is no excuse for any to re-
main. They must be dismantled. And new
ones must not be erected.

Above all, there can be no slowing down, in
the investigation into AHIs and in the treat-
ment of AHI victims and their families. To
do so would risk signaling—to those individ-
uals, to the broader IC workforce, and to the
wider world—that, though it prioritized the
issue most highly for a discrete time, the
United States is “moving on” from AHIs.

That cannot be allowed to happen. And the
Committees will continue to conduct vig-
orous oversight, to prevent it from hap-
pening.

PART III: UNCLASSIFIED CONGRESSIONAL
DIRECTION

This Joint Explanatory Statement incor-
porates by reference, and the Executive
Branch shall comply with, all direction con-
tained in the Senate Select Committee on
Intelligence Report to accompany the Intel-
ligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year
2022 (S. Rept. 117-37) and in the House Per-
manent Select Committee on Intelligence
Report to accompany the Intelligence Au-
thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022 (H. Rept.
117-156).

The Executive Branch is further directed
as follows:

*Assessment of Intelligence Community Counter-
narcotics Capabilities.*

The Committees direct the Director of Na-
tional Intelligence, in consultation with
such other Federal Government entities as
the Director determines appropriate, to sub-
mit an assessment to the congressional in-
telligence committees within 120 days of en-
actment of this Act, on the status of the In-
telligence Community’s (1) counternarcotics
capabilities and resourcing with regard to in-
telligence collection and analysis; (2) opera-
tional support to foreign liaison partners;
and (3) operational capacity to support the
counternarcotics mission of the Federal Gov-
ernment. The assessment shall be submitted
in unclassified form, but may include a clas-
sified annex.

*Assessment of Intelligence Community’s Intel-
ligence-Sharing Relationships with Latin
American Partners in Counternarcotics.*

The Committees direct the Director of Na-
tional Intelligence, in consultation with
such other Federal Government entities as
the Director determines appropriate, to sub-
mit an assessment to the congressional in-
telligence committees within 120 days of en-
actment of this Act, on the intelligence-
sharing relationships of the Intelligence
Community with foreign partners in Latin
America on counternarcotics matters. The
assessment shall be submitted in unclassi-
fied form, but may include a classified
annex.

*Report on Intelligence Community Support to
Visas Mantis Program.*

The Committees direct the Director of Na-
tional Intelligence, in consultation with