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## House of Representatives

The House met at 9:30 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. UPTON).

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,  
November 25, 2016.

I hereby appoint the Honorable FRED UPTON to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

PAUL D. RYAN,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

### PRAYER

Reverend Vincent De Rosa, St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Washington, D.C., offered the following prayer:

God of all creation, in whom we live and move and have our being, with gratitude for Your countless gifts, we pray for continued peace and prosperity.

Grant our people's Representatives the gifts they need to govern wisely, giving voice to all, especially to the poor and the suffering.

Give them senses open to perceiving Your truth, intellects ready to understand it, and hearts fortified to love it and to administer that truth with mercy and compassion.

Give this House resolve to cling faithfully to the principles of our founding and our future.

Forgive us our failings, humbly admitted before You, and admit all of us one day to virtue's reward.

Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 3(a) of House Resolution 921, 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.

### ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 3(b) of House Resolution 921, the House stands adjourned until noon on Tuesday, November 29, 2016, for morning-hour debate and 2 p.m. for legislative business.

Thereupon (at 9 o'clock and 32 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Tuesday, November 29, 2016, at noon.

### EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

7604. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting a renewal of the August 12, 2016 declaration of the public health emergency of national significance existing within the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico relating to pregnant women and children born to pregnant women with Zika, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 247d(a); Public Law 107-188, Sec. 144(a); (116 Stat. 630); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

7605. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting a legislative proposal titled "U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Pay Reform Act of 2016"; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

7606. A letter from the Director, Office of Government Ethics, transmitting the Office's final rule — Executive Branch Ethics Program Amendments (RIN: 3209-AA42) received November 17, 2016, pursuant to 5

U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

7607. A letter from the Administrator, United States Agency for International Development, transmitting the Agency's FY 2016 Agency Financial Report, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 3515(a)(1); Public Law 101-576, Sec. 303(a)(1) (as amended by Public Law 107-289, Sec. 2(a)); (116 Stat. 2049); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

7608. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's 2017-2022 Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Proposed Final Program, pursuant to 43 U.S.C. 1344(e); Aug. 7, 1953, ch. 345, Sec. 18(e) (as amended by Public Law 95-372, Sec. 208); (92 Stat. 649); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

7609. A letter from the Division Chief, Regulatory Affairs, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — Onshore Oil and Gas Operations; Federal and Indian Oil and Gas Leases; Measurement of Gas [17X.LLWO310000.L13100000.PP0000] (RIN: 1004-AE17) received November 17, 2016, 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.

7610. A letter from the Division Chief, Regulatory Affairs, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — Onshore Oil and Gas Operations; Federal and Indian Oil and Gas Leases; Measurement of Oil [17X.LLWO310000.L13100000.PP0000] (RIN: 1004-AE16) received November 17, 2016, 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.

7611. A letter from the Division Chief, Regulatory Affairs, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — Onshore Oil and Gas Operations; Federal and Indian Oil and Gas Leases; Site Security [17X.LLWO310000.L13100000.PP0000] (RIN: 1004-AE15) received November 17, 2016, 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.

7612. A letter from the Chairman, Surface Transportation Board, transmitting the Board's interim final rule — Civil Monetary Penalty Inflation Adjustment Rule [Docket No.: EP 716 (Sub-No.: 1)] received November 18, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A);

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Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

7613. A letter from the Chief, Regulatory Coordination Division, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's Major final rule — Retention of EB-1, EB-2, and EB-3 Immigrant Workers and Program Improvements Affecting High-Skilled Nonimmigrant Workers [CIS No.: 2571-15; DHS Docket No.: USCIS-2015-0008] (RIN: 1615-AC05) received November 18, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

7614. A letter from the Trial Attorney, Office of Aviation Enforcement and Proceedings, OST, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Reporting of Data for Mishandled Baggage and Wheelchairs and Scooters Transported in Aircraft Cargo Compartments [Docket No.: DOT-RITA-2011-0001] (RIN: 2105-AE41 (formerly 2139-AA13)) received November 17, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

7615. A letter from the Trial Attorney, Office of Aviation Enforcement and Proceedings, OST, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Enhancing Airline Passenger Protections III [Docket No.: DOT-OST-2014-0056] (RIN: 2105-AE11) received November 17, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

7616. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Honeywell International Inc. Turboprop Engines [Docket No.: FAA-2006-23706; Directorate Identifier 2006-NE-03-AD; Amendment 39-18688; AD 2016-21-07] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received November 17, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-

121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

7617. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Turbomeca S.A. Turboshaft Engines [Docket No.: FAA-2016-6990; Directorate Identifier 2016-NE-14-AD; Amendment 39-186990; AD 2016-22-10] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received November 17, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

7618. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Pratt & Whitney Division Turbofan Engines [Docket No.: FAA-2016-5423; Directorate Identifier 2016-NE-09-AD; Amendment 39-18694; AD 2016-22-05] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received November 17, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

7619. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Engine Alliance Turbofan Engines [Docket No.: FAA-2012-1293; Directorate Identifier 2012-NE-45-AD; Amendment 39-18700; AD 2016-22-11] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received November 17, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

7620. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Amendment of Class D and Class E Airspace; Hagerstown, MD [Docket No.: FAA-2015-4513; Airspace Docket No.: 15-AEA-8] received November 17, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

7621. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Amendment of Class E Airspace; Miles City, MT [Docket No.: FAA-2016-7046; Airspace Docket No.: 16-ANM-3] received November 17, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

7622. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Amendment of Class D and Class E Airspace; Falmouth, MA [Docket No.: FAA-2016-5444; Airspace Docket No.: 16-ANE-1] received November 17, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

7623. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Extension of the Prohibition Against Certain Flights in the Simferopol (UKFV) and Dnipropetrovsk (UKDV) Flight Information Regions (FIRs) [Docket No.: FAA-2014-0225; Amdt. No.: 91-331D] (RIN: 2120-AK92) received November 17, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

#### ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

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

H.R. 346: Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico.

H.R. 6382: Mr. LARSEN of Washington, Mr. CICILLINE, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Mr. HECK of Washington, Mr. BRENDAN F. BOYLE of Pennsylvania, Ms. LEE, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Mr. NADLER, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Mr. POLIS, and Mr. BLUMENAUER.



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## Senate

The Senate met at 11 and 03 seconds a.m., and was called to order by the Honorable DANIEL COATS, a Senator from the State of Indiana.

### APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. HATCH).

The bill clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,  
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,  
Washington, DC, November 25, 2016.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable DANIEL COATS, a Senator from the State of Indiana, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ORRIN G. HATCH,  
President pro tempore.

Mr. COATS thereupon assumed the Chair as Acting President pro tempore.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY,  
NOVEMBER 28, 2016

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate stands adjourned until 3 p.m., Monday, November 28, 2016.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 11 and 34 seconds a.m., adjourned until Monday, November 28, 2016, at 3 p.m.

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## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING THE LAO HERITAGE FLAG AS THE OFFICIAL SYMBOL OF THE LAO-AMERICAN COMMUNITY OF NEW YORK AND WAT LAO SAMAKHITHAM

**HON. CHRISTOPHER P. GIBSON**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 25, 2016*

Mr. GIBSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Lao Heritage Flag as the Official Symbol of the Lao-American Community of New York and Wat Lao Samakhitham.

The members of the Lao-American Community in New York are true patriots in every sense of the word. Before arriving in America, many Lao-Americans courageously fought and shed blood in their struggle for freedom during the Southeast Asian conflict in the 1960's and 1970's. As American citizens, they continue to embody an unwavering love of liberty and a desire to serve. There are a significant number of Lao-Americans in New York, and they make great contributions to their local communities.

Lao-American citizens are proud to fly the Lao Heritage Flag alongside the flag of the United States of America. This flag is characterized by the three-headed white elephant, and it is significant to Lao-Americans as a symbol of resilience, freedom, and democracy in Laos, as well as the United States of America. Under this flag, the Lao-American community of New York maintains their Lao cultural heritage while simultaneously celebrating American heritage and customs.

Finally, Mr. Speaker, I would like to acknowledge each member of the vibrant Lao-American community in New York and thank them for their valuable contribution to our State. As a former service member, I believe strongly in the great symbolism of a flag and the pride that accompanies its display. It is my hope that the Lao-American community will always look to the Lao Heritage Flag and be reminded of the prosperity and freedom for Lao-American citizens across the United States.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF  
MAJOR MATT SCHARDT

**HON. CHRISTOPHER P. GIBSON**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 25, 2016*

Mr. GIBSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the service of Major Matt Schardt of the United States Army for his extraordinary dedication to duty and service to our Nation. Major Schardt distinguished himself through exceptionally meritorious service from May 5th, 2013 to January 3rd, 2017, while serving as an Army Congressional Fellow and Legislative Liaison in the Army House Liaison Division.

From May 5th, 2013 through January 5th, 2015 Major Schardt served as an Army Congressional Fellow. During this time Matt graduated from The George Washington University with a Master's Degree in legislative politics and served as my military legislative assistant (MLA). As my MLA, Matt served as the national security, foreign affairs, homeland security, intelligence, and veteran's affairs policy

advisor for my office. Matt developed, drafted, and managed my legislative initiatives, provided vote recommendations, prepared me for Congressional hearings, and met with senior government officials and constituents. In all of his actions, Matt demonstrated the professionalism Members of Congress and the American public expect of its military officers.

In January, 2015 Major Schardt transitioned from my office to the Army House Liaison Office to serve as an Army legislative liaison. In his role as a legislative liaison in the Army's House Liaison Office, Major Schardt served as the primary liaison between Members of the 114th Congress, their Staffs, Legislative Committees, and the U.S. Army. In this role, Major Schardt planned, coordinated, and accompanied Congressional and Staff Delegations on numerous worldwide fact-finding and investigative missions and worked to increase the trust the U.S. Congress has in the U.S. Army.

Major Schardt is a native of Littleton, Colorado who has served in combat units across the U.S. Army including the 25th Infantry Division and the 4th Infantry Division. A veteran of the conflicts in both Iraq and Afghanistan, Major Schardt is married to the former Amy Meersman of Littleton, Colorado and the proud father of two children—Kyle and Cora. This spring, Major Schardt and his family depart for their next assignment with the 1st Infantry Division at Fort Riley, Kansas.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize the selfless service of Major Matt Schardt as he and his family proceed to the next chapter in his remarkable career and continue to serve our great Nation.

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# Daily Digest

## Senate

### *Chamber Action*

The Senate met at 11:00:03 a.m. in pro forma session, and adjourned at 11:00:34 a.m. until 3 p.m., on Monday, November 28, 2016.

### *Committee Meetings*

No committee meetings were held.

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## House of Representatives

### *Chamber Action*

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** There were no public bills or resolutions introduced today.

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Page H6314**

**Reports Filed:** There were no reports filed today.

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Upton to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H6313**

**Guest Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Reverend Vincent De Rosa, St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Washington, DC. **Page H6313**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** There were no Yea and Nay votes, and there were no Recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 9:32 a.m.

### *Committee Meetings*

No hearings were held.

### *Joint Meetings*

No joint committee meetings were held.

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2016

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### **Senate**

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

### **House**

No hearings are scheduled.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

3 p.m., Monday, November 28

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

12 p.m., Tuesday, November 29

## Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: Senate will be in a period of morning business.

## House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: To be announced.

## HOUSE

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