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### PROCEEDINGS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES PRIOR TO SINE DIE ADJOURNMENT OF THE 114TH CONGRESS 1ST SESSION

#### HOUSE BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS APPROVED BY THE PRESIDENT PRIOR TO SINE DIE ADJOURNMENT

The President, prior to sine die adjournment of the First Session of the 114th Congress, notified the Clerk of the House that on the following dates, he had approved and signed bills and joint resolutions of the following titles:

October 7, 2015:

H.R. 1020. An Act to define STEM education to include computer science, and to support existing STEM education programs at the National Science Foundation.

H.R. 1624. An Act to amend title I of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and title XXVII of the Public Health Service Act to revise the definition of small employer.

H.R. 2617. An Act to amend the Fair Minimum Wage Act of 2007 to postpone a scheduled increase in the minimum wage applicable to American Samoa.

October 16, 2015:

H.R. 2835. An Act to actively recruit members of the Armed Forces who are separating from military service to serve as Customs and Border Protection Officers.

October 22, 2015:

H.R. 3116. An Act to extend by 15 years the authority of the Secretary of Commerce to conduct the quarterly financial report program.

October 29, 2015:

H.R. 3819. An Act to provide an extension of Federal-aid highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund, and for other purposes.

November 2, 2015:

H.R. 1314. An Act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for a right to an administrative appeal relating to adverse determinations of tax-exempt status of certain organizations.

November 5, 2015:

H.R. 313. An Act to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide leave to any new Federal employee who is a veteran with a service-connected disability rated at 30 percent or more for purposes of undergoing medical treatment for such disability, and for other purposes.

H.R. 322. An Act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 16105 Swingley Ridge Road in Chesterfield, Missouri, as the "Sgt. Zachary M. Fisher Post Office".

H.R. 323. An Act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 55 Grasso Plaza in St. Louis, Missouri, as the "Sgt. Amanda N. Pinson Post Office".

H.R. 324. An Act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 11662 Gravois Road in St. Louis, Missouri, as the "Lt. Daniel P. Riordan Post Office".

H.R. 558. An Act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 55 South Pioneer Boulevard in Springboro, Ohio, as the "Richard 'Dick' Chenault Post Office Building".

H.R. 623. An Act to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to authorize the Department of Homeland Security to establish a social media working group, and for other purposes.

H.R. 774. An Act to strengthen enforcement mechanisms to stop illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing, to amend the Tuna Conventions Act of 1950 to implement the Antigua Convention, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1442. An Act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 90 Cornell Street in Kingston, New York, as the "Staff Sergeant Robert H. Dietz Post Office Building".

H.R. 1884. An Act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 206 West Commercial Street in East Rochester, New York, as the "Officer Daryl R. Pierson Memorial Post Office Building".

H.R. 3059. An Act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located

at 4500 SE 28th Street, Del City, Oklahoma, as the James Robert Kalsu Post Office Building.

November 20, 2015:

H.R. 3996. An Act to provide an extension of Federal-aid highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund, and for other purposes.

November 25, 2015:

H.R. 208. An Act to improve the disaster assistance programs of the Small Business Administration.

H.R. 639. An Act to amend the Controlled Substances Act with respect to drug scheduling recommendations by the Secretary of Health and Human Services, and with respect to registration of manufacturers and distributors seeking to conduct clinical testing.

H.R. 2262. An Act to facilitate a pro-growth environment for the developing commercial space industry by encouraging private sector investment and creating more stable and predictable regulatory conditions, and for other purposes.

December 4, 2015:

H.R. 22. An Act to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, and for other purposes.

December 11, 2015:

H.R. 2250. An Act Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2016.

December 16, 2015:

H.J. Res. 78. A joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2016, and for other purposes.

December 18, 2015:

H.J. Res. 76. A joint resolution appointing the day for the convening of the second session of the One Hundred Fourteenth Congress.

H.R. 2029. An Act making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2270. An Act to redesignate the Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge, located

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in the State of Washington, as the Billy Frank Jr. Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge, to establish the Medicine Creek Treaty National Memorial within the wildlife refuge, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2297. An Act to prevent Hizballah and associated entities from gaining access to international financial and other institutions, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2693. An Act to designate the arboretum at the Hunter Holmes McGuire VA Medical Center in Richmond, Virginia, as the “Phyllis E. Galanti Arboretum”.

H.R. 2820. An Act to reauthorize the Stem Cell Therapeutic and Research Act of 2005, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3594. An Act to extend temporarily the Federal Perkins Loan program, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3831. An Act to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to extend the annual comment period for payment rates under Medicare Advantage.

H.R. 4246. An Act to exempt for an additional 4-year period, from the application of the means-test presumption of abuse under chapter 7, qualifying members of reserve components of the Armed Forces and members of the National Guard who, after September 11, 2001, are called to active duty or to perform a homeland defense activity for not less than 90 days.

#### SENATE BILLS APPROVED BY THE PRESIDENT PRIOR TO SINE DIE ADJOURNMENT

The President, prior to sine die adjournment of the First Session of the 114th Congress, notified the Clerk of the House that on the following dates, he had approved and signed bills of the Senate of the following titles:

October 7, 2015:

S. 136. An Act to amend chapter 21 of title 5, United States Code, to provide that fathers of certain permanently disabled or deceased veterans shall be included with mothers of such veterans as preference eligibles for treatment in the civil service.

S. 139. An Act to permanently allow an exclusion under the Supplemental Security Income program and the Medicaid program for compensation provided to individuals who participate in clinical trials for rare diseases or conditions.

S. 261. An Act to designate the United States courthouse located at 200 NW 4th Street in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, as the William J. Holloway, Jr. United States Courthouse.

S. 565. An Act to reduce the operation and maintenance costs associated with the Fed-

eral fleet by encouraging the use of remanufactured parts, and for other purposes.

S. 994. An Act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1 Walter Hammond Place in Waldwick, New Jersey, as the “Staff Sergeant Joseph D’Augustine Post Office Building”.

S. 1707. An Act to designate the Federal building located at 617 Walnut Street in Helena, Arkansas, as the “Jacob Trieber Federal Building, United States Post Office, and United States Court House”.

October 16, 2015:

S. 986. An Act to require the Secretary of the Interior to take into trust 4 parcels of Federal land for the benefit of certain Indian Pueblos in the State of New Mexico.

S. 1300. An Act to amend the section 221 of the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide relief for adoptive families from immigrant visa fees in certain situations.

S. 2078. An Act to reauthorize the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom, and for other purposes.

November 5, 2015:

S. 1362. An Act to amend title XI of the Social Security Act to clarify waiver authority regarding programs of all-inclusive care for the elderly (PACE programs).

S. 2162. An Act to establish a 10-year term for the service of the Librarian of Congress.

November 25, 2015:

S. 799. An Act to address problems related to prenatal opioid use.

S. 2036. An Act to suspend the current compensation packages for the chief executive officers of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, and for other purposes.

November 27, 2015:

S. 1356. An Act to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes.

December 10, 2015:

S. 1177. An Act to reauthorize the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to ensure that every child achieves.

December 11, 2015:

S. 599. An Act to extend and expand the Medicaid emergency psychiatric demonstration project.

S. 611. An Act to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to reauthorize technical assistance to small public water systems, and for other purposes.

S. 1170. An Act to amend title 39, United States Code, to extend the authority of the United States Postal Service to issue a semipostal to raise funds for breast cancer research, and for other purposes.

December 18, 2015:

S. 614. An Act to provide access to and use of information by Federal agencies in order

to reduce improper payments, and for other purposes.

S. 808. An Act to establish the Surface Transportation Board as an independent establishment, and for other purposes.

S. 1090. An Act to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to provide eligibility for broadcasting facilities to receive certain disaster assistance, and for other purposes.

S. 1461. An Act to provide for the extension of the enforcement instruction on supervision requirements for outpatient therapeutic services in critical access and small rural hospitals through 2015.

#### HOUSE BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTION PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT PRIOR TO SINE DIE ADJOURNMENT

Karen L. Haas, Clerk of the House, prior to sine die adjournment of the First Session of the 114th Congress, reported that on December 18, 2015, she presented to the President of the United States, for his approval, the following bills and joint resolution:

H.R. 4246. An Act to exempt for an additional 4-year period, from the application of the means-test presumption of abuse under chapter 7, qualifying members of reserve components of the Armed Forces and members of the National Guard who, after September 11, 2001, are called to active duty or to perform a homeland defense activity for not less than 90 days.

H.R. 3594. An Act to extend temporarily the Federal Perkins Loan program, and for other purposes.

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# PROCEEDINGS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AFTER SINE DIE ADJOURNMENT OF THE 114TH CONGRESS 1ST SESSION

## HOUSE BILL PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT AFTER SINE DIE AD- JOURNMENT

Karen L. Haas, Clerk of the House, after sine die adjournment of the First Session of the 114th Congress, reported that on December 22, 2015, she presented to the President of the United States, for his approval, the following bill:

H.R. 1321. An Act to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to prohibit the manufacture and introduction or delivery for introduction into interstate commerce of rinse-off cosmetics containing intentionally-added plastic microbeads.

## HOUSE BILL APPROVED BY THE PRESIDENT AFTER SINE DIE AD- JOURNMENT

The President, after sine die adjournment of the First Session of the 114th Congress, notified the Clerk of the House that on the following date, he had approved and signed a bill of the following title:

December 28, 2015:

H.R. 1321. An Act to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to prohibit the manufacture and introduction or delivery for introduction into interstate commerce of rinse-off cosmetics containing intentionally-added plastic microbeads.

## SENATE BILL APPROVED BY THE PRESIDENT AFTER SINE DIE AD- JOURNMENT

The President, after sine die adjournment of the First Session of the 114th Congress, notified the Clerk of the House that on the following date, he had approved and signed a bill of the Senate of the following title:

December 28, 2015:

S. 2425. An Act to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to improve payments for complex rehabilitation technology and certain radiation therapy services, to ensure flexibility in applying the hardship exception for meaningful use for the 2015 EHR reporting period for 2017 payment adjustments, and for other purposes.

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. JOSEPH P. KENNEDY, III

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 31, 2015*

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. Speaker, on December 18, 2015, I was unable to vote on Roll Call 705.

If I had been present, I would have supported H.R. 2029, the fiscal year 2016 omnibus spending legislation.

I would have voted in favor of this legislation because it includes necessary funding to keep the government operating. It provides needed clarifications to ensure the work of the National Network for Manufacturing Innovation coordinates among existing manufacturing institutes and moves forward in the investment of new centers. Additionally it includes an increase, over 2015 enacted levels, of \$2 billion for the National Institutes of Health and \$132 million for the Food and Drug Administration. The legislation provides a \$6.4 billion increase for veterans services and a one-time appropriation for international food aid. Finally, the AmeriCorps program will receive \$368 million, which is a 15% increase over last year's funding levels.

However no compromise bill is ever perfect, and I am disappointed that the bill fails to lift the ban prohibiting the Centers for Disease Control from researching the impact of gun violence.

### CALLING FOR AN END TO THE TRADE EMBARGO WITH CUBA

#### HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 31, 2015*

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, I rise to express my support for the continued normaliza-

tion of relations with Cuba and ending the embargo. Today marks the one year anniversary since the historic announcement by President Obama that the Cold War relations between the U.S. and Cuba were officially coming to an end.

The reestablishment of diplomatic relations and increase in travel, commerce, information flows, and research collaboration will improve the lives of both the Cuban and American people. In the past year we have seen remarkable progress. Cuba has been removed from the list of state sponsors of terror, so that the State Department can more appropriately focus its resources on countries and regions where counter-terrorism efforts are critical. Embassies have been reopened in Washington and Havana. The Treasury and Commerce Departments continue to implement changes to make it easier to travel between our nations.

These efforts are critical steps to improve relations between the United States and the Cuban people but more must be done. The trade embargo, in place since 1960, must come to an end. This misguided policy to pressure the Cuban government into democracy has clearly failed. The President has pursued normalization of relations to the greatest extent possible under the law. Now, Congress must act.

Removing the embargo with Cuba could generate up to \$365 million in additional American goods and would help to create thousands of new jobs in the United States, according to a study by Texas A&M University.

Last year on official visit to the island nation, I saw firsthand the innovative power of Cuban entrepreneurs, especially women who are opening small businesses, restaurants, and shops for the first time across the island. We can and should continue to build momentum for economic liberalization so that these women can access the tools and capital they need to expand and grow their enterprises.

I am proud to be a founding member of the re-launched bipartisan Cuba Working Group steering committee. It is time to support the Cuban people and create jobs here in the United States. I urge action in this body to remove the embargo so that we can fully engage with our neighbors across the Straits of Florida.

### HONORING THE EAST NICOLAUS HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM

#### HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 31, 2015*

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the East Nicolaus High School Spartans for winning the Northern California championship, advancing to the CIF Division VI-AA Championship Game to be played in San Diego on December 19, 2015.

Under the leadership of Coach Travis Barker, this school of 250 students from Trowbridge in Sutter County will be making a road trip of over 500 miles to face a school four times their size.

They may be underdogs in this championship game, but this team and these players are tough. They have proven their worth throughout the season. They are prepared and disciplined, and will represent Sutter County well.

The Spartans have had an incredible season, and I wish them the best of luck in the championship game.

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# Daily Digest

## Senate

### *Chamber Action*

The Senate was not in session and stands adjourned sine die, pursuant to the provisions of H. Con. Res. 104, until 12 noon on Monday, January 4, 2016.

### *Committee Meetings*

No committee meetings were held.

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## House of Representatives

### *Chamber Action*

The House stands adjourned sine die, pursuant to the provisions of H. Con. Res. 104. The House will meet in pro forma session at 12 noon on Monday, January 4, for the convening of the second session of the 114th Congress.

### *Committee Meetings*

No hearings were held.

### *Joint Meetings*

No joint committee meetings were held.

### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 2016

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

#### Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

#### House

No hearings are scheduled.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

12 noon, Monday, January 4

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*12 noon, Monday, January 4

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## Senate Chamber

**Program for Monday:** Senate will meet in pro forma session and convene for the second session of the 114th Congress.

## House Chamber

**Program for Monday:** The House will meet in pro forma session at 12 noon for the convening of the second session of the 114th Congress.

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## Extensions of Remarks, as inserted in this issue

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