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## Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 27, 2017, at 10 a.m.

## House of Representatives

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2017

The House met at 4:30 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. McHENRY).

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,  
December 26, 2017.

I hereby appoint the Honorable PATRICK T. McHENRY to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

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

### PRAYER

Reverend Paul D. Holland, S.J., Jesuit Conference, Washington, D.C., offered the following prayer:

Gracious God, we acknowledge You as Lord of all nations, creator of land, and sea and sky, source of the wonders of nature and of all goodness.

You have entrusted creation to our faithful stewardship, yet You alone sustain all Your creation through the life-giving breath of Your spirit.

In Your wisdom, You arranged the changing of times and seasons so that we might marvel at Your love, reflected in the vastness of the universe and the bounty of this Earth.

As we near the end of this year, we pray Your blessings upon the Members of this Congress throughout the coming new year, and ask You to keep them always in Your ways of truth and faithful service.

We pray this in Your Holy Name.  
Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 3(a) of House Resolution 670, 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.

### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 4 of rule I, the following enrolled bills were signed by Speaker pro tempore UPTON on Friday, December 22, 2017:

H.R. 267, to redesignate the Martin Luther King, Junior, National Historic Site in the State of Georgia, and for other purposes;

H.R. 381, to designate a mountain in the John Muir Wilderness of the Sierra National Forest as "Sky Point";

H.R. 518, to amend the Energy Policy and Conservation Act to exclude power supply circuits, drivers, and devices designed to be connected to, and power, light-emitting diodes or organic light-

emitting diodes providing illumination from energy conservation standards for external power supplies, and for other purposes;

H.R. 560, to amend Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area Improvement Act to provide access to certain vehicles serving residents of municipalities adjacent to the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area, and for other purposes;

H.R. 699, to amend the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 to modify provisions relating to certain land exchanges in the Mt. Hood Wilderness in the State of Oregon;

H.R. 863, to facilitate the addition of park administration at the Coltsville National Historical Park, and for other purposes;

H.R. 954, to remove the use restrictions on certain land transferred to Rockingham County, Virginia, and for other purposes;

H.R. 1242, to establish the 400 Years of African-American History Commission, and for other purposes;

H.R. 1306, to provide for the conveyance of certain Federal land in the State of Oregon, and for other purposes;

H.R. 1927, to amend title 54, United States Code, to establish within the National Park Service the African American Civil Rights Network, and for other purposes;

H.R. 2142, to improve the ability of U.S. Customs and Border Protection to interdict fentanyl, other synthetic opioids, and other narcotics and

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psychoactive substances that are illegally imported into the United States, and for other purposes;

H.R. 2228, to provide support for law enforcement agency efforts to protect mental health and well-being of law enforcement officers, and for other purposes;

H.R. 2331, to require a new or updated Federal website that is intended for use by the public to be mobile friendly, and for other purposes;

H.R. 2611, to modify the boundary of the Little Rock Central High School National Historic Site, and for other purposes;

H.R. 4661, to reauthorize the United States Fire Administration, the Assistance to Firefighters Grants program, the Fire Prevention and Safety Grants program, and the Staffing for Adequate Fire Emergency Response grant program, and for other purposes;

S. 1393, to streamline the process by which active duty military, reservists, and veterans receive commercial driver's licenses;

S. 1532, to disqualify from operating a commercial motor vehicle for life an individual who uses a commercial motor vehicle in committing a felony involving human trafficking;

S. 1766, to reauthorize the SAFER Act of 2013, and for other purposes.

#### ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Karen L. Haas, 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. UPTON, on Friday, December 22, 2017:

H.R. 267. An act to redesignate the Martin Luther King, Junior, National Historic Site in the State of Georgia, and for other purposes.

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H.R. 2142. An act to improve the ability of U.S. Customs and Border Protection to interdict fentanyl, other synthetic opioids, and other narcotics and psychoactive substances that are illegally imported into the United States, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2228. An act to provide support for law enforcement agency efforts to protect the mental health and well-being of law enforcement officers, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2331. An act to require a new or updated Federal website that is intended for use by the public to be mobile friendly, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2611. An act to modify the boundary of the Little Rock Central High School National Historic Site, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4661. An act to reauthorize the United States Fire Administration, the Assistance to Firefighters Grants program, the Fire Prevention and Safety Grants program, and the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response grant program, and for other purposes.

#### SENATE ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The Speaker announced his signature to enrolled bills of the Senate of the following titles:

S. 1393. An act to streamline the process by which active duty military, reservists, and veterans receive commercial driver's licenses.

S. 1532. An act to disqualify from operating a commercial motor vehicle for life an individual who uses a commercial motor vehicle in committing a felony involving human trafficking.

S. 1766. An act to reauthorize the SAFER Act of 2013, and for other purposes.

#### ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 3(b) of House Resolution 670, the House stands adjourned until 9:30 a.m. on Friday, December 29, 2017.

Thereupon (at 4 o'clock and 33 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Friday, December 29, 2017, at 9:30 a.m.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

3546. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation and Energy Efficiency, Office of Environment, Health, Safety and Security, Department of Energy, transmitting the Department's final rule—Worker Safety and Health Program [AU-RM-16-WSHP] (RIN: 1992-AA55) received December 19, 2017, 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.

3547. A letter from the Regulations Coordinator, Office of Strategic Operations and Regulatory Affairs, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the De-

partment's Major notice—Medicare Program; Medicare Part B Monthly Actuarial Rates, Premium Rates, and Annual Deductible Beginning January 1, 2018 [CMS-8067-N] (RIN: 0938-AS72) received December 20, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); jointly to the Committees on Energy and Commerce and Ways and Means.

3548. A letter from the Regulations Coordinator, Office of Strategic Operations and Regulatory Affairs, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule—Medicare Program; Cancellation of Advancing Care Coordination Through Episode Payment and Cardiac Rehabilitation Incentive Payment Models; Changes to Comprehensive Care for Joint Replacement Payment Model: Extreme and Uncontrollable Circumstances Policy for the Comprehensive Care for Joint Replacement Payment Model [CMS-5524-F and IFC] (RIN: 0938-AT16) received December 8, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); jointly to the Committees on Energy and Commerce and Ways and Means.

3549. A letter from the Regulations Coordinator, Office of the Actuary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's Major notice—Medicare Program; CY 2018 Inpatient Hospital Deductible and Hospital and Extended Care Services Coinsurance Amounts [CMS-8065-N] (RIN: 0938-AT05) received December 20, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); jointly to the Committees on Energy and Commerce and Ways and Means.

3550. A letter from the Deputy Chief Counsel, Economic Development Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Department's final rule—Revolving Loan Fund Program Changes and General Updates to PWEDA Regulations [Docket No.: 160519444-7133-01] (RIN: 0610-AA69) received December 21, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); jointly to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure and Financial Services.

#### PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII,

Mrs. BUSTOS (for herself, Mr. JONES, Ms. STEFANIK, and Ms. JAYAPAL) introduced a bill (H.R. 4734) to amend title 9 of the United States Code with respect to arbitration; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

#### CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY STATEMENT

Pursuant to clause 7 of rule XII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the following statements are submitted regarding the specific powers granted to Congress in the Constitution to enact the accompanying bill or joint resolution.

Mrs. BUSTOS:

H.R. 4734.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

This bill is enacted pursuant to the power granted to Congress under Article I, Section 8, Clause 18 of the United States Constitution.

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. RICHARD HUDSON**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 26, 2017*

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained and missed a vote. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 690.

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# Daily Digest

## Senate

### *Chamber Action*

The Senate was not in session and stands adjourned until 10 a.m., on Wednesday, December 27, 2017.

### *Committee Meetings*

No committee meetings were held.

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## House of Representatives

### *Chamber Action*

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 1 public bill, H.R. 4734 was introduced. **Page H10428**

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

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative McHenry to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H10427**

**Guest Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Rev. Paul D. Holland, S.J., Jesuit Conference, Washington, DC. **Page H10427**

**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 4:30 p.m. and adjourned at 4:33 p.m.

### *Committee Meetings*

No hearings were held.

### *Joint Meetings*

No joint committee meetings were held.

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2017

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

### House

No hearings are scheduled.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

10 a.m., Wednesday, December 27

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

9:30 a.m., Friday, December 29

## Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Senate will meet in a pro forma session.

## House Chamber

Program for Friday: House will meet in Pro Forma session at 9:30 a.m.

## Extensions of Remarks, as inserted in this issue

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