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House of Representatives

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

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,

January 12, 2018.

I hereby appoint the Honorable MICHAEL K. SIMPSON to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

PAUL D. RYAN,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer: Gracious God, we give You thanks for giving us another day.

You have blessed us with all good gifts, and with thankful hearts we express our gratitude. You have created us with opportunities to serve other people in their need, to share together in respect and affection, and to be faithful in the responsibilities we have been given.

In this moment of prayer, please grant to the Members of this people's House, as they meet with their respective constituents, the gifts of wisdom and discernment, that in their words and actions they will do justice, love with mercy, and walk humbly with You.

May all that is done this day be for Your greater honor and glory.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands 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.

BILL PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Karen L. Haas, Clerk of the House, reported that on January 10, 2018, she presented to the President of the United States, for his approval, the following bill:

H.R. 3759. To provide for the establishment and maintenance of a Family Caregiving Strategy, and for other purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the House stands adjourned until noon on Tuesday, January 16, 2018, for morning-hour debate.

There was no objection.

Thereupon (at 10 o'clock and 2 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Tuesday, January 16, 2018, at noon for morning-hour debate.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

3718. A letter from the Assistant Secretary of the Army, Manpower and Reserve Affairs, Department of the Army, Department of Defense, transmitting notice to Congress of the anticipated use of Selected Reserve units that will be ordered to active duty, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 12304b(d); Public Law 112-81, Sec. 516(a)(1); (125 Stat. 1396); to the Committee on Armed Services.

3719. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agen-

cy's final rule — 2-Propenoic acid, 2-methyl-, dodecyl ester, polymer with 1-ethenyl-2-pyrrolidinone and a-(2-methyl-1-oxo-2-propen-1-yl)-w-methoxypoly(oxy-1,2-ethanediy1); Tolerance Exemption [EPA-HQ-OPP-2017-0258; FRL-9970-94] received December 21, 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.

3720. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's withdrawal of direct final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Maryland; Continuous Opacity Monitoring Requirements for Municipal Waste Combustors [EPA-R03-OAR-2017-0484; FRL-9972-55-Region 3] received December 21, 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.

3721. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval of Tennessee's Request to Relax the Federal Reid Vapor Pressure (RVP) Gasoline Volatility Standard for Shelby County (Memphis) [EPA-HQ-OAR-2017-0146; FRL-9972-06-OAR] (RIN: 2060-AT69) received December 21, 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.

3722. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's withdrawal of direct final rule — Full Withdrawal of Approval and Promulgation of State Air Quality Plans for Designated Facilities and Pollutants; City of Philadelphia; Control of Emissions from Existing Sewage Sludge Incineration Units [EPA-R03-OAR-2017-0509; FRL-9972-52-Region 3] received December 21, 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.

3723. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Wool Fiberglass Manufacturing; Rotary Spin Lines Technology Review and Revision of Flame Attenuation Line Standards [EPA-HQ-OAR-2010-1042; FRL-9972-44-OAR] (RIN:

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2060-AT13) received December 21, 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.

3724. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's withdrawal of direct final rule — Protection of Stratospheric Ozone: Refrigerant Management Regulations for Small Cans of Motor Vehicle Refrigerant [EPA-HQ-OAR-2017-0213; FRL-9972-47-OAR] (RIN: 2060-AT43) received December 21, 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.

3725. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Protection of Stratospheric Ozone: Refrigerant Management Regulations for Small Cans of Motor Vehicle Refrigerant [EPA-HQ-OAR-2017-0213; FRL-9972-48-OAR] received December 21, 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.

3726. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval of Louisiana's Request to Relax Federal Reid Vapor Pressure (RVP) Gasoline Volatility Standard for Several Parishes [EPA-HQ-OAR-2016-0683; FRL-9971-92-OAR] (RIN: 2060-AT61) received December 21, 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.

3727. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Hazardous Waste Management System; User Fees for the Electronic Hazardous Waste Manifest System and Amendments to Manifest Regulations [EPA-HQ-OLEM-2016-0177; FRL-9965-27-OLEM] (RIN: 2050-AG80) received December 21, 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.

3728. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a report titled "Designations of Countries of Particular Concern, Imposition of Presidential Actions, and Exercise of Waiver Authority Under the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998", pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 6442(c)(5); Public Law 105-292, Sec. 402(c)(5) (as amended by Public Law 106-55, Sec. 2(a)); (113 Stat. 405); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

3729. A letter from the Assistant Legal Adviser, Office of Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting reports concerning international agreements other than treaties entered into by the United States to be transmitted to the Congress within the sixty-day period specified in the Case-Zablocki Act, pursuant to 1 U.S.C. 112b(a); Public Law 92-403, Sec. 1(a) (as amended by Public Law 108-458, Sec. 7121(b)); (118 Stat. 3807); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

3730. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Cooperation Agency, Department of Defense, transmitting Transmittal No. 17-63, pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

3731. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Cooperation Agency, Department of Defense, transmitting Transmittal No. 17-0C, pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(b)(5)(C) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

3732. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State,

transmitting the FY 2017 Annual Report of the Interagency Working Group on U.S. Government-Sponsored International Exchanges and Training, pursuant to Sec. 112(f) and (g) of the Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act of 1961 (Public Law 87-256), as amended [22 U.S.C. Sec. 2460(f) and (g)]; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

3733. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a certification, pursuant to Sec. 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, Transmittal No.: DDTC 17-044; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

3734. A letter from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Federal Election Commission, transmitting the Commission's report to Congress on FY 2017 competitive sourcing efforts, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 501 note; Public Law 108-199, Sec. 647(b); (118 Stat. 361); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

3735. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's report to Congress titled "Roadside Safety Hardware Identification Methods", pursuant to Public Law 114-94, Sec. 1429(d); (129 Stat. 1426); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

3736. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Public Notification Requirements for Combined Sewer Overflows to the Great Lakes Basin [EPA-HQ-OW-2016-0376; FRL-9972-51-OW] (RIN: 2040-AF67) December 21, 2017, 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.

3737. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a semi-annual report to Congress concerning emigration laws and policies of Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Tajikistan, and Uzbekistan, as required by the Jackson-Vanik Amendment, as amended, pursuant to 19 U.S.C. 2439(b); Public Law 93-618, Sec. 409(b); (88 Stat. 2064) and 19 U.S.C. 2432(b); Public Law 93-618, Sec. 402(b); (88 Stat. 2056); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. WALDEN: Committee on Energy and Commerce. H.R. 1119. A bill to establish the bases by which the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency shall issue, implement, and enforce certain emission limitations and allocations for existing electric utility steam generating units that convert coal refuse into energy; with amendments (Rept. 115-514). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. BISHOP of Utah: Committee on Natural Resources. H.R. 4033. A bill to reauthorize the National Geologic Mapping Act of 1992 (Rept. 115-515). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions of the following titles were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. HUIZENGA (for himself and Mr. HULTGREN):

H.R. 4785. A bill to prohibit the consolidated audit trail from accepting personally identifying information, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. MEEKS (for himself, Mr. CICILLINE, Mr. GRIJALVA, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. DESAULNIER, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Mr. HIMES, Mr. ELLISON, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Mr. QUIGLEY, Mr. SUOZZI, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mr. EVANS, Ms. NORTON, Ms. JAYAPAL, Mr. BLUMENAUER, and Ms. KELLY of Illinois):

H.R. 4786. A bill to require State and local law enforcement agencies to promptly report the loss or theft of any firearm to the National Tracing Center, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BISHOP of Michigan:

H.R. 4787. A bill to impose additional requirements on portions of petroleum pipelines that cross the waters of the Great Lakes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. ENGEL:

H.R. 4788. A bill to direct the Secretary of Energy to establish a pilot program to award grants and loan guarantees to hospitals to carry out projects for the purpose of reducing energy costs and increasing resilience to improve security; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. GOTTHEIMER (for himself and Mr. LANCE):

H.R. 4789. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the limitation on the deduction for certain taxes, including state and local property and income taxes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. HILL:

H.R. 4790. A bill to amend the Volcker rule to give the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System sole rulemaking authority, to exclude community banks from the requirements of the Volcker rule, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. MOONEY of West Virginia:

H.R. 4791. A bill to amend the Federal Reserve Act to establish requirements for salaries, financial disclosures, and office staff of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Ms. VELÁZQUEZ:

H.R. 4792. A bill to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to expand access to capital for small businesses affected by hurricanes or other natural disasters, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. LIPINSKI (for himself, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, Ms. BORDALLO, Mrs. COMSTOCK, Mr. COURTNEY, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN, Mr. GALLAGHER, Mr. JONES, Mr. JOYCE of Ohio, Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania, Mr. KING of New York, Mr. LANGEVIN, Mr. LATTI, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Mr. SABLON, Mr. SERRANO, Mrs. WAGNER, Mr. YARMUTH, and Mr. LAHOOD):

H. Res. 692. A resolution supporting the contributions of Catholic schools; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

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.

By Mr. HUIZENGA:

H.R. 4785.

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

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 18 . . . " make all laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers, and all other Powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United States, or in any Department or Officer thereof."

By Mr. MEEKS:

H.R. 4786.

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

Article I, Section 8

By Mr. BISHOP of Michigan:

H.R. 4787.

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

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 3, to regulate Commerce with foreign nations, and among the several states.

By Mr. ENGEL:

H.R. 4788.

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

The bill is enacted pursuant to the power granted to Congress under the following provisions of the United States Constitution:

Article I, Section 1;

Article I, Section 8, Clause 1;

Article I, Section 8, Clause 3; and

Article I, Section 8, Clause 18.

By Mr. GOTTHEIMER:

H.R. 4789.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 1 of the Constitution of the United States.

By Mr. HILL:

H.R. 4790.

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

Article I, Section 8 of the United States Constitution.

By Mr. MOONEY of West Virginia:

H.R. 4791.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 1 of the United States Constitution

By Ms. VELÁZQUEZ:

H.R. 4792.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 3

The Congress shall have Power . . . To regulate Commerce with foreign Nations, and among the several States, and with the Indian Tribes.

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

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

H.R. 84: Mr. DUNCAN of South Carolina.

H.R. 392: Mr. WENSTRUP.

H.R. 620: Mr. MESSER, Ms. JENKINS of Kansas, Mr. REED, and Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana.

H.R. 632: Ms. LOFGREN.

H.R. 681: Mr. SMUCKER and Mr. WILLIAMS.

H.R. 719: Mr. RUSSELL, Mr. MOONEY of West Virginia, Mr. GOWDY, Mr. WEBSTER of Florida, Mr. POSEY, and Mr. CARTER of Georgia.

H.R. 878: Mr. ROTHFUS, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. HARRIS, Mr. NORMAN, Mr. YODER, Mr. LAMALFA, and Mr. CHABOT.

H.R. 912: Ms. SÁNCHEZ.

H.R. 975: Ms. TSONGAS and Ms. MCCOLLUM.

H.R. 1017: Ms. SÁNCHEZ.

H.R. 1192: Mr. RENACCI and Mrs. NOEM.

H.R. 1227: Mr. QUIGLEY and Mr. POCAN.

H.R. 1268: Mr. SWALWELL of California.

H.R. 1406: Ms. HERRERA BEUTLER.

H.R. 1907: Ms. JAYAPAL.

H.R. 1987: Mr. GARAMENDI, Ms. BROWNLEY of California, and Mr. RUSH.

H.R. 2152: Mr. HARPER and Mr. JORDAN.

H.R. 2475: Mr. SOTO.

H.R. 2669: Ms. BROWNLEY of California.

H.R. 2683: Mr. BARR.

H.R. 2687: Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas and Mr. RUPPERSBERGER.

H.R. 2740: Mr. O'ROURKE.

H.R. 3172: Mr. WALZ.

H.R. 3282: Mr. DUFFY.

H.R. 3600: Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. BIGGS, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. CHABOT, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, and Mr. DESJARLAIS.

H.R. 3780: Mr. BARTON, Mr. LONG, Ms. SINEMA, Ms. PINGREE, and Mr. BUCHSHON.

H.R. 4061: Mr. GONZALEZ of Texas.

H.R. 4079: Ms. LOFGREN.

H.R. 4099: Mrs. WALORSKI, Mr. LAMBORN, and Mr. FITZPATRICK.

H.R. 4143: Mrs. NOEM and Mr. COURTNEY.

H.R. 4253: Mr. CONNOLLY.

H.R. 4345: Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. DEFazio, Mr. KILMER, and Ms. JAYAPAL.

H.R. 4508: Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mr. HUNTER, Mr. ROE of Tennessee, Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania, Mr. WALBERG, Mr. ROKITA, Mr. BARLETTA, Mr. MESSER, Mr. BYRNE, Mr. BRAT, Ms. STEFANIK, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. LEWIS of Minnesota, Mr. FRANCIS ROONEY of Florida, Mr. MITCHELL, Mr. GARRETT, Mr. SMUCKER, Mr. FERGUSON, Mr. ESTES of Kansas, and Mrs. HANDEL.

H.R. 4547: Ms. MOORE, Ms. JAYAPAL, Mr. CARTWRIGHT, and Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico.

H.R. 4608: Mr. CRAMER.

H.R. 4610: Mr. ROSKAM.

H.R. 4666: Mr. PETERSON and Mr. FITZPATRICK.

H.R. 4681: Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana.

H.R. 4712: Mr. KUSTOFF of Tennessee, Mr. FRANCIS ROONEY of Florida, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. KINZINGER, Mr. SMITH of Missouri, and Ms. CHENEY.

H.R. 4736: Mr. GOHMERT.

H.R. 4747: Mr. RUPPERSBERGER.

H.R. 4760: Mr. CALVERT, Mr. STIVERS, and Ms. TENNEY.

H.R. 4774: Mr. COURTNEY.

H.J. Res. 2: Mr. SESSIONS.

H. Con. Res. 63: Mrs. BEATTY, Mr. LAWSON of Florida, Mr. DEUTCH, Mr. O'ROURKE, Mr. McEACHIN, Mr. RUPPERSBERGER, Mr. BEYER, and Mr. YARMUTH.

H. Res. 35: Ms. JACKSON LEE.

H. Res. 671: Mr. BIGGS and Mr. GROTHMAN.

H. Res. 686: Ms. LEE and Mr. ROYCE of California.



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Senate

The Senate met at 1 and 1 second p.m. and was called to order by the Honorable BEN SASSE, a Senator from the State of Nebraska.

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 legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, January 12, 2018.

To the Senate:

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

ORRIN G. HATCH,
President pro tempore.

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

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL TUESDAY,
JANUARY 16, 2018, AT 4:30 P.M.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate stands adjourned until 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 16, 2018.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 1 and 27 seconds p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, January 16, 2018, at 4:30 p.m.

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EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LUIS V. GUTIÉRREZ

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 12, 2018

Mr. GUTIÉRREZ. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent in the House chamber for Roll Call votes 9 and 10 on Wednesday, January 10, 2018. Had I been present, I would have voted "Nay" on Roll Call votes 9 and 10.

SUPPORTING THE RIGHTS OF THE PEOPLE OF IRAN TO FREE EXPRESSION

SPEECH OF

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 9, 2018

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H. Res. 676.

H. Res. 676 supports the rights of the people of Iran to free expression, condemns the Iranian regime for its crackdown on legitimate protests, and displays American support for peaceful Iranian protestors. H. Res. 676 recognizes the rights of Iranians to peaceful forms of free expression.

On December 28, 2017, Iranians in the city of Mashad began protesting against the Iranian regime. The protestors expressed economic grievances, frustrations over widespread corruption, and disapproval of the regime's destabilizing support for terrorist groups. This message held sway with many Iranians and protests swiftly spread across the country. The Iranian regime has responded harshly to these protests. The regime has shut down mobile internet access and blocked and pressured companies to cut off social media applications that activists use to publicize protests. Consequently, H. Res. 676 provides Congress authority to license the provision of communications technology to Iran so that people can continue to express themselves freely. The Iranian regime has also engaged in a series of significant human rights abuses and major corruption cases. The Department of State strongly rebukes the Iranian regime's arrest of peaceful protestors, significant corruption, and destabilizing activities abroad. H. Res. 676 gives Congress the authority to designate and sanction elements of the Iranian regime involved in these abuses.

This legislation is important for the United States because it emphasizes to Americans and citizens around the world that America is not afraid to stand up to defend the principles upon which our country was formed.

I've long been a proponent of encouraging free and fair democracies and condemned authoritarianism abroad. As a member of the Judiciary committee, I have spent my tenure in Congress fighting for human and civil rights. Standing up for the rights of all people is of

the utmost importance to me. Thus, it is with great pride that I support H. Res. 676 and urge my fellow members to do the same.

HUD AFFH RULE CHANGE

HON. PRAMILA JAYAPAL

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 12, 2018

Ms. JAYAPAL. Mr. Speaker, on Friday, the Department of Housing and Urban Development announced that it would effectively delay until 2025 the implementation of the Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing rule that will help communities finally realize the goals of the Fair Housing Act.

This year is the 50th anniversary of that landmark law, which prohibits housing discrimination, and the AFFH rule aims to ensure our communities have the tools necessary to comply with it. Despite the law's passage 50 years ago, segregation still plagues our communities, resulting in grave inequities in all aspects of life. This is unacceptable.

In 2015, after years of public input, the Obama administration finalized the rule, taking the first meaningful steps to empower communities to develop solutions that better address the housing needs of all of their residents.

The AFFH rule reaffirms the strongly held American belief that your zip code should not determine your access to opportunity. But by delaying the rule, HUD is making it clear that equity and fair housing is not a priority of this administration.

Housing equity is not a choice—it's the law.

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. JAMES GANDY

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 12, 2018

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the exemplary work of Mr. James Gandy and congratulate him on his retirement. Mr. Gandy has served as the President of the Frisco Economic Development Corporation (FEDC) for 22 years, and in that time, has witnessed firsthand the economic boom that transformed Frisco from a small farm town to the economic hub it is today.

During his tenure, the FEDC facilitated more than 345 projects with an economic impact of \$31.1 billion to the Dallas-Fort Worth Metropolitan area. As a result of his work, more than 27,000 direct on-site jobs have been created, amounting to one fifth of the jobs in Frisco today. Mr. Gandy played a key role in bringing the Stonebriar Centre Mall and globally recognized brands—including the Dallas Cowboys—to this once-small town. As a direct result of the completion of these projects, Frisco is the proud host to more than 6 million visitors per year.

Mr. Gandy's record of achievement does not stop there. This Frisco community leader was integral to forging public-private partnerships to create sports and entertainment venues, including the Ford Center at the Star, the Dr. Pepper Ballpark and Arena, the Toyota Stadium, and the Frisco Superdome.

As a result of his hard work, Mr. Gandy has received attention not only at the local level, but also from around our state. Under his leadership, the FEDC was awarded the 2017 Economic Development Leadership/Innovation award from the North Texas Chapter of CoreNet Global. The Dallas Business Journal, in the year 2012 and 2015, ranked the FEDC as number one among North Texas economic development agencies, and the FEDC was recognized as high performing in both 2013 and 2016 by Atlas Advertising.

He is truly an exemplary North Texas leader. Before serving on the FEDC, Mr. Gandy served on the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce as the Director of Economic Development for the City of Seguin, and as the President of the San Marcos Chamber of Commerce.

It is clear that Mr. Gandy has worked tirelessly to bolster the Frisco economy. Under his leadership at FEDC, the City of Frisco has seen an increase of the tax base of 38 times what it was when he took office. On behalf of the citizens and businesses of Frisco, I want to thank James Gandy for the unparalleled impact he has made on the city and wish him a very happy retirement.

SECURING DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY FIREARMS ACT OF 2017

SPEECH OF

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 9, 2018

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 4433.

H.R. 4433, the Securing DHS Firearms Act of 2017, makes the Under Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) responsible for the security of sensitive assets, such as badges, firearms, or other weapons.

This legislation directs the DHS's Under Secretary to create and disseminate a directive. This directive should designate which assets should be classified as sensitive, the requirements for securing and safeguarding sensitive assets, and the methods to record and report lost assets. H.R. 4433 also directs the Under Secretary to revise the Personal Property Asset Management Program Manual, which contains the procedures and trainings for safeguarding sensitive assets, guides for recording lost assets, and requirements that a lost asset file contain both a DHS report and a corresponding police report.

H.R. 4433 is vital to safeguard sensitive assets that could result in loss of life and significant mission derailment if lost. From 2014 to

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2016, DHS purportedly lost 2,141 sensitive assets, including firearms, badges, and secure immigration stamps. In many of these cases, DHS personnel acted recklessly and were not held accountable for improperly safeguarding their sensitive assets. Furthermore, DHS personnel often fail to track down their lost sensitive assets. H.R. 4433 will address this loose behavior by holding the Under Secretary of the DHS accountable for ensuring that sensitive assets are kept safe.

I am particularly concerned with safeguarding sensitive assets due to the increase in stolen guns within Georgia's 4th district and the state as a whole. The Atlanta police chief recently reported that 954 guns were stolen from cars in Atlanta last year. This represents a 40 percent increase in the number of firearms stolen from cars compared to 2015. However, this is not just a Georgian problem—a study by Harvard and Northeastern researchers this past year estimated that roughly 380,000 firearms are stolen in the U.S. every year. One of the best ways to address this issue is through prevention. By strengthening the expectations and rules for firearm ownership within the DHS, we can do a small part to reduce the number of stolen guns in Georgia and across the country.

As a member of the Judiciary committee, I have worked consistently to promote responsible gun ownership. I cosponsored legislation that required the review of U.S. policy regarding capture, custody, treatment, judicial proceedings, and repatriation of suspected 'unlawful enemy combatants.' With these past legislative actions in mind, I support H.R. 4433 and urge my fellow members to do the same.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SALUD O. CARBAJAL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 12, 2018

Mr. CARBAJAL. Mr. Speaker, deadly mudslides have destroyed homes and claimed at least seventeen lives in my district. These mudslides have devastated the communities in my district—many of which are still recovering from the horrific Thomas Fire. In order to be with my constituents and assist the community in recovery efforts, I decided to return to Santa Barbara, California. As a result, I missed votes on January 10, 2018 and January 11, 2018.

Had I been present, I would have voted:

Aye on Roll Call No. 17—the Counter Terrorist Network Act;

Aye on Roll Call No. 12—the DHS Overseas Personnel Enhancement Act of 2017;

Nay on Roll Call No. 10—H. Res. 681, a rule providing for consideration of S. 140;

Nay on Roll Call No. 9—Motion on Ordering the Previous Question on the Rule, and

Nay on Roll Call No. 8—H. Res. 682, a rule providing for consideration of S. 139.

IN RECOGNITION OF FIRE CHIEF MIKE DUNCAN

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 12, 2018

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the exemplary work of Fire Chief

Mike Duncan in his service to the City of Roanoke, Texas as we mark his retirement. During his sixteen years as Fire Chief in Roanoke, he has been a committed leader in his community.

Chief Duncan was a seasoned fire fighter when he joined the Roanoke Fire Department as chief in 2001. He first began his firefighting career in 1974 with the City of North Richland Hills Fire Department. Since that time, he has served his community tirelessly in a variety of leadership roles.

Throughout his years of service, Chief Duncan earned certifications as a Master Firefighter, Advanced Fire Inspector, a Fire Service Instructor II and as the Department Head for the Fire Department. He is a leading member of the Denton County Fire Chiefs Association where he served as Treasurer for 11 years, the Tarrant County Fire Chiefs Association where he served as President in 2004, the International Association of Fire Chiefs, the National Fire Protection Association, the North East Fire Department Association and the International Code Conference.

Chief Duncan has devoted 43 years to protecting his neighbors. For more than four decades, he has put strangers' safety above his own, and we are indebted to him. I am deeply grateful for his service to the City of Roanoke and North Texas, and I wish Chief Duncan and his family the best in his retirement.

SCREENING AND VETTING PASSENGER EXCHANGE ACT OF 2017

SPEECH OF

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 9, 2018

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 4581.

H.R. 4581, the Screening and Vetting Passenger Exchange Act of 2017, requires the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to develop best practices for counter terrorism screening and vetting through the use of advanced passenger information (API) and passenger name record (PNR) data. This bill also encourages the Secretary of DHS to share best practices and assist with implementation for our foreign partners.

The DHS, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), and the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) have all utilized API and PNR as tools for screening and vetting potential criminals and terrorists. In April 2016, the European Union (EU) decided to follow in our footsteps by implementing PNR data into their counter terrorism screenings. The EU set a deadline for full integration of PNR data by May 2018. Unfortunately, many EU countries lack the knowledge, expertise, and experience with PNR data to allow them to meet their upcoming deadline. H.R. 4581 would allow the DHS to develop best practices for utilizing API and PNR data in counter terrorism screening and then share these best practices with our foreign allies.

This legislation will strengthen our national security and that of our foreign partners. Since 9/11, we have prevented hundreds of acts of terror and improved our national security. However, in the last two years, the United States has experienced a surge in terrorist acts and criminal activities.

As a former member of the House Armed Services Committee, I have always voted to support our law enforcement agencies in the work that they do. H.R. 4581 will fortify our Armed forces with best practices for preventing terrorism and allow them to continue doing their crucial work protecting our country. This legislation will also help our foreign allies so that they are able to effectively keep their people, and the people of the world, safe. Protecting our national security and the national securities of our allies ought to be a given. For this reason, I support H.R. 4581 and urge my fellow members to do the same.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. EVAN H. JENKINS

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 12, 2018

Mr. JENKINS of West Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I missed votes due to a previously scheduled event in West Virginia. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 11 and YEA on Roll Call No. 12.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SALUD O. CARBAJAL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 12, 2018

Mr. CARBAJAL. Mr. Speaker, deadly mudslides have destroyed homes and claimed at least seventeen lives to date in my district. These mudslides have devastated the communities in my district—many of which are still recovering from the horrific Thomas Fire. In order to be with my constituents and assist in recovery efforts, I decided to return to Santa Barbara, California. As a result, I was unable to vote during Roll Call No. 9, which was S. 140, a bill to amend the White Mountain Apache Tribe Water Rights Quantification Act of 2010 to clarify the use of amounts in the WMAT Settlement Fund on January 10, 2018.

While I support tribal sovereignty, this was a misguided bill that would strip hundreds of thousands of workers at tribal-owned and -operated enterprises of their protections for the right to bargain collectively.

If I had the opportunity to vote on S. 140, I would have voted NO on Roll Call No. 9.

DHS OVERSEAS PERSONNEL ENHANCEMENT ACT OF 2017

SPEECH OF

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 9, 2018

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 4567, the DHS Overseas Personnel Enhancement Act of 2017.

This legislation would require the Secretary of Homeland Security to brief the Committee on Homeland Security in the House of Representatives and the Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee in the Senate every six months on the operations of Department of Homeland Security personnel that work outside of the United States.

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) is the newest cabinet department in the United States federal government and was created in 2002 in the wake of the September 11th terrorist attacks. The department's mission is to prevent, prepare for, and respond to domestic issues, and it is deeply involved in border security and immigration services. In many ways, the DHS is still a fledgling cabinet department and H.R. 4567 aims to ensure transparency and accountability in this law enforcement body, and to encourage interagency communication and collaboration in their shared mission to fight terrorism abroad.

As a federal law enforcement agency, it's important to establish oversight rules for the DHS. Government oversight is one of the pillars of the American democracy and is a vital part of promoting accountability among the powerful. This is even truer of personnel in countries outside of the United States, where agents can be operating far from a supervisor's watchful eye.

We, as one of the most powerful nations in the world, must police our international presence to prevent abuses of power. As a former member of the Armed Services committee, I have long been a supporter of ethical practices and even sponsored legislation to review the United States treatment of suspected "unlawful enemy combatants". In our fight against terror worldwide, it's important to make sure that we ourselves are upholding the inalienable rights our democracy is founded upon.

H.R. 4567 encourages communication and accountability within the DHS, and allows for transparency between this department and the legislative branch. I support H.R. 4567 and I urge my colleagues to do the same.

ORANGE PARK ACRES

HON. MIMI WALTERS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 12, 2018

Mrs. MIMI WALTERS of California. Mr. Speaker, It is my honor to rise today in recognition of Orange Park Acres, a beautiful rural community located in my district in Orange County, California.

This community has stood the test of time, and stands today as a living reminder of our county's humble beginnings of horse drawn buggies, dirt roads, and miles of pristine natural landscape.

Orange Park Acres serves many Orange County residents as a retreat from the noise and congestion of city life, offering miles of quiet trails to enjoy with family and friends in our own backyard.

This year, Mr. Speaker, Orange Park Acres will celebrate 90 years since its establishment.

Through the dedication of the community members who call this hidden gem home, I am confident that Orange Park Acres will enjoy many more years of prosperity to come.

Once again, I would like to wish the community of Orange Park Acres a Happy New Year filled with celebrations and pride over the many accomplishments of the past 90 years.

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As a result, I was unable to vote during Roll Call No. 16, which was S. 139, the FISA Amendments Reauthorization Act of 2017 on January 11, 2018. If I had the opportunity to vote on S. 139, I would have voted No.

I was also a co-sponsor of the Amash amendment to S. 139 and would have voted Aye on Roll Call No. 14, in support of the amendment. Additionally, I would have voted Aye on Roll Call No. 15, on the Motion to Re-commit on S. 139.

DOMESTIC EXPLOSIVES DETECTION CANINE CAPACITY BUILDING ACT OF 2017

SPEECH OF

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 9, 2018

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise to support H.R. 4577, the Domestic Explosives Detection Canine Capacity Building Act of 2017.

This legislation directs the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) to create a work group to explore best practices for developing a breeding and training program for explosive detection canines. This working group would also determine medical standards, behavioral standards, and training standards for the program.

Currently in the United States, we rely heavily on explosive detection canines. They are a vital part of security measures not only at airports, but locations across the United States and the world. The sensitivity, complexity, and astuteness of a Bomb-sniffing dog's nose simply cannot be replicated with modern technology, and they are some of our best assets in the fight to protect Americans from acts of terror.

Previously, the TSA oversaw a breeding program to train and produce top quality service canines; however, that program was cut from the budget in 2012. This has forced the agency to purchase lower quality canines abroad at exorbitant prices. In 2017, the TSA oversaw a work force of 1,000 dogs and would need to acquire 350 annually to maintain these numbers. A New York Times article detailing the problem noted that in one of the four trips TSA agents annually make less than half of the 110 dogs they might see pass preliminary screening requirements, and another 15 to 20 percent fail to complete the agency's training program. To put it blandly, we are buying the best dogs our money can buy, and they're not good enough. H.R. 4577 is the first step to rebuilding the TSA's breeding program and ensuring that the dogs protecting our nation's airports and travelers satisfy our standards of excellence. This legislation will allow experts to not only determine which breeds are best suited for the job, but also which training methods are most effective.

I am particularly concerned with this issue, because Georgia houses the busiest airport in the world. Atlanta's Hartsfield Jackson airport in January of 2017 alone was visited by over 7.5 million passengers and played host to over 70,000 different aircrafts. Canines are widely used in the daily operations of this airport and a critical part of safety operations.

Additionally, as a member of the Transportation & Infrastructure committee, and a former member of the Armed Services committee I have long been concerned with issues relating to airport security and the safety of passengers who travel through our country. The TSA is an agency filled with people who have dedicated their careers to protecting Americans and we must provide them with the best tools available to do so. Explosive detecting canines are a crucial piece of the front line protecting Americans from harm and a necessary part of ensuring that all passengers and aircrafts are protected from any threat. H.R. 4577 will ensure that the United States can develop a program that will produce explosive detection canines that meet our standards of excellence and will build a sustainable method for ensuring the program's permanence. I support this legislation and I urge my colleagues to do the same.

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate met at 1:00:01 p.m. in pro forma session, and adjourned at 1:00:27 p.m. until 4:30 p.m., on Tuesday, January 16, 2018.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 8 public bills, H.R. 4785–4792, and 1 resolution, H. Res. 692, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 1119, to establish the bases by which the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency shall issue, implement, and enforce certain emission limitations and allocations for existing electric utility steam generating units that convert coal refuse into energy, with amendments (H. Rept. 115–514); and

H.R. 4033, to reauthorize the National Geologic Mapping Act of 1992 (H. Rept. 115–515).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Simpson to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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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 10 a.m. and adjourned at 10:02 a.m.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2018

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold an oversight hearing to examine the domestic and global energy outlook from the perspective of the International Energy Agency, 10 a.m., SD–366.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Department of Homeland Security, 10 a.m., SH–216.

House

Committee on Rules, Full Committee, hearing on H.R. 2954, the “Home Mortgage Disclosure Adjustment Act”; H.R. 3326, the “World Bank Accountability Act of 2017”; and H.R. 4712, the “Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act”, 5 p.m., H–313 Capitol.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

4:30 p.m., Tuesday, January 16

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12 noon, Tuesday, January 16

Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Senate will resume consideration of the amendment of the House to S. 139, FISA Amendments Reauthorization Act, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture on McConnell motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the bill at 5:30 p.m. The filing deadline for first-degree amendments is at 4:45 p.m., and the filing deadline for second-degree amendments is at 5:15 p.m.

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: To be announced.

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