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House of Representatives

The House met at noon and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. ARRINGTON).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
January 2, 2018.

I hereby appoint the Honorable JODEY C. ARRINGTON 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: God of the universe, we give You thanks for giving us another day.

As the Members of the people's House find their way back to the Capitol in anticipation of a busy second session of the 115th Congress, we ask Your continued blessing on our Nation.

May the days of celebration near the end of 2017 and the welcoming of a new year inspire hope and good will among the Members of the people's House, that the issues to be faced might be addressed with wisdom and timely consideration.

Bless as well those who have labored in these halls and offices, even while Congress has been in recess. Without their steady and faithful service, the work of Congress would not be possible.

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

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.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 3(b) of House Resolution 670, the House stands adjourned until 11 a.m. on Wednesday, January 3, 2018.

Thereupon (at 12 o'clock and 2 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, January 3, 2018, at 11 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

3568. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's withdrawal of direct final rule — Approval of Missouri Air Quality Implementation Plans; Infrastructure SIP Requirements for the 2010 Nitrogen Dioxide National Ambient Air Quality Standard [EPA-R07-OAR-2017-0268; FRL-9971-69-Region 7] received December 8, 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.

3569. 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; Pennsylvania; Adoption of Control Techniques Guidelines for Control of Volatile Organic Compound Emissions from Miscellaneous Metal Parts Surface Coating, Miscellaneous Plastic Parts Surface Coating, and Pleasure Craft Surface Coatings [EPA-R03-OAR-2017-0437; FRL-9971-98-Region 3] received December 8, 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.

3570. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's withdrawal of direct final rule — Approval of Missouri Air Quality Implementation Plans; Infrastructure SIP Requirements for the 2012 Annual Fine Particulate Matter (PM_{2.5}) National Ambient Air Quality Standard [EPA-R07-OAR-2017-0513; FRL-9971-68-Region 7] received December 8, 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.

3571. 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; Pennsylvania; Pennsylvania's Adoption of Control Techniques Guidelines for Automobile and Light-Duty Truck Assembly Coatings [EPA-R03-OAR-2017-0342; FRL-9971-93-Region 3] received December 8, 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.

3572. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Contingency Measures for the 1997 PM_{2.5} Standards; California; San Joaquin Valley; Correction of Deficiency [EPA-R09-OAR-2017-0580; FRL-9972-02-Region 9] received December 8, 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.

3573. 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; Virginia; Amendment to Ambient Air Quality Standard for Ozone [EPA-R03-OAR-2016-0592; FRL-9971-41-Region 3] received December 8, 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.

3574. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental

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Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Finding of Failure to Submit a Section 110 State Implementation Plan for Interstate Transport for the 2012 Annual National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Fine Particles [EPA-R10-OAR-2017-0677; FRL-9971-88-Region 10] received December 8, 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.

3575. 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; West Virginia; Removal of Clean Air Interstate Rule Trading Programs Replaced by Cross-State Air Pollution Rule Trading Programs [EPA-R03-OAR-2016-0574; FRL-9971-56-Region 3] received December 8, 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.

3576. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's Major final rule — Renewable Fuel Standard Program: Standards for 2018 and Biomass-Based Diesel Volume for 2019 [EPA-HQ-OAR-2017-0091; FRL-9971-73-OAR] (RIN: 2060-AT04) received December 8, 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.

3577. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; New Mexico; Albuquerque and Bernalillo County; Regional Haze Progress Report State Implementation Plan [EPA-R06-OAR-2016-0406; FRL-9971-43-Region 6] received December 8, 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.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII,

Ms. JAYAPAL introduced a resolution (H. Res. 674) honoring the life and legacy of Alan Rabinowitz for his immeasurable contributions to the city of Seattle as a leading philanthropist, educator, community organizer, and public servant; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

 ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

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

H.R. 1646: Mr. WILSON of South Carolina.
 H.R. 3222: Mr. MCEACHIN.
 H.R. 3637: Ms. MCCOLLUM and Mr. MCGOVERN.
 H.R. 4710: Mr. COLLINS of New York.



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Senate

The Senate met at 4 and 3 seconds p.m. and was called to order by the Honorable CHUCK GRASSLEY, a Senator from the State of Iowa.

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 2, 2018.

To the Senate:

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

ORRIN G. HATCH,
President pro tempore.

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

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader is recognized.

ORDER OF PROCEDURE

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that I be recognized for the purposes of propounding a unanimous consent agreement.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

NOMINATIONS REMAINING IN STATUS QUO

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that notwithstanding the order of December 21, 2017, and the provisions of rule XXXI, all uniformed military promotions pending in the Senate remain in status quo, with the exception of the following:

PN765, PN540, and PN475, and that the following defense civilian nomination also be returned to the President: PN1096. I further ask consent that the previous order be modified to reflect that PN1193 should be returned to the President and PN1316 should remain in status quo.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2018

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate stands adjourned until 12 noon on Wednesday, January 3, 2018.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 4:01 and 39 seconds p.m., adjourned until Wednesday, January 3, 2018, at 12 noon.

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EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN B. LARSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 2, 2018

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, on December 21, 2017 I missed roll call vote 710. Had I been present, I would have voted “yea” or “aye”.

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate met at 4:00:03 p.m. in pro forma session, and adjourned at 4:01:39 p.m. until 12 noon, on Wednesday, January 3, 2018.

Status Quo Nominations—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding the order of December 21, 2017 and the provisions of Rule XXXI, all uniformed military promotions pending in the Senate remain in

status quo, with the exception of the following: PN 765, PN 540, and PN 475, and that the following defense civilian nomination also be returned to the President: PN 1096; provided further that the previous order be modified to reflect that PN 1193 should be returned to the President and PN 1316 should remain status quo. **Page S8289**

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 1 public bill, H. Res. 674 was introduced. **Page H10432**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H10432**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Arrington to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H10431**

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 12 noon and adjourned at 12:02 p.m.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2018

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

12 noon, Wednesday, January 3

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

11 a.m., Wednesday, January 3

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Senate will convene the 2nd session of the 115th Congress and new Senators will be sworn in.

At 5 p.m., Senate will begin consideration of the nomination of John C. Rood, of Arizona, to be Under Secretary of Defense for Policy, with a vote on confirmation thereon at 5:30 p.m.

House Chamber

Program for Wednesday: House will meet in Pro Forma session at 11 a.m.

Extensions of Remarks, as inserted in this issue

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