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The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. BROWN of Maryland).

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,  
August 13, 2019.

I hereby appoint the Honorable ANTHONY G. BROWN to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

### PRAYER

Reverend Gene Hemrick, St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Washington, D.C., offered the following prayer:

In the Cox corridor of the House of Representatives a quote by William Jennings Bryan reads: "Our Government conceived in Freedom and Purchased with Blood can be preserved only by Constant Vigilance."

Lord, we pray that You bless our Congress with the constant vigilance needed to ensure peace and harmony in our country and throughout the world.  
Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 5(a) of House Resolution 509, 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 Repub-

lic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 5(b) of House Resolution 509, the House stands adjourned until noon on Friday, August 16, 2019.

Thereupon (at 9 o'clock and 2 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Friday, August 16, 2019, at noon.

### EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

1850. A letter from the Acting Principal Director, Defense Pricing and Contracting, Acquisition and Sustainment, Department of Defense, transmitting a letter authorizing the awarding of subcontracts to component repairs, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 2350b(d)(1); Public Law 104-106, Sec. 4321(b)(10)(B); (110 Stat. 672); to the Committee on Armed Services.

1851. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting a letter on the approved retirement of Admiral John M. Richardson, United States Navy, and his advancement to the grade of admiral on the retired list, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 1370(c)(1); Public Law 96-513, Sec. 112 (as amended by Public Law 104-106, Sec. 502(b)); (110 Stat. 293); to the Committee on Armed Services.

1852. A letter from the Deputy Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Affairs, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's final rule—Benefits Payable in Terminated Single-Employer Plans; Interest Assumptions for Paying Benefits received August 2, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Education and Labor.

1853. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting a renewed determination that a public health emergency exists nationwide as a result of the consequences of the opioid crisis, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 247d(a); July 1, 1944, ch. 373, title III, Sec. 319(a) (as amended by

Public Law 107-188, Sec. 144(a)); (116 Stat. 630); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1854. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation and Energy Efficiency, Office of Hearings and Appeals, Department of Energy, transmitting the Department's final rule—Revisions to the DOE Contractor Employee Protection Program [DOE-OHA-2019-0017] (RIN: 1903-AA09) received August 2, 2019, 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.

1855. A letter from the Chief Executive Officer, U.S. Anti-Doping Agency, transmitting the Agency's 2018 Annual Report and Financial Audit, pursuant to 21 U.S.C. 2002(b); Public Law 109-469, Sec. 702(b); (120 Stat. 3534); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1856. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a six-month periodic report, covering November 15, 2018, to May 15, 2019, on the national emergency with respect to the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction that was declared in Executive Order 12938 of November 14, 1994, and has been continued by the President each year, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1703(c); Public Law 95-223, Sec. 204(c); (91 Stat. 1627) and 50 U.S.C. 1641(c); Public Law 94-412, Sec. 401(c); (90 Stat. 1257); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

1857. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting the Department's Human Rights Report for International Military Education and Training Recipients for 2019, in accordance with Sec. 549 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

1858. A letter from the Assistant Director for Regulatory Affairs, Office of Foreign Assets Control, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's final rule—Global Terrorism Sanctions Regulations; Transnational Criminal Organizations Sanctions Regulations; and Hizballah Financial Sanctions Regulations received August 2, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

1859. A letter from the Acting Deputy General Counsel for Operations, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting two (2) notifications of an action on a nomination, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 3349(a);

□ This symbol represents the time of day during the House proceedings, e.g., □ 1407 is 2:07 p.m.

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