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

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
October 4, 2019.

I hereby appoint the Honorable JENNIFER WEXTON to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

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

During these days of constituent visits, send Your spirit of wisdom, patience, and clarity of thought to both Members and their voters back in their home districts.

May we all be forever grateful that our Nation was founded by gifted politicians, Founders who gave the world the great gift of representative government, having rights guaranteed by a Constitution truly inspired.

And may the issues dominating our Nation's attention these days be considered with the assistance of Your spirit, by a faithfulness to that Constitution rather than partisan interests.

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

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 5(a) of House Resolution 577, 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.

HOUSE BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS APPROVED BY THE PRESIDENT

The President notified the Clerk of the House that on the following dates he had approved and signed bills and a joint resolution of the following titles:

June 25, 2019:

H.R. 299. An Act to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify presumptions relating to the exposure of certain veterans who served in the vicinity of the Republic of Vietnam, and for other purposes.

H.R. 559. An Act to amend section 6 of the Joint Resolution entitled "A Joint Resolution to approve the Covenant To Establish a Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in Political Union with the United States of America, and for other purposes".

July 1, 2019:

H.R. 3151. An Act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modernize and improve the Internal Revenue Service, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3401. An Act making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, and for other purposes.

July 5, 2019:

H.J. Res. 60. A joint resolution requesting the Secretary of the Interior to authorize unique and one-time arrangements for displays on the National Mall and the Washington Monument during the period beginning on July 16, 2019 and ending on July 20, 2019.

H.R. 2940. An Act to extend the program of block grants to States for temporary assistance for needy families and related programs through September 30, 2019.

July 25, 2019:

H.R. 866. An Act to provide a lactation room in public buildings.

July 29, 2019:

H.R. 1327. An Act to extend authorization for the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund of 2001 through fiscal year 2092, and for other purposes.

July 31, 2019:

H.R. 2196. An Act to amend title 38, United States Code, to reduce the credit hour requirement for the Edith Nourse Rogers STEM Scholarship program of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

August 2, 2019:

H.R. 3877. An Act to amend the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, to establish a congressional budget for fiscal years 2020 and 2021, to temporarily suspend the debt limit, and for other purposes.

August 6, 2019:

H.R. 3253. An Act to provide for certain extensions with respect to the Medicaid program under title XIX of the Social Security Act, and for other purposes.

August 9, 2019:

H.R. 1569. An Act to amend title 28, United States Code, to add Flagstaff and Yuma to the list of locations in which court shall be held in the judicial district for the State of Arizona.

H.R. 2695. An Act to rename the Success Dam in Tulare County, California, as the Richard L. Schafer Dam.

August 21, 2019:

H.R. 540. An Act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 770 Ayrault Road in Fairport, New York, as the "Louise and Bob Slaughter Post Office".

H.R. 828. An Act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 25 Route 111 in Smithtown, New York, as the "Congressman Bill Carney Post Office".

H.R. 829. An Act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1450 Montauk Highway in Mastic, New York, as the "Army Specialist Thomas J. Wilwerth Post Office Building".

H.R. 1198. An Act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 404 South Boulder Highway in Henderson, Nevada, as the "Henderson Veterans Memorial Post Office Building".

H.R. 1449. An Act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3033 203rd Street in Olympia Fields, Illinois, as the "Captain Robert L. Martin Post Office".

H.R. 3305. An Act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located

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