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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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at 2509 George Mason Drive in Virginia Beach, Virginia, as the “Ryan Keith Cox Post Office Building”.

August 22, 2019:

H.R. 639. An Act to amend section 327 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to clarify that National Urban Search and Rescue Response System task forces may include Federal employees.

H.R. 776. An Act to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the Emergency Medical Services for Children program.

H.R. 1079. An Act to require the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to issue guidance on electronic consent forms, and for other purposes.

August 23, 2019:

H.R. 1250. An Act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 11158 Highway 146 North in Hardin, Texas, as the “Lucas Lowe Post Office”.

H.R. 2336. An Act to amend title 11, United States Code, with respect to the definition of “family farmer”.

H.R. 2938. An Act to exempt from the calculation of monthly income certain benefits paid by the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Department of Defense.

H.R. 3245. An Act to transfer a bridge over the Wabash River to the New Harmony River Bridge Authority and the New Harmony and Wabash River Bridge Authority, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3304. An Act to exempt for an additional 4-year period, from the application of the means-test presumption of abuse under chapter 7, qualifying members of reserve components of the Armed Forces and members of the National Guard who, after September 11, 2001, are called to active duty or to perform a homeland defense activity for not less than 90 days.

H.R. 3311. An Act to amend chapter 11 of title 11, United States Code, to address reorganization of small businesses, and for other purposes.

September 22, 2019:

H.R. 831. An Act to direct the Secretary of Transportation to request nominations for and make determinations regarding roads to be designated under the national scenic byways program, and for other purposes.

SENATE BILLS APPROVED BY THE PRESIDENT

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

July 5, 2019:

S. 2047. An Act to provide for a 2-week extension of the Medicaid community mental health services demonstration program, and for other purposes.

July 25, 2019:

S. 744. An Act to amend section 175b of title 18, United States Code, to correct a scrivener’s error.

S. 998. An Act to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to expand support for police officer family services, stress reduction, and suicide prevention, and for other purposes.

S. 1749. An Act to clarify seasoning requirements for certain refinanced mortgage loans, and for other purposes.

July 30, 2019:

S. 504. An Act to amend title 36, United States Code, to authorize The American Legion to determine the requirements for membership in The American Legion, and for other purposes.

August 2, 2019:

S. 2249. An Act to allow the Deputy Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administra-

tion on the date of enactment of this Act to continue to serve as such Deputy Administrator.

BILL PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Cheryl L. Johnson, Clerk of the House, reported that on September 27, 2019, she presented to the President of the United States, for his approval, the following bill.

H.R. 1590. To require an exercise related to terrorist and foreign fighter travel, and for other purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 5(b) of House Resolution 577, the House stands adjourned until 1 p.m. on Tuesday, October 8, 2019.

Thereupon (at 10 o’clock and 2 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Tuesday, October 8, 2019, at 1 p.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

2448. A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service; Livestock and Poultry Program, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department’s final rule — Amendments to the Regulations Governing Meats, Prepared Meats, and Meat Products (Grading, Certification, and Standards) [No. AMS-LP-16-0080] received September 25, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Agriculture.

2449. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting a letter on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General VeraLinn Jamieson, United States Air Force, and her advancement to the grade of lieutenant general 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.

2450. A letter from the Under Secretary, Acquisition and Sustainment, Department of Defense, transmitting a report titled, “Failure of Contractors to Meet Goals Under Negotiated Comprehensive Small Business Subcontracting Plans”, September 2019, pursuant to 15 U.S.C. 637 note; Public Law 114-92, Sec. 872(d)(2); (129 Stat. 939); to the Committee on Armed Services.

2451. A letter from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting the Attorney General’s 2018 Annual Report to Congress Pursuant to the Credit Opportunity Act Amendments of 1976, pursuant to 15 U.S.C. 1691f; Public Law 90-321, Sec. 707 (as added by Public Law 94-239, Sec. 7); (90 Stat. 255); to the Committee on Financial Services.

2452. A letter from the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting the Commission’s Major final rule — Record-keeping and Reporting Requirements for Security-Based Swap Dealers, Major Security-Based Swap Participants, and Broker-Dealers [Release No.: 34-87005; File No. ST-05-14] (RIN: 3235-AL45) received September 27, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Financial Services.

2453. A letter from the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting the Commission’s Major final rule — Exchange-Traded Funds [Release Nos.: 33-10695; IC-33646; File No. ST-15-18] (RIN: 3235-AJ60) received October 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 Financial Services.

2454. A letter from the Senior Legislative Officer, Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs, Wage and Hour Division, Department of Labor, transmitting the Department’s Major final rule — Defining and Delimiting the Exemptions for Executive, Administrative, Professional, Outside Sales and Computer Employees (RIN: 1235-AA20) received September 27, 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.

2455. A letter from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department’s Major final rule — Medicaid Program; State Disproportionate Share Hospital Allotment Reductions [CMS-2394-F] (RIN: 0938-AS63) received September 25, 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.

2456. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency’s final rule — Air Plan Approval; Arkansas; Regional Haze Five-Year Progress Report State Implementation Plan [EPA-R06-OAR-2015-0426; FRL-9999-11-Region 6] received September 25, 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.

2457. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency’s final rule — Air Plan Approval; Rhode Island; Prevention of Significant Deterioration; PM10, PM2.5 and NOx [EPA-R01-OAR-2019-0382; FRL-10000-18-Region 1] received September 25, 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.

2458. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency’s final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; State of Utah; Revisions to the Utah Division of Administrative Rules, R307-300 Series; Area Source Rule for Attainment of Fine Particulate Matter Standards [EPA-R08-OAR-2017-0469; FRL-10000-04-Region 8] received September 25, 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.

2459. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency’s final rule — Approval of Air Quality Implementation Plans; California; South Coast Air Basin; 1-Hour and 8-Hour Ozone Nonattainment Area Requirements [EPA-R09-OAR-2019-0051; FRL-9999-49-Region 9] received September 25, 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.

2460. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency’s final rule — Designation of Areas for Air Quality Planning Purposes: California; Coachella Valley 8-Hour Ozone Nonattainment Area Reclassification to Extreme; Correction [EPA-R09-OAR-2019-0240; FRL-10000-