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No. 113

House of Representatives

The House met at 11 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. MOONEY of West Virginia).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

> WASHINGTON, DC, July 3, 2017.

I hereby appoint the Honorable ALEXANDER X. MOONEY 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, You created us endowed with freedom. We give You thanks for giving us another day.

On the eve of America's national holiday, may all citizens be mindful of the wonder of our Nation's inception. Men and women of goodwill, from various backgrounds and sections of the colonies, from disparate faith traditions, came together in prayer, and united by a vision of political and economic autonomy, courageously placed their lives, their liberty and their fortunes on the line to found these United States.

May all Americans be renewed in their commitment to our representative government. May each American citizen expect of themselves intelligent participation in the political process, so that the Members of Congress they elect might be statesmen and -women who are able to represent the interests of their constituents while also faithfully honoring their oath to defend the Constitution in doing what is best for our Nation.

In all the celebrations on this weekend, may all that is done be for Your greater honor and glory. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 2(a) of House Resolution 415, 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.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under clause 5(d) of rule XX, the Chair announces to the House that, in light of the resignation of the gentleman from Utah (Mr. CHAFFETZ), the whole number of the House is 433.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE DEMOCRATIC LEADER

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Honorable NANCY PELOSI, Democratic Leader:

JULY 3, 2017.

Hon, PAUL D. RYAN.

Speaker of the House of Representatives, U.S. Capitol.

Washington, DC.

DEAR SPEAKER RYAN: Pursuant to Section 4 of the United States Semiquincentennial Commission Act of 2016 (Pub. L. 114-196), I am pleased to appoint the following Members to serve as Commissioners to the United States Semiquincentennial Commission:

From private life:

Grant Hill of Orlando, Florida

Amy Gutmann of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Noah Griffin of San Francisco, California

Thank you for your attention to these recommendations. Sincerely,

NANCY PELOSI, Democratic Leader.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 2(b) of House Resolution 415, the House stands adjourned until 9 a.m. on Thursday, July 6, 2017.

Thereupon (at 11 o'clock and 4 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Thursday, July 6. 2017. at 9 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

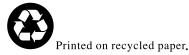
Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

1829. A letter from the Director, Administrative Office of the United States Courts, transmitting the 2016 annual report on bankruptcy statistics, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 159(b)(3); Public Law 109-8, Sec. 601(a); (119 Stat. 119); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

1830. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives: General Electric Company Turbofan Engines [Docket No.: FAA-2016-9490; Directorate Identifier 2016-NE-26-AD; Amendment 39-18914; AD 2017-11-15] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received June 29, 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.

1831. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes [Docket No.: FAA-2017-0531; Directorate Identifier 2016-NM-178-AD; Amendment 39-18916; AD 2017-12-01] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received June 29, 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.

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1832. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Lycoming Engines Reciprocating Engines [Docket No.: FAA-2016-9512; Directorate Identifier 2016-NE-27-AD; Amendment 39-18909; AD 2017-11-10] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received June 29, 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.

1833. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Pratt and Whitney Turbofan Engines [Docket No.: FAA-2013-0740; Directorate Identifier 2013-NE-24-AD; Amendment 39-18905; AD 2017-11-06] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received June 29, 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.

1834. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Rolls-Royce Corporation Turbofan Engines [Docket No.: FAA-2016-9553; Directorate Identifier 2016-NE-29-AD; Amendment 39-18904; AD 2017-11-05] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received June 29, 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.

1835. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; General Electric Company Turbofan Engines [Docket No.: FAA-2017-0016; Directorate Identifier 2016-NE-31-AD; Amendment 39-18917; AD 2017-12-02] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received June 29, 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.

1836. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes [Docket No.: FAA-2016-9115; Directorate Identifier 2016-NM-068-AD; Amendment 39-18903; AD 2017-11-04] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received June 29, 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.

1837. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; PILATUS AIRCRAFT LTD. Airplanes [Docket No.: FAA-2017-0194; Directorate Identifier 2017-CE-006-AD; Amendment 39-18915; AD 2017-11-16] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received June 29, 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.

1838. A letter from the Clerk of the House of Representatives, transmitting the annual compilation of financial disclosure statements filed by the members of the board of the Office of Congressional Ethics for the period between January 1, 2016, and December 31, 2016, pursuant to Clause 3 of House Rule XXVI (H. Doc. No. 115-50); to the Committee on Ethics and ordered to be printed.

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

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

- H.R. 52: Mr. RUSH and Mr. EVANS.
- H.R. 93; Mr. HIMES.
- H.R. 95; Mr. DEFAZIO.
 - H.R. 257: Mr. BROOKS of Alabama.
- H.R. 435: Mr. BARR.
- H.R. 525: Mr. MASSIE.
- H.R. 772: Mr. Messer.
- H.R. 918: Mr. Soto.
- H.R. 986: Mr. MOONEY of West Virginia and Mr. CORREA.
 - H.R. 1144: Mr. GARAMENDI.
 - H.R. 1377: Mr. YOUNG of Iowa.
- H.R. 1444: Ms. JAYAPAL.
- H.R. 1690: Ms. Stefanik.
- H.R. 1784: Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER.
- H.R. 1861: Mr. Buck, Mr. SHIMKUS, Mr.
- REICHERT, Mr. PALAZZO, Mr. SMUCKER, Mr. LUCAS, Mr. COFFMAN, Mr. ARRINGTON, Mr.
- ROKITA, Mr. MCHENRY, and Mr. REED.
- H.R. 1889: Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Mr. KENNEDY, and Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire.
 - H.R. 1896: Mr. RENACCI and Mrs. BEATTY.
 - H.R. 1897: Mr. RENACCI and Mrs. BEATTY.
- H.R. 2130: Mr. MULLIN, Mr. OLSON, and Mr. CARTER of Georgia.
- H.R. 2434: Mr. Smucker.
- H.R. 2465: Mr. FASO, Mr. RENACCI, Mr. MITCHELL, Ms. LOFGREN, and Ms. ESTY of Connecticut.
- H.J. Res. 31: Mr. Sherman.
- H. Con. Res. 63: Ms. BROWNLEY of California.
- H. Res. 218: Mr. RENACCI.



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Senate

The Senate met at 6:32 and 46 seconds p.m. and was called to order by the Honorable MARCO RUBIO, a Senator from the State of Florida.

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 senior assistant legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE, PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE, Washington, DC, July 3, 2017.

To the Senate:

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

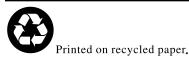
ORRIN G. HATCH, President pro tempore. Mr. RUBIO thereupon assumed the Chair as Acting President pro tempore.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL THURSDAY, JULY 6, 2017, AT 9 A.M.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate stands adjourned until 9 a.m. on Thursday, July 6, 2017.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 6:33 and 9 seconds p.m., adjourned until Thursday, July 6, 2017, at 9 a.m.

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EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

VISIT WITH HIS HOLINESS MAHANT SWAMI MAHARAJ AT BAPS MANDIR

HON. RAJA KRISHNAMOORTHI OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Monday, July 3, 2017

Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHI. Mr. Speaker, today I honor His Holiness Mahant Swami Maharaj, the new spiritual leader and guru of the Bochasanwasi Akshar Purushottam Sanstha (BAPS)—a global Hindu socio-spiritual organization—as he makes a historically important visit to BAPS devotees across North America.

BAPS is an impactful organization, aiming to preserve the values of family unity, selfless service, interfaith harmony and peaceful coexistence. They reach these goals through various activities and endeavors centered around spirituality, character-building, and human welfare. This often includes large-scale charitable events, community outreach activities, and indepth educational programs for young people.

His Holiness Mahant Swami Maharaj is now the sixth guru of BAPS, having being blessed by Pramukh Swami Maharaj as his successor. His Holiness has been an enthusiastic devotee of BAPS since his youth, having taken diksha (i.e. being appointed a saint) in 1961. Over time, his outstanding virtues of austerity, self-control, devotion, humility and service have earned him his affectionate title. Following in Pramukh Swami's footsteps, Mahant Swami has pledged to propagate peace, especially in a time of unrest in the world.

Every time I visit the beautiful BAPS Mandir in Bartlett, Illinois and visit with their devotees and volunteers there, I am reminded of the excellent virtues that BAPS represents and that America should celebrate.

I honor His Holiness Mahant Swami Maharaj, the spiritual leader and guru of the BAPS Swaminarayan Sanstha organization.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ADAM SMITH OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Monday, July 3, 2017

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, on Thursday, June 29, 2017, I was unable to record my Roll Call vote. Had I been present, I would have voted YES on Roll Call vote No. 341, on the motion to recommit H.R. 3003, with instructions.

HONORING IVAN LEE WELTY

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Monday, July 3, 2017

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Ivan Lee Welty, as he retires

from a 45-year career as an engineer and land surveyor on the Mendocino Coast.

Born in Hill City, Kansas, in 1942, Mr. Welty received his degree in Civil Engineering from Kansas State University before making his way to Mendocino, California. He distinguished himself quickly by participating in efforts to establish the Class K Housing designation that expanded affordable housing options in rural Mendocino County. In 1975 he started his business, I.L. Welty and Associates, which has provided engineering and design services for more than 40 years.

As a business owner, Mr. Welty provided pro bono engineering and design work to numerous nonprofits including the Mendocino Coast Botanical Gardens, the Humane Society, the Mendocino Coast Hospitality Center, the Kelley House Museum, and Habitat for Humanity. In addition to donating his time, Mr. Welty paid his staff to assist on many of these projects over the years.

Mr. Welty married the love of his life, Sally, in 1974. Together they were active in many environmental and community issues. They helped found the Mendocino Land Trust and reinstitute the historic Mendocino Fourth of July Parade. They were also strong supporters of the Mendocino Whale Wars, in which community members fought the international whaling fleets to end whaling in and around Cape Mendocino. The first Mendocino Whale War Festival, now the Mendocino Coast Whale Festival, swiftly became an annual tradition that continues today.

Lee Welty's career is one of dedicated service to his community and the environment. Please join me in congratulating him on his retirement and expressing our deep appreciation for his outstanding contributions to the Mendocino Coast.

CONGRATULATING REP. MIKE TYRON ON BEING NAMED GRAND MARSHAL OF THE CRYSTAL LAKE INDEPENDENCE PARADE

HON. PETER J. ROSKAM

OF ILLINOIS IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 3, 2017

Mr. ROSKAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a dedicated public servant from the Sixth Congressional District of Illinois, Representative Mike Tyron of Crystal Lake. In July, he was named the Grand Marshal of the Crystal Lake 2017 Independence Parade.

As a resident of Crystal Lake since 1983, Representative Tyron has served as a model citizen. He first entered public office in 1989 as a McHenry County Board member, and nine years later was unanimously selected to be its Chairman. He served in this capacity until being elected to the Illinois House of Representatives in 2004.

During his tenure as a state representative, Representative Tyron was an exemplary leader and public servant. He spearheaded a rewriting of the tax-cap law to save taxpayers millions of dollars and close a loophole. He pushed an initiative to create an online transparency portal to list all state government salaries, contracts and expenditures, one of the first of its kind. He also helped create the county veterans' courts. The specialized court allows returning veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder or other service-related disabilities who commit nonviolent offenses to receive treatment and have charges dismissed upon successful completion of the program.

Representative Tyron has represented McHenry County, Crystal Lake, and the surrounding community well. He has been a strong voice for the Village of Crystal Lake throughout his time in public office. His long service to the people of Crystal Lake and to Illinois is truly commendable. Although he retired from public service in January, Crystal Lake will continue to benefit from his involvement as a member of the community.

Mr. Speaker and distinguished colleagues, please join me in congratulating Representative Mike Tyron on 28 years of public service, and on being named the Grand Marshal of the Crystal Lake 2017 Independence Parade.

HONORING JULES HERMAN SITRICK

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Monday, July 3, 2017

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the wartime service of longtime resident of the Village of Morton Grove, Illinois.

Earlier this month, the Consul General of France in Chicago, Vincent Floreani, recognized J. Herman Sitrick as a French Knight of the Legion of Honor. The award recognizes Mr. Sitrick's extraordinary bravery and critical contribution to allied efforts to liberate France from Nazi occupation.

Joining the United States Army as a teenager, Mr. Sitrick participated in the D-Day landings on the beaches of Normandy, helping to open a second allied front in occupied Europe and suffering a shrapnel wound in the process. He fought with his unit as allied forces pushed back German forces across Europe.

In January 1945, Mr. Sitrick found himself stationed in the Ardennes Forest, participating in what history calls the Battle of the Bulge. It was during that action that Mr. Sitrick had the quick thinking and bravery to capture twenty-one German soldiers as they sought shelter from the biting cold—turning them over to reinforcing units the next morning.

I am forever grateful to J. Herman Sitrick for his service. We must not forget what he and so many other service members went through in World War II as they risked, and in many cases sacrificed, their lives to defend freedom. I also want to recognize the efforts of the French government, as they work to recognize

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I thank Mr. Sitrick for all that he's done for our country.

IN RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL SCLERODERMA AWARENESS MONTH

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Monday, July 3, 2017

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of National Scleroderma Awareness Month and on behalf of scleroderma patients throughout the United States. Initiatives like Scleroderma Awareness Month help raise awareness about the disease while driving research and action that results in new treatments for this and other illnesses.

Scleroderma is a chronic and disabling connective tissue and rheumatic disorder resulting from an overproduction of collagen in the skin, tissue, and underlying muscle. The disease manifests itself in two forms: localized scleroderma, effecting the skin and underlying tissue, and systemic scleroderma, also known as systemic sclerosis, a potentially life-threatening disease that attacks internal organs including the lungs, heart, kidneys, esophagus and gastrointestinal tract. The wide range of symptoms as well as the localized and systemic variations of the disease make it especially hard to diagnose. The average diagnosis is made 5 years after the onset of symptoms. Once diagnosed, however, people with Scleroderma can only look forward to symptomatic relief, as there is no known cure.

It is critical that we work to raise awareness of scleroderma and related diseases while encouraging research that could lead to breakthroughs in treating this disease. Scleroderma often leads to swelling, hardening and thick-

ening of the skin, blood vessel spasms with severe discomfort in the fingers and toes, weight loss, joint pain, swallowing difficulties, non-healing ulcerations on the fingertips and extreme fatigue. In its more advanced forms, scleroderma can prevent patients from performing even the simplest tasks. Given the lack of treatment options and the disease's effects on individuals' quality of life, we must continue to explore therapies and treatments to alleviate these symptoms. I was proud to cosponsor legislation last Congress that would encourage continued research investment in this area so that innovative therapies can be developed, and it is my hope that we continue our efforts to combat scleroderma.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing June as National Scleroderma Awareness Month. We must continue to support investment in this area so that there will one day be a cure for this devastating disease.

Monday, July 3, 2017

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate met at 6:32:46 p.m. in pro forma session, and adjourned at 6:33:09 p.m. until 9 a.m., on Thursday, July 6, 2017.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: There were no public bills or resolutions introduced today.

Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he
appointed Representative Mooney (WV) to act as
Speaker pro tempore for today.Page H5381

Whole Number of the House: The Chair announced to the House that, in light of the resignation of the gentleman from Utah, Mr. Chaffetz, the whole number of the House is 433. Page H5381

United States Semiquincentennial Commission— Appointment: Read a letter from Representative Pelosi, Minority Leader, in which she appointed the following individuals from private life to the United States Semiquincentennial Commission: Grant Hill of Orlando, Florida, Amy Gutmann of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and Noah Griffin of San Francisco, California. Page H5381 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 11 a.m. and adjourned at 11:04 a.m.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JULY 6, 2017

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE 9 a.m., Thursday, July 6

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

9 a.m., Thursday, July 6

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: Senate will meet in a pro forma session.

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: House will meet in Pro Forma session at 9 a.m.

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