

that, for the duration of the 115th Congress, the Secretary of the Senate be authorized to make technical and clerical corrections in the engrossments of all Senate-passed bills and joint resolutions, Senate amendments to House bills and resolutions, Senate amendments to House amendments to Senate bills and resolutions, and Senate amendments to House amendments to House bills or resolutions. **Page S7**

Authority to Receive Messages and Sign Enrolled Measures: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that, for the duration of the 115th Congress, when the Senate is in recess or adjournment, the Secretary of the Senate is authorized to receive messages from the President of the United States, and—with the exception of House bills, joint resolutions and concurrent resolutions—messages from the House of Representatives; and that they be appropriately referred; and that the President of the Senate, the President pro tempore, and the Acting President pro tempore be authorized to sign duly enrolled bills and joint resolutions. **Page S7**

Privileges of the Floor: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that, for the duration of the 115th Congress, Senators be allowed to leave at the desk with the Journal Clerk the names of two staff members who will be granted the privilege of the floor during the consideration of the specific matter noted, and that the Sergeant-at-Arms be instructed to rotate such staff members as space allows. **Page S7**

Referral of Treaties and Nominations: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that,

for the duration of the 115th Congress, it be in order to refer treaties and nominations on the day when they are received from the President, even when the Senate has no executive session that day.

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Authority to Introduce Measures: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that, for the duration of the 115th Congress, Senators may be allowed to bring to the desk, bills, joint resolutions, concurrent resolutions, and simple resolutions, for referral to appropriate committees. **Page S7**

Measures Held Over/Under Rule: **Page S20**

Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions: **Page S22**

Additional Statements:

Quorum Calls:

One quorum call was taken today. (Total—1)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 12:02 p.m. and adjourned at 2:09 p.m., until 12:00 noon on Wednesday, January 4, 2017. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S28.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 232 public bills, H.R. 5–237; and 37 resolutions, H.J. Res. 1–13; H. Con. Res. 1–3; and H. Res. 1–21, were introduced. **Pages H37–46**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Very Rev. Paul Ugo Arinze, St. John Vianney Roman Catholic Church, Janesville, WI. **Page H1**

Certificate of Election: The Clerk announced that Certificates of Election covering 435 seats in the One Hundred Fifteenth Congress had been received and the names of those persons whose credentials

show that they were regularly elected as Representatives in accordance with the laws of their respective States would be called. Without objection, the Representatives-elect were directed to record their presence by electronic device in order to determine whether a quorum was present. **Page H1**

Call of the States: On the Call of the States, 434 Members reported their presence, Roll No. 1. **Pages H1–2**

Election Credentials for the Resident Commissioner and Delegates: The Clerk announced that credentials have been received showing the elections of the following: Honorable Jenniffer González-Colón, Resident Commissioner from the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico; Honorable Eleanor Holmes Norton, Delegate from the District of Columbia;

Honorable Madeleine Z. Bordallo, Delegate from Guam; Honorable Stacey E. Plaskett, Delegate from the Virgin Islands; Honorable Amata Coleman Radewagen, Delegate from American Samoa; and Honorable Gregorio Sablan, Delegate from the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. **Page H2**

Election of Speaker: The Honorable Paul D. Ryan of Wisconsin was elected Speaker of the House of Representatives and received 239 votes. The Honorable Nancy Pelosi received 189 votes, The Honorable Tim Ryan (OH) received 2 votes, The Honorable Jim Cooper received 1 vote, The Honorable John Lewis (GA) received 1 vote, and The Honorable Daniel Webster (FL) received 1 vote. Earlier, the Clerk appointed Representatives-elect Harper, Brady (PA), Kaptur, and Ros-Lehtinen to act as Tellers.

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Escort Committee: The Clerk appointed the following committee to escort the Speaker-elect to the Chair: Representatives-elect McCarthy, Pelosi, Scalise, Hoyer, McMorris Rodgers, Clyburn, Stivers, Crowley, Messer, Sanchez, Collins (GA), Ben Ray Lujan (NM), Smith (MO), DeLauro, Mimi Walters (CA), Swalwell (CA), Mitchell, Levin, Sessions, Lowey, and McHenry; and the members of the Wisconsin delegation: Representatives-elect Sensenbrenner, Kind, Moore, Duffy, Pocan, Grothman, and Gallagher.

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Administration of the Oath of Office to Members of the 115th Congress: The Dean of the House, the Honorable John Conyers, Jr., administered the oath of office to the Speaker. The Speaker then administered the oath to the Members, Resident Commissioner, and Delegates.

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Election of Majority and Minority Leaders: The Chairman of the Republican Conference, Representative McMorris Rodgers, announced the election of Representative McCarthy as the Majority Leader. The Chairman of the Democratic Caucus, Representative Crowley, announced the election of Representative Pelosi as the Minority Leader.

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Election of Majority and Minority Whips: The Chairman of the Republican Conference, Representative McMorris Rodgers, announced that election of Representative Scalise as the Majority Whip. The Chairman of the Democratic Caucus, Representative Crowley, announced the election of Representative Hoyer as the Minority Whip and Representative Clyburn as Assistant Democratic Leader.

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Electing Officers of the House of Representatives: The House agreed to H. Res. 1, electing the following officers for the House of Representatives: Karen L. Haas, Clerk; Paul D. Irving, Sergeant-at-

Arms; Philip Kiko, Chief Administrative Officer; and Father Patrick J. Conroy, Chaplain. **Page H6**

Agreed that the question be divided on the adoption of the resolution so as to have a separate vote on the election of the Chaplain. Agreed to the first portion of the resolution by voice vote. Agreed to the remainder of the resolution by voice vote.

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Rejected the Crowley amendment to H. Res. 1 by voice vote.

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Administration of the Oath of Office: Representative-elect Lawrence presented herself in the well of the House and was administered the oath of office by the Speaker.

Notify the Senate that a Quorum Has Assembled: The House agreed to H. Res. 2, to inform the Senate that a quorum of the House has assembled and of the election of the Speaker and the Clerk.

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Notify the President of the Assembly of the 115th Congress: The House agreed to H. Res. 3, authorizing the Speaker to appoint a committee to notify the President of the assembly of the Congress. Subsequently, the Speaker appointed Representatives McCarthy and Pelosi to the committee. Later, Representative McCarthy announced that the Committee had notified the President that a quorum of each House had assembled and was ready to receive any communication he may be pleased to make.

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Notify the President of the Election of the Speaker and the Clerk: The House agreed to H. Res. 4, authorizing the Clerk to inform the President of the election of the Speaker and the Clerk.

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Adopting Rules for the One Hundred Fifteenth Congress: The House agreed to H. Res. 5, adopting rules for the One Hundred Fifteenth Congress, by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 234 yeas to 193 nays, Roll No. 6, after the previous question was ordered by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 237 yeas to 193 nays, Roll No. 4.

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Representative Norton moved to refer H. Res. 5 to a select committee of five members, to be appointed by the Speaker. Subsequently, Representative McCarthy moved to table the Norton motion and by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 228 yeas to 184 nays, Roll No. 3, the McCarthy motion was agreed to.

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Rejected the Lewis (GA) motion to commit H. Res. 5 to a select committee composed of the Majority Leader and Minority Leader with instructions to report it back to the House forthwith with an

amendment, by a yea-and-nay vote of 193 yeas to 236 nays, Roll No. 5. **Pages H26–27**

Policies regarding use of electronic equipment: The Chair announced the changes to rule 2 and rule 17 just adopted for the 115th Congress with regard to the use of electronic equipment on the House floor. **Page H28**

Election of Members to Certain Standing Committees: The House agreed to H. Res. 6, electing Members to certain standing committees of the House of Representatives. **Page H28**

Election of Members to Certain Standing Committees: The House agreed to H. Res. 7, electing Members to certain standing committees of the House of Representatives. **Pages H28–29**

Designation of Minority Employees: The House agreed to H. Res. 8, providing for the designation of certain minority employees. **Page H29**

Daily Hour of Meeting: The House agreed to H. Res. 9, fixing the daily hour of meeting of the First Session of the One Hundred Fifteenth Congress. **Page H29**

Assembly outside of the District of Columbia: The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 1, regarding consent to assemble outside the seat of government. **Page H29**

Appointment Authority: Agreed that during the One Hundred Fifteenth Congress, the Speaker, Majority Leader, and Minority Leader be authorized to accept resignations and to make appointments authorized by law or by the House. **Page H29**

Extension of Remarks: Agreed that during the One Hundred Fifteenth Congress, all Members be permitted to extend their remarks and to include extraneous material within the permitted limit in that section of the Congressional Record entitled “Extension of Remarks”. **Page H29**

Morning-Hour Debate: Agreed to the procedures regarding the format for morning-hour debate for the first session of the One Hundred Fifteenth Congress. **Page H29**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Ensuring VA Employee Accountability Act: H.R. 27, to amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to retain a copy of any reprimand or admonishment received by an employee of the Department in the permanent record of the employee; and **Pages H29–31**

Biological Implant Tracking and Veteran Safety Act of 2017: H.R. 28, to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Af-

fairs to adopt and implement a standard identification protocol for use in the tracking and procurement of biological implants by the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes. **Pages H31–33**

Joint Economic Committee—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker’s appointment of the following Member on the part of the House to the Joint Economic Committee: Representative Tiberi. **Page H33**

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker’s appointment of the following Member to the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Representative Nunes, Chairman. **Page H33**

House Office Building Commission—Appointment: The Chair announced that Representatives McCarthy and Pelosi will serve as members of the House Office Building Commission with the Speaker. **Page H33**

Speaker Pro Tempore: The Chair announced that the Speaker delivered to the Clerk a letter dated January 3, 2017, listing Members in the order in which each shall act as Speaker pro tempore under clause 8(b)(3) of rule 1. **Page H33**

Succession of the Speaker of the House: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative McCarthy to exercise authority regarding any assembly, reassembly, or reconvening. **Page H34**

Speaker Pro Tempore Designations: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Denham, Representative Thornberry, Representative Upton, Representative Harris, Representative Comstock, and Representative Messer to act as Speaker pro tempore to sign enrolled bills and joint resolutions through the remainder of the One Hundred Fifteenth Congress. **Page H34**

Clerk Designation: Read a letter from the Clerk wherein she designated Mr. Robert Reeves, Deputy Clerk, and Mr. Robert Borden, Legal Counsel, to sign any and all papers and do all other acts in case of her temporary absence or disability. **Page H34**

Policies of the Chair: The Chair announced his policies with respect to particular aspects of the legislative process dealing with (1) privileges of the floor; (2) introduction of bills and resolutions; (3) unanimous-consent requests for the consideration of legislation; (4) recognition for one-minute speeches; (5) recognition for special-order speeches; (6) decorum in debate; (7) conduct of votes by electronic device; (8) use of handouts on the House floor; (9) use of electronic equipment on the House floor; and (10) use of the Chamber. These announcements, where

appropriate, will reiterate the origins of the stated policies. The Chair intends to continue in the 115th Congress the policies reflected in these statements. The policy announced in the 102nd Congress with respect to jurisdictional concepts related to clause 5(a) of rule 21, tax and tariff measures, will continue to govern but need not be reiterated, as it is adequately documented in the House Rules and Manual. Agreed without objection that the announcements will be placed in the Congressional Record.

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Extending the life of the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies: The House agreed to S. Con. Res. 1, extending the life of the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies.

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Providing for the counting on January 6, 2017, of the electoral votes for President and Vice President of the United States: The House agreed to S. Con. Res. 2, to provide for the counting on January 6, 2017, of the electoral votes for President and Vice President of the United States.

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Whole Number of the House: Under clause 5(d) of Rule 20, the Chair announced to the House that the whole number of the House is 434.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H28.

Senate Referrals: S. Con. Res. 1 was held at the desk. S. Con. Res. 2 was held at the desk.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Five yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H3–4, H11, H26, H26–27, and H27–28. There was one quorum call, Roll No. 1, which appears on pages H1–2.

Adjournment: The House met at 12 noon and adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4, 2017

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Rules, Full Committee, organizational meeting for the 115th Congress; and hearing on H.R. 26, the “Regulations from the Executive in Need of Scrutiny Act of 2017”; and H. Res. 11, objecting to United Nations Security Council Resolution 2334 as an obstacle to Israeli-Palestinian peace, and for other purposes, 10:30 a.m., H-313 Capitol.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of January 4 through January 6, 2017

Senate Chamber

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Armed Services: January 5, to hold hearings to examine foreign cyber threats to the United States, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

Select Committee on Intelligence: January 5, closed business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 2 p.m., SH-219.

House Committees

No hearings are scheduled.