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The House met at 1 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. MULVANEY).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,

August 19, 2011.

I hereby appoint the Honorable MICK MULVANEY to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

JOHN A. BOEHNER,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

Reverend Bill Kirlin-Hackett, Interfaith Task Force on Homelessness, Bellevue, Washington, offered the following prayer:

Holy and gracious God, before You we humbly serve. We seek what is best and what makes for compassionate and reasoned leadership.

We are blessed with the gift of differences that together, and that in unity, make us whole. Enable us to reconcile differences when at times such gifts separate us. Guide us toward the reconciliation that produces effective decisions, that builds engaged citizens, and that makes of us good neighbors to others less fortunate.

These times call for our listening to each other with our minds and hearts, as one neighbor seeks what is best for another. You have shown us, O God, what is good; that is, to love justice, to seek kindness, and to walk humbly with Your strength made manifest among, between, and within us.

May God thus be seen, may we thus be led, may we thus be known.
Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 5 of House Resolution

375, 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. Pursuant to section 4 of House Resolution 375, legislative business is not dispensed with on this day.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE HONORABLE DUNCAN HUNTER, MEMBER OF CONGRESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Honorable DUNCAN HUNTER, Member of Congress:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Washington, DC, August 18, 2011.

Hon. JOHN A. BOEHNER,

Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: This is to notify you formally pursuant to rule VIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives that I have been served with a subpoena for production of business records, issued by the Superior Court of California, County of San Diego.

After consultation with the Office of General Counsel, I have determined that compliance with the subpoena is inconsistent with the privileges and rights of the House.

Sincerely,

DUNCAN D. HUNTER,

Member of Congress.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Washington, DC, August 18, 2011.

Hon. JOHN A. BOEHNER,

The Speaker, The Capitol, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in clause 2(h) of rule II of the rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, I have the honor to transmit a sealed envelope received from the White House on August 18, 2011, at 10:46 a.m., and said to contain a message from the President whereby he notifies the Congress that he has issued an Executive Order that takes additional steps with respect to the national emergency with the Government of Syria first declared in E.O. 13338 of May 11, 2004, as expanded in scope in E.O. 13572 of April 29, 2011.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

KAREN L. HAAS,

Clerk of the House.

BLOCKING PROPERTY OF THE GOVERNMENT OF SYRIA AND PROHIBITING CERTAIN TRANSACTIONS WITH RESPECT TO SYRIA—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES (H. DOC. NO. 112-50)

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following message from the President of the United States; which was read and, together with the accompanying papers, referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed:

To the Congress of the United States:

Pursuant to the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.) (IEEPA) and in light of the Syria Accountability and Lebanese Sovereignty Restoration Act of 2003 (Public Law 108-175) (SAA), I hereby report that I have issued an Executive

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Order (the “order”) that takes additional steps with respect to the Government of Syria’s continuing escalation of violence against the people of Syria and with respect to the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13338 of May 11, 2004, as modified in scope and relied upon for additional steps taken in Executive Order 13399 of April 25, 2006, Executive Order 13460 of February 13, 2008, Executive Order 13572 of April 29, 2011, and Executive Order 13573 of May 18, 2011.

In Executive Order 13338, the President found that the actions of the Government of Syria constitute an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security, foreign policy, and economy of the United States and declared a national emergency to deal with that threat. To address that threat and to implement the SA, the President in Executive Order 13338 blocked the property of certain persons and imposed additional prohibitions on certain transactions with respect to Syria. In Executive Order 13572, I expanded the scope of that national emergency and imposed additional sanctions.

The order blocks the property and interests in property of the Government of Syria. The order also provides criteria for designations of persons determined by the Secretary of the Treasury, in consultation with the Secretary of State:

To have materially assisted, sponsored, or provided financial, material, or technological support for, or goods or services in support of, any person whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to the order; or

To be owned or controlled by, or to have acted or purported to act for or on behalf of, directly or indirectly, any person whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to the order.

The order also prohibits the following:

New investment in Syria by a United States person, wherever located;

The exportation, reexportation, sale, or supply, directly or indirectly, from the United States, or by a United States person, wherever located, of any services to Syria;

The importation into the United States of petroleum or petroleum products of Syrian origin;

Any transaction or dealing by a United States person, wherever located, including purchasing, selling, transporting, swapping, brokering, approving, financing, facilitating, or guaranteeing, in or related to petroleum or petroleum products of Syrian origin; and

Any approval, financing, facilitation, or guarantee by a United States person, wherever located, of a transaction by a foreign person where the transaction by that foreign person would be prohibited by section 2 of the order if performed by a United States person or within the United States.

I have delegated to the Secretary of the Treasury the authority, in consultation with the Secretary of State, to take such actions, including the promulgation of rules and regulations, and to employ all powers granted to the President by IEEPA, as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of the order.

All agencies of the United States Government are directed to take all appropriate measures within their authority to carry out the provisions of the order.

I am enclosing a copy of the Executive Order I have issued.

BARACK OBAMA.

THE WHITE HOUSE, August 17, 2011.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to sections 3 and 4 of House Resolution 375, the House stands adjourned until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, August 23, 2011.

Accordingly (at 1 o’clock and 7 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until Tuesday, August 23, 2011, at 10 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

2778. A letter from the Administrator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department’s final rule — U.S. Honey Producer Research, Promotion, and Consumer Information Order; Termination of Referendum Procedures [Document Number: AMS-FV-07-0091; FV-07-706-FR] (RIN: 0581-AC78) received July 28, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

2779. A letter from the Under Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting a biennial strategic plan for the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency for 2011; to the Committee on Armed Services.

2780. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting a letter on the approved retirement of Vice Admiral Derwood C. Curtis, United States Navy, and his advancement to the grade of vice admiral on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

2781. A letter from the Assistant to the President and Special Advisor to the Secretary of the Treasury on the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, Department of the Treasury, transmitting annual report on the recruitment and retention, training and workforce development, and workforce flexibilities; to the Committee on Financial Services.

2782. A letter from the Assistant to the President and Special Advisor to the Secretary of the Treasury on the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, Department of the Treasury, transmitting a report on credit scores; to the Committee on Financial Services.

2783. A letter from the President and Chairman, Export-Import Bank, transmitting a report involving U.S. exports to Canada, pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 635(b)(3)(i); to the Committee on Financial Services.

2784. A letter from the President and Chairman, Export-Import Bank, transmitting a report involving U.S. exports to Canada, pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 635(b)(3)(i); to the Committee on Financial Services.

2785. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency’s final rule — Non-Binding Determination: Superfund Deficient PRP Deliverables Memo received July 28, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

2786. A letter from the Deputy Director, Defense Security Cooperation Agency, transmitting Transmittal No. 11-32, pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

2787. A letter from the Director, Office of Exporter Services, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Department’s final rule — Wassenaar Arrangement 2010 Plenary Agreements Implementation: Commerce Control List, Definitions, Reports; Correction [Docket No.: 110124056-1301-02] (RIN: 0694-AF11) received July 28, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

2788. A letter from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting report prepared by the Department of State concerning international agreements other than treaties entered into by the United States to be transmitted to the Congress within the sixty-day period specified in the Case-Zablocki Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

2789. A letter from the Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, transmitting the Department’s report providing an estimate of the dollar amount of claims (together with related fees and expenses of witnesses) that, by reason of the acts or omissions of free clinic health professionals will be paid for in 2012, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 233(o); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

2790. A letter from the Attorney-Advisor, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department’s final rule — Special Local Regulation; Monongahela River, Morgantown, WV [Docket No.: USCG-2011-0235] (RIN: 1625-AA08) received July 22, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2791. A letter from the Attorney-Advisor, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department’s final rule — Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway (AIWW), Elizabeth River, Southern Branch, Chesapeake, VA [USCG-2010-0879] (RIN: 1625-AA09) received July 22, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2792. A letter from the Attorney-Advisor, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department’s final rule — Safety Zones; Marine Events in Captain of the Port Long Island Sound Zone [Docket No.: USCG-2011-0470] (RIN: 1625-AA00) received July 22, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2793. A letter from the Attorney-Advisor, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department’s final rule — Safety Zones; Multiple Firework Displays in Captain of the Port, Puget Sound Area of Responsibility [Docket No.: USCG-2011-0450] (RIN: 1625-AA00) received July 22, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2794. A letter from the Attorney-Advisor, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department’s final rule — Safety Zones; Fireworks Displays in the Sector Columbia River Area of Responsibility [Docket No.: USCG-2011-0448] (RIN: 1625-AA00) received July 22, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C.