The message also announced that pursuant to section 1238(b)(3) of the Floyd D. Spence National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2001 (22 U.S.C. 7002), as amended, and the order of the House of January 4, 2021, the Speaker re-apPOINTS the following Members on the part of the House of Representatives to the United States-China Economic and Security Review Commission for a term expiring on December 31, 2022: Mr. Jeffrey L. Pielder of La Quinta, California, and Mr. Michael W. McCaul of McAllen, Texas.

The message further announced that pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 2001, and the order of the House of January 4, 2021, the Speaker appoints the following Members to the House Office Building Commission to serve with herself: Mr. Hoyer of Maryland and Mr. McCarthy of California.

At 11:15 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has rejected the objection submitted by the Representative from Arizona, Mr. Gosar, and the Senator from Texas, Mr. Cruz, and is now ready to further proceed with the counting of the electoral votes for President and Vice President of the United States.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE ON JANUARY 7, 2021

At 3:14 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has rejected the objection submitted by the Representative from Pennsylvania, Mr. Perry, and the Senator from Missouri, Mr. Hawley, and is now ready to further proceed with the counting of the electoral votes for President and Vice President of the United States.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 21. An act to enhance the innovation, security, and availability of cloud computing products and services used in the Federal Government by establishing the Federal Risk and Authorization Management Program within the General Services Administration and providing for the issuance of a risk management plan by a risk-based approach consistent with the Federal Information Security Modernization Act of 2014 and cloud-based operations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 22. An act to amend the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006, to require the budget justifications and appropriation requests of agencies be made publicly available; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 23. An act to require congressional notification for certain changes in status of inspectors general, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 26. An act to amend the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, to correct a provision on the prohibition on the use of a reverse auction, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 27. An act to amend chapter 3 of title 5, United States Code, to require the publication of settlement agreements, and for other purposes; to the Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

S. 3. A bill to establish an advisory committee to make recommendations on improvements to the security, integrity, and administration of Federal elections; read the first time:

S. 11. A bill to provide for an exception to a limitation against appointment of persons as Secretary of Defense within seven years of relief from active duty as a regular commissioned officer of the Armed Forces.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first time:

By Mr. Scott of South Carolina (for himself, Mr. Hoeven, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Cotton, Mr. Lankford, Mrs. Fischer, Ms. Ernst, Mr. Sullivan, Mrs. Capito, Mr. Young, Mr. Cassidy, Mr. Boozman, Mr. Moran, and Mr. Rounds):

S. 13. A bill to establish an advisory committee to make recommendations on improvements to the security, integrity, and administration of Federal elections; read the first time.

ORDERS FOR FRIDAY, JANUARY 8, 2021, THROUGH TUESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2021

Mr. McConnell. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that upon the dissolution of the Joint Session, the Senate stand adjourned to then convene for pro forma sessions only, with no business being conducted on the following dates and times, and that following each pro forma session, the Senate adjourn until the next pro forma session: Friday, January 8, at 10 a.m.; Tuesday, January 12, at 12:30 p.m.; Friday, January 15, at 10 a.m. I further ask that when the Senate adjourns on Friday January 15, it next convene at 12 noon on Tuesday, January 19; further, that following the prayer and pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, and the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day; finally, that following leader remarks, the Senate proceed to a period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL FRIDAY, JANUARY 8, 2021, AT 10 A.M.

At the conclusion of the joint session of the two Houses, and in accordance with the order previously entered, at 3:48 a.m., the Senate adjourned until Friday, January 8, 2021, at 10 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate:

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

JASON ABBEN, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE INSPECTOR GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE. VICE JON T. RYMER, TERM EXPIRED.

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

WILLIAM PATRICK JOSEPH KIMMITT, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION FOR A TERM EXPIRING JUNE 16, 2029. VICE F. SCOTT KIEFF, TERM EXPIRED.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

BARBARA HAIR TOHNKILL, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Singapore.

IN THE AIR FORCE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 8002:

To be brigadier general

COL. TERENCE A. ADAMS
COL. CURTIS R. BASS
COL. STEVEN D. BIRDMAN
COL. JOSPEH L. CAMPO
COL. ANDREW M. CLARK
COL. TAD D. CLARK
COL. LUKE C. G. CROWLEY
COL. MELISSA S. CUNNINGHAM
COL. ROBERT D. DAVIS
COL. MIKHAIL T. DMITRICH
COL. JASON D. DRAKE
COL. LYLE K. DREW
COL. STEVEN M. GORSKI
COL. GLENN T. HARRIS
COL. BRAZIL S. HARTLESS
COL. JUSTIN S. HOFFMAN
COL. OTIS C. JONES
COL. BRIAN S. KALAN
COL. ROBERT T. LAIDAW
COL. JASON K. LINDSEY
COL. DERRICK A. LOVETTE
COL. WILLIAM L. MARSHALL
COL. ROBERT T. MARAIS
COL. MICHAEL A. MILLER
COL. RICKY L. MILLIS
COL. JEFFREY W. NELSON
COL. BANDY P. OAKLAND
COL. MAX E. PEARSON
COL. JONATHAN C. RICE IV
COL. JASON M. RUSCHHOFF
COL. JOEL W. SAFFRAN
COL. TIMOTHY A. SKIBA
COL. STEPHEN F. SNELSON
COL. BENJAMIN W. SPENCER
COL. FRANK R. VERDUGO

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE RESERVE OF THE AIR FORCE TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 8002:

To be brigadier general

COL. ANTHONY F. ANGILO
COL. FRANK L. BRADFORD III
COL. HOWARD TRAVIS CLARK III
COL. ROBERT W. CLAUDE
COL. LISA M. CRAIG
COL. MITCHELL A. HANSON
COL. JENNIE E. HODDON
COL. ANDREW J. LONIS
COL. JOHN D. MCKAY
COL. CRAIG MUCK
COL. KEVIN J. ROSTRE
COL. REGINA A. SABRIC
COL. SCOTT T. SCHULTZ

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE RESERVE OF THE AIR FORCE TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 8002:

To be brigadier general

COL. JOHN M. PAINTER