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## House of Representatives

The House met at 6 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. McHENRY).

### PRAYER

Rev. John Kellogg, Christ Church, Washington Parish, Washington, D.C., offered the following prayer:

Loving God, who stills our storms and soothes our hearts, be with everyone this evening who waits or works in uncertainty. Give us hope for the future, courage to endure what cannot be avoided, and the resolve to be the equal of whatever lies ahead. You are God and we need You.

Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House the approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1 of rule I, the Journal stands approved.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentlewoman from Pennsylvania (Ms. SCANLON) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. SCANLON 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.

### HOUR OF MEETING ON TOMORROW

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, when the House adjourns today, it adjourns to meet at noon tomorrow.

There was no objection.

### ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the House stands adjourned until noon tomorrow.

There was no objection.

Thereupon (at 6 o'clock and 6 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Tuesday, October 17, 2023, at noon.

### EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

EC-2180. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting changes that occurred from April 19, 2023 through September 19, 2023, and additional report on departure of ambassadors, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 3349(a); Public Law 105-277, Sec. 151(b); (112 Stat. 2681-614).

EC-2181. A letter from the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting the Administration's notification of its 2023 compensation program adjustments, pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1833b(a); Public Law 101-73, Sec. 1206(a); (103 Stat. 523).

EC-2182. A letter from the Board Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting the 2022 Annual Report on the Farm Credit System, pursuant to section 5.17 (a)(3) of the Farm Credit Act of 1971, as amended by (Public Law 92-181).

### PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions of the following titles were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY (for himself and Mr. JAMES):

H.R. 5960. A bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to impose restrictions relating to prospective employees' educational credentials, and for other purposes.

By Mr. McCAUL (for himself, Mr. SCALISE, Ms. STEFANIK, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mrs. RODGERS of

Washington, Mr. BARR, Mr. BURCHETT, Mrs. WAGNER, Ms. SALAZAR, Mr. KEAN of New Jersey, Mr. BAIRD, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. ISSA, Mr. MORAN, Mr. JAMES, Mr. WALTZ, Mr. SELF, Mrs. RADEWAGEN, Mr. MAST, Mr. MCCORMICK, Mrs. KIM of California, Mr. BUCK, Mr. MILLS, Mr. HUIZENGA, Mr. JACKSON of Texas, and Mr. LAWLER):

H.R. 5961. A bill to freeze certain Iranian funds involved in the 2023 hostage deal between the United States and Iran, and for other purposes.

By Mr. NEGUSE (for himself and Ms. PETERSEN):

H.R. 5962. A bill to redesignate the Mount Evans Wilderness as the "Mount Blue Sky Wilderness", and for other purposes.

By Ms. NORTON:

H.R. 5963. A bill to amend title 11, District of Columbia Official Code, to provide that grand and petit jurors serving in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia shall receive fees and expenses at the same rates paid to grand and petit jurors appearing in the district courts of the United States.

By Ms. BUSH (for herself, Ms. TLAIB, Mr. CARSON, Ms. LEE of Pennsylvania, Mrs. RAMIREZ, Mr. BOWMAN, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Mr. GARCIA of Illinois, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ, Ms. OMAR, Ms. PRESSLEY, and Ms. VELÁZQUEZ):

H. Res. 786. A resolution calling for an immediate deescalation and cease-fire in Israel and occupied Palestine.

By Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania:

H. Res. 787. A resolution electing Representative Patrick T. McHenry Speaker pro tempore.

By Ms. NORTON:

H. Res. 788. A resolution honoring the lives, work, and sacrifice of Joseph Curseen, Jr., and Thomas Morris, Jr., the 2 United States Postal Service employees who died as a result of their contact with anthrax while working at the United States Postal facility located at 900 Brentwood Road NE, Washington, DC, during the anthrax attack in the fall of 2001; United States Postal Service employees, who have continued to work diligently in service to the people of the United States notwithstanding the anthrax attack; as well as the other 3 Americans who died and the 17 who became ill in the attack.

□ This symbol represents the time of day during the House proceedings, e.g., □ 1407 is 2:07 p.m.

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By Mr. VAN DREW:

H. Res. 789. A resolution condemning the heinous actions of Hamas and affirming the support of the United States for Israel's right to exist and defend itself.

#### CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY AND SINGLE SUBJECT STATEMENTS

Pursuant to clause 7(c)(1) of rule XII and Section 3(c) of H. Res. 5 the following statements are submitted regarding (1) the specific powers granted to Congress in the Constitution to enact the accompanying bill or joint resolution and (2) the single subject of the bill or joint resolution.

By Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY:

H.R. 5960.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is:

Degree requirements in employer hiring practices

By Mr. McCAUL:

H.R. 5961.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, section 8 of the Constitution of the United States.

The single subject of this legislation is:

This legislation freezes Iranian funds involved in the 2023 hostage deal between the United States and Iran.

By Mr. NEGUSE:

H.R. 5962.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is:

Redesignate a wilderness area in Colorado as the "Mount Blue Sky Wilderness".

By Ms. NORTON:

H.R. 5963.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Clause 17 of Section 8 of Article I of the Constitution

The single subject of this legislation is:

This bill would require the Superior Court of the District of Columbia to pay jurors the same amount the federal courts pay jurors.

#### ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

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

H.R. 195: Mr. NORMAN.

H.R. 235: Mr. TONKO.

H.R. 340: Mr. McCAUL, Mr. FRY, Mr. STEUBE, Mr. MEUSER, Ms. MALLIOTAKIS, and Mr. LAWLER.

H.R. 584: Ms. STEVENS and Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia.

H.R. 619: Mr. DELUZIO.

H.R. 807: Ms. JACKSON LEE and Mr. LARSEN of Washington.

H.R. 919: Mr. EDWARDS.

H.R. 932: Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE.

H.R. 1292: Mr. KILMER.

H.R. 1362: Mr. BRECHEEN.

H.R. 1627: Ms. MALLIOTAKIS.

H.R. 1649: Mr. HARDER of California.

H.R. 1712: Mr. PAPPAS.

H.R. 2400: Ms. CRAIG, Ms. JAYAPAL, Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY, and Mrs. NAPOLITANO.

H.R. 2407: Mr. POSEY, Mr. LALOTA, Mr. RUPPERSBERGER, Ms. LEE of Nevada, Mr. WALTZ, Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia, and Mr. SCHNEIDER.

H.R. 2583: Mr. HIMES.

H.R. 2766: Mr. ALFORD, Mr. GALLAGHER, and Mr. CONNOLLY.

H.R. 3039: Mr. EDWARDS and Mr. NUNN of Iowa.

H.R. 3266: Mr. LAWLER, Mrs. RADEWAGEN, and Mrs. CHERFILUS-MCCORMICK.

H.R. 3433: Mr. PAPPAS.

H.R. 3475: Mrs. BEATTY, Mr. SORENSEN, Mr. BOYLE of Pennsylvania, Mr. CLEAVER, and Mr. CASTEN.

H.R. 3651: Ms. MANNING, Ms. PINGREE, Mr. GOTTHEIMER, and Ms. TOKUDA.

H.R. 3702: Mr. STAUBER.

H.R. 3774: Mrs. RADEWAGEN and Mr. WILSON of South Carolina.

H.R. 3913: Mr. LAWLER.

H.R. 3940: Ms. CRAIG.

H.R. 4157: Mr. PASCARELL and Mr. VASQUEZ.

H.R. 4175: Mr. ROSE.

H.R. 4721: Mr. NUNN of Iowa, Ms. GRANGER, Mr. WOMACK, and Mr. PFLUGER.

H.R. 4729: Mrs. PELTOLA.

H.R. 4769: Mr. BACON and Mr. CURTIS.

H.R. 4896: Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. STELL, Ms. SCHKOWSKY, Mr. KILDEE, Mr. RUPPERSBERGER, Ms. BROWNLEY, and Mr. PHILLIPS.

H.R. 5077: Mr. NUNN of Iowa.

H.R. 5194: Mr. DONALDS.

H.R. 5526: Ms. SEWELL.

H.R. 5535: Mr. LAWLER.

H.R. 5555: Mrs. HARSHBARGER.

H.R. 5791: Ms. DE LA CRUZ, Mr. BABIN, Mr. DONALDS, Mr. TIFFANY, and Mrs. CAMMACK.

H.R. 5947: Mr. WOMACK, Mr. PERRY, Mr. POSEY, Mr. EDWARDS, Ms. DE LA CRUZ, Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas, Mrs. BICE, and Mr. DAVIDSON.

H.J. Res. 8: Ms. DE LA CRUZ.

H. Res. 406: Mr. COLLINS.

H. Res. 410: Mr. COLLINS.

H. Res. 436: Mr. KIM of New Jersey.

H. Res. 762: Mr. FROST.

H. Res. 771: Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi.

H. Res. 774: Mr. BERGMAN, Mrs. MILLER of West Virginia, Mr. ROSENDALE, Mr. MOOLENAAR, and Mr. STAUBER.

H. Res. 775: Mr. CRENSHAW.

H. Res. 776: Mrs. BICE.