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The House met at 11 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mrs. DINGELL).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
December 23, 2021.

I hereby appoint the Honorable DEBBIE DINGELL to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

Holy God, from the beginning of time You have loved us. When, at creation, You set before us Your marvelous handiwork and called it good, You gave us the privilege to enjoy all Your grace gifts.

In this season of enjoyment and gift-giving, may we see You, the giver of all things, in the love wrapped in each present.

In this season of lights, may we see that time and again You interrupt the darkness that surrounds us with the warmth and welcome of Your own brilliant light.

In this season when we pray for peace and good will, may we call to mind the peace You intended for us at creation, the world You desire for us where

“The wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fatling together.”

Reveal the hope that is ours in the shoot that grows even from the driest stump, the child who loves with the most perfect love.

In the spirit and wisdom that comes from the fear of You, O Lord, fill the Earth with the knowledge of Your eternal love.

In Your holy name we pray.
Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 11(a) of House Resolution 188, 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 clause 4 of rule I, the following enrolled bills were signed by Speaker pro tempore BEYER on Tuesday, December 21, 2021:

H.R. 1664, to authorize the National Medal of Honor Museum Foundation to establish a commemorative work in the District of Columbia and its environs, and for other purposes;

H.R. 3537, to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to support research on, and expanded access to, investigational drugs for amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, and for other purposes;

S. 1605, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2022 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel

strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes.

APPOINTMENT OF INDIVIDUAL TO GOVERNING BOARD OF THE OF- FICE OF CONGRESSIONAL ETH- ICS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces the Speaker's appointment, pursuant to section 4(c) of House Resolution 8, 117th Congress, and the order of the House of January 4, 2021, of the following individual to serve on the Governing Board on the Office of Congressional Ethics:

Nominated by the Speaker after consultation with the minority leader:

Mr. William Paul Luther, Minnesota, alternate, for the remainder of the term as alternate of Mr. Mike Barnes.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Cheryl L. Johnson, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly enrolled bills of the House of the following titles, which were thereupon signed by the Speaker pro tempore, Mr. BEYER, on Tuesday, December 21, 2021:

H.R. 1664. An act to authorize the National Medal of Honor Museum Foundation to establish a commemorative work in the District of Columbia and its environs, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3537. An act to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to support research on, and expanded access to, investigational drugs for amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, and for other purposes.

SENATE ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The Speaker pro tempore, Mr. BEYER, on Tuesday, December 21, 2021, announced his signature to an enrolled bill of the Senate of the following title:

S. 1605—An Act to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2022 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military

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personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 11(b) of House Resolution 188, the House stands adjourned until 11 a.m. on Monday, December 27, 2021.

Thereupon (at 11 o'clock and 3 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Monday, December 27, 2021, at 11 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

EC-3010. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting a Report to Congress: Pediatric Research in Fiscal Year 2020, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 284h(c)(3); Public Law 106-310, Sec. 1001; (114 Stat. 1128); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-3011. A letter from the Assistant Legal Advisor, Office of Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a report 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, pursuant to 1 U.S.C. 112b(a); Public Law 92-403, Sec. 1(a) (as amended by Public Law 108-458, Sec. 7121(b)); (118 Stat. 3807); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-3012. A letter from the Assistant Legal Advisor, Office of Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting pursuant to the Taiwan Relations Act, agreements between the American Institute in Taiwan, the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office, and United States Government Agencies, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 3311(a); Public Law 96-8, Sec. 12(a); (93 Stat. 20); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-3013. A letter from the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's Office of Inspector General's Semiannual Report to Congress, covering the period ending September 30, 2021; to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

EC-3014. A letter from the Chairman and General Counsel, National Labor Relations Board, transmitting the Semiannual Report of the Office of the Inspector General for the period April 1, 2021-September 30, 2021; to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

EC-3015. A letter from the Chairman, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's Office of Inspector General Semiannual Report to Congress; to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

EC-3016. A letter from the Chairman, Board of Governors, United States Postal Service, transmitting the Service's Office of Inspector General's Semiannual Report to Congress, covering the period April 1, 2021, through September 30, 2021; to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

EC-3017. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior, transmitting the 2018-2019 annual report to Congress on Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Review Committee, pursuant to 25 U.S.C. 3006(h); Public Law 101-601, Sec. 8(h); (104 Stat. 3057); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

EC-3018. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, transmitting the Attorney General's

Forth Quarterly Report of FY 2021 on the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994, pursuant to 38 U.S.C. 4332(b)(2); Public Law 103-353, Sec. 2(a) (as added by Public Law 110-389, Sec. 312(c)); (122 Stat. 4165); jointly to the Committees on the Judiciary and Veterans' Affairs.

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. DESJARLAIS (for himself and Mr. ROSE):

H.R. 6341. A bill to amend the Horse Protection Act to provide increased protection for horses participating in shows, exhibitions, sales, and auctions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. FITZPATRICK (for himself and Mrs. DINGELL):

H.R. 6342. A bill to increase funding for cancer research by the National Institutes of Health to be more in proportion to the mortality rates of cancer; to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. LYNCH:

H.R. 6343. A bill to expand the scope of the meetings of the supervisory team on countering illicit finance, to improve the combating of Russian money laundering, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. NEGUSE:

H.R. 6344. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand refundability and increase simplification of the research credit for certain small businesses; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. SCHRADER (for himself and Ms. BONAMICI):

H.R. 6345. A bill to amend the Siletz Reservation Act to address the hunting, fishing, trapping, and animal gathering rights of the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. SCHRADER (for himself and Ms. BONAMICI):

H.R. 6346. A bill to amend the Grand Ronde Reservation Act to address the hunting, fishing, trapping, and animal gathering rights of the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Ms. STRICKLAND (for herself, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, and Mr. CARSON):

H.R. 6347. A bill to require the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to establish a pilot procurement program for military spouses, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business.

By Mr. ESPAILLAT:

H. Res. 858. A resolution recognizing the week of December 26, 2021, as the "Week of the Quincentennial of the Fight Against Black Slavery in the Americas"; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. KELLER:

H. Res. 859. A resolution providing for consideration of the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 65), Providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of Labor relating to "COVID-19 Vaccination and Testing; Emergency Temporary Standard"; to the Committee on Rules.

CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY STATEMENT

Pursuant to clause 7 of rule XII of the Rules of the House of Representa-

tives, the following statements are submitted regarding the specific powers granted to Congress the Constitution to enact the accompanying bill or joint resolution.

By Mr. DESJARLAIS:

H.R. 6341.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 3. Congress shall have power to regulate commerce with Foreign Nations, and among the several states, and with Indian Tribes.

By Mr. FITZPATRICK:

H.R. 6342.

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

Article I, Section VIII

By Mr. LYNCH:

H.R. 6343.

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

Article 1, Section 8, Cl. 18

By Mr. NEGUSE:

H.R. 6344.

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

Article 1, Section 8

By Mr. SCHRADER:

H.R. 6345.

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

Congress has the authority to act under Article I, § 8, clause 3—the Commerce Clause.

By Mr. SCHRADER:

H.R. 6346.

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

Congress has the authority to act under Article I, § 8, clause 3—the Commerce Clause.

By Ms. STRICKLAND:

H.R. 6347.

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

Article 1, Section 8

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

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

H.R. 151: Mr. KIM of New Jersey, Mr. BEYER, and Mr. AUCHINCLOSS.

H.R. 263: Mr. SESSIONS.

H.R. 303: Mr. PHILLIPS.

H.R. 430: Mr. PHILLIPS.

H.R. 461: Ms. SLOTKIN.

H.R. 475: Mr. GALLEGO and Ms. SCANLON.

H.R. 477: Ms. DEGETTE.

H.R. 616: Mr. JEFFRIES, Mr. MFUME, Ms. DEGETTE, Mr. PANETTA, Mr. KIM of New Jersey, and Mr. SMITH of Washington.

H.R. 649: Mr. CROW.

H.R. 748: Ms. ESHOO, Mr. GREEN of Texas, Ms. DEGETTE, and Mrs. DINGELL.

H.R. 808: Mr. PHILLIPS and Mr. DELGADO.

H.R. 880: Mr. YARMUTH.

H.R. 881: Mr. YARMUTH.

H.R. 882: Mr. YARMUTH.

H.R. 909: Ms. STANSBURY.

H.R. 911: Mr. GALLEGO and Miss RICE of New York.

H.R. 1012: Mr. BERA and Mr. JOYCE of Ohio.

H.R. 1197: Ms. STANSBURY.

H.R. 1397: Mr. BACON, Mr. KILMER, Ms. STEVENS, and Ms. BARRAGAN.

H.R. 1473: Mr. SMUCKER.

H.R. 1516: Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia, Mr. ALLRED, and Mr. KIM of New Jersey.

H.R. 1729: Mr. MOOLENAAR.

H.R. 1730: Mr. PHILLIPS.

H.R. 1755: Mr. KHANNA.

H.R. 1785: Ms. DEAN, Mr. HORSFORD, Ms. LOIS FRANKEL of Florida, and Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER.

H.R. 1834: Mr. YARMUTH.