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House of Representatives

The House met at 10:30 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. BEYER).

Amen.

With best wishes, I am,
Sincerely,

CHERYL L. JOHNSON,
Clerk.

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
April 11, 2022.

I hereby appoint the Honorable DONALD S. BEYER, Jr. 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:

We pray, O God, this morning for all those in our communities, our country, and throughout the world who feel abandoned by You. They are discouraged as there are no easy answers forthcoming. There appears no reason for hope.

In Your compassion, gather them in. May those who feel estranged from their families find relationships restored. May those who struggle to make ends meet, find the abundance of Your grace. And may those who are threatened by the caprice of conflict find shelter in Your divine care.

Reveal to us again Your everlasting love.

Restore to us once more the certainty of Your steadfast faithfulness.

Redeem our world that injustice and enmity would find nowhere to thrive.

Then may we build on Your foundation of righteousness and establish a world free of oppression and without fear of terror. For You, O Lord, have promised to be near to us forever.

In the strength of Your name we pray.

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.

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, April 8, 2022.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
The Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on April 8, 2022, at 9:24 a.m.

That the Senate agrees to the House amendment to the bill S. 658.

That the Senate passed S. 1875.

That the Senate passed S. 2687.

That the Senate passed S. 3785.

That the Senate passed S. 3823.

That the Senate passed S. 4070.

That the Senate agreed to Relative to the death of the Honorable Kaneaster Hodges, Jr., former United States Senator for the State of Arkansas S. Res. 593.

Appointments:
Afghanistan War Commission.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 11(b) of House Resolution 188, the House stands adjourned until 1 p.m. on Thursday, April 14, 2022.

Thereupon (at 10 o'clock and 33 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Thursday, April 14, 2022, at 1 p.m.

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. CARTWRIGHT (for himself, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mrs. BUSTOS, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Mr. COHEN, Ms. DELBENE, Mr. GALLEGO, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mrs. KIRKPATRICK, Mr. LEVIN of Michigan, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, Ms. NORTON, Ms. PORTER, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Mr. SARBANES, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia, Mr. MCGOVERN, Ms. WILSON of Florida, Ms. DEGETTE, Mr. EVANS, Ms. TITUS, Mr. SCHIFF, Ms. OMAR, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Ms. LEE of California, Ms. TLAIB, Mr. CARSON, Ms. SEWELL, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Mrs. CHERFILUS-McCORMICK, Mr. LOWENTHAL, Mr. JONES, Mr. BRENDAN F. BOYLE of Pennsylvania, and Mr. SAN NICOLAS):

H.R. 7489. A bill to provide employees with a minimum of two consecutive hours of paid leave in order to vote in Federal elections; to the Committee on Education and Labor.

By Mr. CHABOT (for himself, Mr. MCCAUL, Mr. BURCHETT, Ms. SALAZAR, and Mr. FITZPATRICK):

H.R. 7490. A bill to direct the President to submit to Congress a report on benefits to the Russian Federation as a result of an agreement with Iran relating to the nuclear program of Iran; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

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

Matter set in this typeface indicates words inserted or appended, rather than spoken, by a Member of the House on the floor.



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By Mr. CRIST (for himself and Mr. DEUTCH):

H.R. 7491. A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to establish notification and reporting requirements relating to unlawful acts and significant emergencies faced by students in public elementary and secondary schools; to the Committee on Education and Labor.

By Mr. GOODEN of Texas (for himself, Mr. TIFFANY, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mr. ELLZEY, Mr. GOHMERT, and Mr. DUNCAN):

H.R. 7492. A bill to prohibit the Department of Education from punishing States, local educational agencies, or elementary schools for failure to implement or carry out certain Federal policies relating to sex education in elementary schools, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and Labor, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. JACOBS of New York (for himself, Mr. CAWTHORN, Mr. NEWHOUSE, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mr. MOONEY, Mr. VAN DREW, Mr. GARBARINO, Ms. STEFANIK, Ms. TENNEY, Mr. MULLIN, Mr. GOSAR, Mr. MCKINLEY, Mr. BUDD, Mr. NORMAN, Mr. FEENSTRA, and Ms. HERRELL):

H.R. 7493. A bill to amend title 11 of the United States Code to include firearms in the types of property allowable under the alternative provision for exempting property from the estate; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. NEGUSE (for himself and Mr. CLINE):

H.R. 7494. A bill to amend title 11, United States Code, to modify the eligibility requirements for a debtor under chapter 13, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. NORTON:

H.R. 7495. A bill to designate the Civil War Defenses of Washington National Historical Park comprised of certain National Park System lands, and by affiliation and cooperative agreements other historically significant resources, located in the District of Columbia, Virginia, and Maryland, that were part of the Civil War defenses of Washington and related to the Shenandoah Valley Campaign of 1864, to study ways in which the Civil War history of both the North and South can be assembled, arrayed, and conveyed for the benefit of the public, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Ms. PLASKETT (for herself and Mr. RESCHENTHALER):

H.R. 7496. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to install a plaque at the peak of Ram Head in the Virgin Islands National Park on St. John, United States Virgin Islands, to commemorate the slave rebellion that began on St. John in 1733; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Ms. SLOTKIN:

H.R. 7497. A bill to provide for lower prices for drugs through drug price negotiation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, and Education and Labor, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. STEUBE (for himself and Mr. SOTO):

H.R. 7498. A bill to amend the Federal Crop Insurance Act to direct the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation to conduct research and

development on frost or cold weather insurance, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Ms. ADAMS (for herself, Ms. UNDERWOOD, Mrs. TRAHAN, Ms. SEWELL, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, Ms. LEE of California, Ms. PLASKETT, Ms. WILSON of Florida, Ms. TLAIB, Ms. ROSS, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Mr. KEATING, Mr. MOULTON, Mrs. CHERFILUS-McCORMICK, Mr. BROWN of Maryland, Ms. STEVENS, Mr. NADLER, Ms. SPEIER, Mrs. MCBATH, Mr. CARTER of Louisiana, Mr. LEVIN of Michigan, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Mr. RASKIN, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Ms. NORTON, Mr. MICHAEL F. DOYLE of Pennsylvania, Ms. BLUNT ROCH-ESTER, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. VEASEY, Mr. GALLEG0, Ms. BONAMICI, Mrs. LAWRENCE, Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas, Mr. GARAMENDI, Mr. COOPER, Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York, Mr. CONNOLLY, Mr. PAPPAS, Mr. RUIZ, Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois, Ms. MAN-NING, Ms. BASS, Ms. MENG, Mr. RUSH, Ms. BROWN of Ohio, Ms. SANCHEZ, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mr. LAWSON of Florida, Mr. MEEKS, Ms. CASTOR of Florida, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Ms. OMAR, Ms. JA-COBS of California, Ms. NEWMAN, Ms. JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. CÁRDENAS, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. BOWMAN, Mrs. DIN-GELL, Mr. HIGGINS of New York, Ms. STANSBURY, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, Mrs. HAYES, Ms. STRICKLAND, Ms. BARRAGÁN, Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY, Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia, Mr. RYAN, Mr. LARSEN of Washington, Mr. SIRES, Mr. SABLÁN, Mr. BERA, Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia, Mr. CICILLINE, Mr. CROW, Mr. DOGGETT, Ms. DEAN, Mr. MCEACHIN, Ms. BOURDEAUX, Mr. CLEAVER, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. TRONE, Mr. PRICE of North Carolina, Ms. KUSTER, Ms. SCANLON, Mr. SOTO, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Ms. PRESSLEY, Mr. JONES, Ms. ESCOBAR, Mr. BUTTERFIELD, and Mr. KHANNA):

H. Res. 1051. A resolution expressing support for the designation of the week of April 11 through April 17, 2022, as the fifth annual “Black Maternal Health Week” to bring national attention to the maternal health crisis in the United States and the importance of reducing maternal mortality and morbidity among Black women and birthing persons; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Financial Services, Transportation and Infrastructure, Education and Labor, the Judiciary, Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Veterans’ Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. MCGOVERN:

H. Res. 1052. A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of a National Move Over Law Day; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Ms. NORTON:

H. Res. 1053. A resolution recognizing the enduring cultural and historical significance of emancipation in the Nation’s capital on the anniversary of President Abraham Lincoln’s signing of the District of Columbia Compensated Emancipation Act, which established the “first freed” on April 16, 1862, and celebrating passage of the District of Columbia statehood bill in the House of Representatives; to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY STATEMENT

Pursuant to clause 7 of rule XII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the following statements are submitted regarding the specific powers granted to Congress in the Constitution to enact the accompanying bill or joint resolution.

By Mr. CARTWRIGHT:

H.R. 7489.

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

Article I, Section 4, clause 1 allows states to prescribe the “Time, Places and Manner of holding Elections for Senators and Representatives,” but allows Congress “at any time” to “make or alter such regulations.”

By Mr. CHABOT:

H.R. 7490.

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

Article 1, Section 8

By Mr. CRIST:

H.R. 7491.

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

Article 1, Section 8

By Mr. GOODEN of Texas:

H.R. 7492.

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

The Constitutional authority on which this bill rests is the power of Congress to lay and collect taxes, duties, imposts, and excises to pay the debts and provide for the common Defense and general welfare of the United States, as enumerated in Article I, Section 8, Clause 1. Thus, Congress has the authority not only to increase taxes, but also, to reduce taxes to promote the general welfare of the United States of America and her citizens. Additionally, Congress has the Constitutional authority to regulate commerce among the States and with Indian Tribes, as enumerated in Article I, Section 8, Clause 3.

By Mr. JACOBS of New York:

H.R. 7493.

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

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 1, of the U.S. Constitution: The Congress shall have Power To lay and collect Taxes, Duties, Imposts and Excises, to pay the Debts and provide for the common Defence and general Welfare of the United States; but all Duties, Imposts and Excises shall be uniform throughout the United States;

By Mr. NEGUSE:

H.R. 7494.

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

Article 1, Section 8

By Ms. NORTON:

H.R. 7495.

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

clause 18 of section 8 of article I of the Constitution.

By Ms. PLASKETT:

H.R. 7496.

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

Article IV, Section 3 of the United States Constitution.

By Ms. SLOTKIN:

H.R. 7497.

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

To make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers, and all other Powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United States, or in any Department or Officer thereof.