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## House of Representatives

The House met at 11:30 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, October 14, 2022.

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

Reverend Gene Hemrick, St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Washington, D.C., offered the following prayer:

O Lord, the Gospel of St. Matthew proclaims: "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be blessed."

O Lord, may our U.S. Congress be blessed in pursuing righteousness and the virtue of peace it procures.

May Your guidance bless it with wisdom that enables the U.S. Congress to hunger and thirst for newly formulated means that generate order and the tranquility peace produces.

May our Nation be a shining example to the world of our desire for peace and prosperity for all.

Amen.

#### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 5 of House Resolution 1396, 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, October 11, 2022:

S. 958, to amend the Public Health Service Act to expand the allowable use criteria for new access points grants for community health centers;

S. 1198, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve and expand the Solid Start program of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes:

S. 2551, to require the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to establish or otherwise provide an artificial intelligence training program for the acquisition workforce, and for other purposes;

S. 2794, to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase automatic maximum coverage under the Service-members' Group Life Insurance program and the Veterans' Group Life Insurance program, and for other purposes:

S. 3470, to provide for the implementation of certain trafficking in contracting provisions, and for other purposes.

### SENATE ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The Speaker pro tempore, Mr. BEYER, on Tuesday, October 11, 2022, announced his signature to enrolled bills of the Senate of the following titles:

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S. 1198.—An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve and expand the Solid Start program of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

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S. 3470.—An act to provide for the implementation of certain trafficking in contracting provisions, and for other purposes.

#### ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 1 of House Resolution 1230, the House stands adjourned until 9 a.m. on Tuesday, October 18, 2022.

Thereupon (at 11 o'clock and 33 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Tuesday, October 18, 2022, at 9 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-5488. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the report on the operation of the Exchange Stabilization Fund for Fiscal Year 2021, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 5302(c)(2); Jan. 30, 1934, ch. 6, Sec. 10 (as amended by Public Law 97-258, Sec. 5302(c)(2)); (96 Stat. 994); to the Committee on Financial Services.

EC-5489. A letter from the Chairman, National Credit Union Administration, transmitting the Administration's 2021 Annual Report, pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1463 note; Public Law 101-73, Sec. 308 (as amended by Public Law 111-203, Sec. 367(4)); (124 Stat. 1556); to the Committee on Financial Services.

EC-5490. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Health Profession Opportunity Grants

 $\Box$  This symbol represents the time of day during the House proceedings, e.g.,  $\Box$  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.



(HPOG) Program Second Report to Congress, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-5491. A letter from the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the report to Congress, "America's Water Infrastructure Act (AWIA) Report to Congress — Study on Intractable Public Water Systems Serving fewer than 1,000 People: Compliance with National Primary Drinking Water Regulations, Barriers, and Case Studies", pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 300j-19c(b)(2); July 1, 1944, ch. 373, title XIV, Sec. 1459C (as amended by Public Law 115-270, Sec. 2003); (132 Stat. 3814); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-5492. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Interior, transmitting the final report to Congress on expenditures relating to Executive Order (EO) 13953 entitled, "Addressing the Threat to the Domestic Supply Chain from Reliance on Critical Minerals from Foreign Adversaries and Supporting the Domestic Mining and Processing Industries", pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1641(c); Public Law 94-412, Sec. 401(c); (90 Stat. 1257); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-5493. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to the situation in or in relation to the Democratic Republic of the Congo that was declared in Executive Order 13413 of October 27, 2006, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1641(c); Public Law 94-412, Sec. 401(c); (90 Stat. 1257) and 50 U.S.C. 1703(c); Public Law 95-223, Sec 204(c); (91 Stat. 1627); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-5494. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Iran that was declared in Executive Order 12957 of March 15, 1995, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1641(c); Public Law 94-412, Sec. 401(c); (90 Stat. 1257) and 50 U.S.C. 1703(c); Public Law 95-223, Sec 204(c); (91 Stat. 1627); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-5495. A letter from the President of the United States, transmitting notification that the national emergency, with respect to significant narcotics traffickers centered in Colombia declared in Executive Order 12978 of October 21, 1995, is to continue in effect beyond October 21, 2022, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1622(d); Public Law 94-412, Sec. 202(d); (90 Stat. 1257) (H. Doc. No. 117—147); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed.

EC-5496. A letter from the President of the United States, transmitting notification that the national emergency declared with respect to the situation in and in relation to Syria in Executive Order 13894 of October 14, 2019, is to continue in effect beyond October 14, 2022, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1622(d); Public Law 94-412, Sec. 202(d); (90 Stat. 1257) (H. Doc. No. 117—148); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed.

EC-5497. A letter from the President of the United States, transmitting notification that the national emergency with respect to the situation in or in relation to the Democratic Republic of the Congo declared in Executive Order 13413 of October 27, 2006, is to continue in effect beyond October 27, 2022, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1622(d); Public Law 94-412, Sec. 202(d); (90 Stat. 1257) (H. Doc. No. 117—149); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed.

EC-5498. A letter from the Assistant Legal Adviser, 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-Za-

blocki 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-5499. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Department Notification Number: DDTC 22-021; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-5500. A letter from the Associate General Counsel for General Law, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting a notification of a federal vacancy, designation of acting officer, and nomination, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 3349(a); Public Law 105-277, Sec. 151(b); (112 Stat. 2681-614); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

EC-5501. A letter from the Associate General Counsel for General Law, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting an action on nomination, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 3349(a); Public Law 105-277, Sec. 151(b); (112 Stat. 2681-614); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

EC-5502. A letter from the Inspector General, Office of Inspector General, Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting the Board's Office of Inspector General FY 2024 budget request; to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

EC-5503. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting he Department's determination on a petition filed on behalf of workers at the International Nickel Company (INCO), Reduction Pilot Plant (RPP) in Huntington, West Virginia, to be added to the Special Exposure Cohort (SEC); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-5504. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Department of Labor, transmitting a letter providing notification of a permanent change to the base funding allocation formula methodology for funds appropriated for the Reemployment Services and Eligibility Assessment, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 506(g); Aug. 14, 1935, ch. 531, title III, Sec. 306(g), as added by Public Law 115-123, div. C, title II, Sec. 30206(a), Feb. 9, 2018; (132 Stat. 127); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

EC-5505. A letter from the Branch Chief, Legal Processing Division, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final regulations — User Fees Relating to Enrolled Agents and Enrolled Retirement Plan Agents [TD 9966] (RIN: 1545-BQ17) received October 4, 2022, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

EC-5506. A letter from the Chairman, International Trade Commission, transmitting the Commission's report titled, "Andean Trade Preference Act (ATPA): Impact on U.S. Industries and Consumers and on Drug Crop Eradication and Crop Substitution, 2021", pursuant to 19 U.S.C. 3204(a)(1); Public Law 102-182, Sec. 206(a) (as amended by Public Law 106-200, Sec. 211(d)(2)); (114 Stat. 287); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

EC-5507. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the report to Congress, titled, "The Medicare Secondary Payer Commercial Repayment Center in Fiscal Year 2021", pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 1395ddd(h)(8); Aug. 14, 1935, ch. 531, title XVIII, Sec. 1893(h)(8) (as amended by Public Law 109-432, Sec. 302(a)); (120 Stat. 2992); jointly to the Committees on Energy and Commerce and Ways and Means.

EC-5508. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's "2022 Report to Congress — Annual Update: Identification of Quality Measurement Priorities and Associated Funding for the Consensus-Based Entity (currently the National Quality Forum) and Other Enti-

ties"; and "Report on Unobligated Balances for Appropriations Relating to Quality Measurement", pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 1395aaa(e); Aug. 14 1935, ch. 531, title XVIII, Sec. 1890(e) (as amended by Public Law 115-123, Sec. 50206(b)); (132 Stat. 184) and 42 U.S.C. 1395aaa(f)(1); Public Law 116-94, div. N, title I, Sec. 102(a) (as amended by Public Law 116-260, Sec. 102(b)(2)); (134 Stat. 2941); jointly to the Committees on Energy and Commerce and Ways and Means.

EC-5509. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting an updated Interim Report to Congress about the Medicare Patient Intravenous Immunoglobulin (IVIG) Demonstration project, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); jointly to the Committees on Energy and Commerce and Ways and Means.

EC-5510. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting a report for Fiscal Year 2016 entitled "Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program" per section 2610(b) of the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. 8629(b); jointly to the Committees on Energy and Commerce and Education and Labor.

EC-5511. A letter from the Board Members, Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting the 2022 annual report for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2021, pursuant to 45 U.S.C. 231f(b)(6); Aug. 29, 1935, ch. 812, Sec. 7(b)(6) (as amended by Public Law 97-35, Sec. 1122); (95 Stat. 638); jointly to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure and Ways and Means.

EC-5512. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting a draft bill, the Veterans Memorial Affairs Improvement Act of 2023; jointly to the Committees on Veterans' Affairs and Armed Services.

EC-5513. A letter from the Secretary to the Board, Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting the Board's budget request for Fiscal Year 2024, pursuant to 45 U.S.C. 231f(f); Aug. 29, 1935, ch. 812, Sec. 7(f) (as amended by Public Law 93-445, Sec. 416); (97 Stat. 436); jointly to the Committees on Appropriations, Transportation and Infrastructure, and Ways and Means.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ: Committee on Small Business. H.R. 8844. A bill to reauthorize the State Trade Expansion Program of the Small Business Administration, and for other purposes (Rept. 117–542). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. NADLER: Committee on the Judiciary. House Resolution 1343. Resolution of inquiry requesting the President and directing the Secretary of Health and Human Services and the Secretary of Homeland Security to transmit, respectively, certain documents to the House of Representatives relating to unaccompanied alien children, with an amendment; adversely (Rept. 117–543). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. NADLER: Committee on the Judiciary. House Resolution 1356. Resolution of inquiry requesting the President and directing the Attorney General to transmit, respectively, certain documents to the House of Representatives relating to Ray Epps, with an amendment; adversely (Rept. 117–544). Referred to the House Calendar.