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The House met at 5 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. McHENRY).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
March 21, 2023.

I hereby appoint the Honorable PATRICK T. McHENRY to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

KEVIN MCCARTHY,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

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

Hear our praise, O Lord. As we stand in this House, in the courts of Your law, we praise You for You are good. We praise You for You are gracious, and Your goodness is everlasting.

May we always lift our voices to You and to You alone. For You are great. Heaven and Earth, the seas and all deeps are the evidence of Your pleasure. When the clouds emerge from the horizon, when lightning accompanies the rain, when the wind passes over the Earth, these are displays of Your creative power.

In awe of You, we set aside all other idols who compete for our attention. Silver and gold fascinate, but we have shaped them into vain prizes. The work of our hands creates marvelous structures, monuments, and memorials of our own fleeting life spans.

But they stand mute before Your omnipotence. They are deaf and blind to the hearts and souls of even the ones who crafted them. Though we are inspired by them, they have no breath of their own.

You alone are the creator. In You, and no one else, do we live and move

and have our being. Our lives are richer when we honor only You.

In Your most holy and revered name we pray.
Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 3(z) of House Resolution 5, 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, March 20, 2023.

Hon. KEVIN MCCARTHY,
The Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, I have the honor to transmit a sealed envelope received from the White House on March 20, 2023, at 1:02 p.m., said to contain a message from the President returning, without his approval, H.J. Res. 30.

With best wishes, I am,
Sincerely,

CHERYL L. JOHNSON,
Clerk of the House.

PROVIDING FOR CONGRESSIONAL DISAPPROVAL OF THE RULE SUBMITTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR RELATING TO "PRUDENCE AND LOYALTY IN SELECTING PLAN INVESTMENTS AND EXERCISING SHAREHOLDER RIGHTS"—VETO MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES (H. DOC. NO. 118-18)

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following veto message from the President of the United States:

To the House of Representatives:

I am returning herewith without my approval H.J. Res. 30, a resolution that would disapprove of the Department of Labor's final rule titled "Prudence and Loyalty in Selecting Plan Investments and Exercising Shareholder Rights."

The Department of Labor's final rule protects the hard-earned life savings and pensions of tens of millions of workers and retirees across the country. It allows retirement plan fiduciaries to make fully informed investment decisions by considering all relevant factors that might impact a prospective investment, while ensuring that investment decisions made by retirement plan fiduciaries maximize financial returns for retirees.

There is extensive evidence showing that environmental, social, and governance factors can have a material impact on markets, industries, and businesses. But the Republican-led resolution would force retirement managers to ignore these relevant risk factors, disregarding the principles of free markets and jeopardizing the life savings of working families and retirees. In fact, this resolution would prevent retirement plan fiduciaries from taking into account factors, such as the physical risks of climate change and poor corporate governance, that could affect investment returns.

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

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Retirement plan fiduciaries should be able to consider any factor that maximizes financial returns for retirees across the country. That is not controversial—that is common sense.

Therefore, I am vetoing this resolution.

JOSEPH R. BIDEN, Jr.
THE WHITE HOUSE, March 20, 2023.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The objections of the President will be spread at large upon the Journal, and the veto message and the joint resolution will be printed as a House document.

Pursuant to section 4 of House Resolution 199, further consideration of the veto message and the joint resolution will be postponed until Thursday, March 23, 2023.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 3(z) of House Resolution 5, the House stands adjourned until noon tomorrow for morning-hour debate and 2 p.m. for legislative business.

Thereupon (at 5 o'clock and 15 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, March 22, 2023, at noon for morning-hour debate.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

EC-588. A letter from the Associate General Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Office of Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting the Department's Major final rule — Increased Forty-Year Term for Loan Modifications [Docket No.: FR-6263-F-02] (RIN: 2502-AJ59) received March 20, 2023, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Financial Services.

EC-589. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting the Economic Report of the President together with the Annual Report of the Council of Economic Advisers, pursuant to 15 U.S.C. 1022(a); Feb. 20, 1946, ch. 33, Sec. 3(a) (as amended by Public Law 101-508, Sec. 13112(e)); (104 Stat. 1388-609) (H. Doc. No. 118—17); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce and ordered to be printed.

EC-590. A letter from the General Counsel, Office of Congressional Workplace Rights, transmitting the Biennial Report on Americans with Disabilities Act Public Services and Accommodations Inspections — 116th Congress, pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 1331(f)(2); Public Law 104-1, Sec. 210(f)(2); (109 Stat. 15); jointly to the Committees on House Administration and Education and the Workforce.

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. BLUMENAUER (for himself and Mr. RASKIN):

H.R. 1668. A bill to amend title 23, United States Code, with respect to the highway safety improvement program, and for other

purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. CISCOMANI (for himself, Mr. KHANNA, and Mr. BOST):

H.R. 1669. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to make permanent the high technology pilot program of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. CURTIS (for himself and Mr. GARAMENDI):

H.R. 1670. A bill to amend the Agricultural Credit Act of 1978 with respect to pre-agreement costs of emergency watershed protection measures, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture.

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

H.R. 1671. A bill to allow additional individuals to enroll in standalone dental plans offered through Federal Exchanges; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. DAVIS of Illinois (for himself and Mr. BURGESS):

H.R. 1672. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to establish a demonstration project to improve outpatient clinical care for individuals with sickle cell disease; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Ms. DEGETTE:

H.R. 1673. A bill to advance environmental justice by addressing cumulative impacts and underenforcement, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Natural Resources, 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. DELUZIO (for himself and Mr. LALOTA):

H.R. 1674. A bill to enhance safety requirements for trains transporting hazardous materials, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, 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 Mrs. GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN (for herself, Ms. PLASKETT, Mr. MOYLAN, Mr. SABLON, and Mrs. RADEWAGEN):

H.R. 1675. A bill to provide a set-aside of funds for the territories under the health profession opportunity grant program under section 2008 of the Social Security Act, to make the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands eligible for the grants, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. GREEN of Tennessee:

H.R. 1676. A bill to allow expensing of amounts paid to move business property from China to the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. GUTHRIE (for himself and Ms. MATSUI):

H.R. 1677. A bill to amend the National Telecommunications and Information Administration Organization Act to provide for an incumbent informing capability, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana:

H.R. 1678. A bill to limit the applicability of certain rules with regard to possession of a firearm or firearm attachment; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. JAYAPAL (for herself, Mr. AUCHINCLOSS, Ms. DELAURE, Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois, Mr. KIM of New Jersey, Mr. NADLER, Ms. NORTON, Ms. PORTER, Mr. TAKANO, Mr. TONKO, Mr. ROSENDALE, and Mr. BUCK):

H.R. 1679. A bill to prohibit stock trading and ownership by Members of Congress and spouses of Members of Congress, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services, and in addition to the Committees on Agriculture, House Administration, and Ways and Means, 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. KEATING (for himself and Mr. TURNER):

H.R. 1680. A bill to provide for security in the Black Sea region, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. KIM of New Jersey:

H.R. 1681. A bill to make certain improvements to child care services provided by the Secretary of Defense; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY:

H.R. 1682. A bill to provide consumer protections for students; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, and in addition to the Committees on Armed Services, 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 Ms. MACE:

H.R. 1683. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to make certain changes with respect to the approval of abbreviated applications for the approval of new animal drugs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. MEEKS (for himself, Mr. MCCAUL, and Mrs. CHERFILUS-McCORMICK):

H.R. 1684. A bill to require the Secretary of State to submit an annual report to Congress regarding the ties between criminal gangs and political and economic elites in Haiti and impose sanctions on political and economic elites involved in such criminal activities; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, 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. PANETTA (for himself, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. THOMPSON of California, and Mr. SCHIFF):

H.R. 1685. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a credit for the purchase of certain new electric bicycles; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Ms. SCHAKOWSKY:

H.R. 1686. A bill to amend the Consumer Product Safety Act to strike provisions that limit the disclosure of certain information by the Consumer Product Safety Commission; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. SCHIFF (for himself, Mr.

AGUILAR, Ms. BARRAGÁN, Mr. BERA, Mr. BROWNLEY, Mr. CARBAJAL, Mr. CÁRDENAS, Mr. CALVERT, Mr. CORREA, Ms. CHU, Mr. COSTA, Mr. DESAULNIER, Mr. DUARTE, Ms. ESHOO, Mr. GARAMENDI, Mr. MIKE GARCIA of California, Mr. ROBERT GARCIA of California, Mr. GOMEZ, Mr. HARDER of California, Mr. HUFFMAN, Mr. ISSA, Ms. JACOBS, Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE, Mr. KHANNA, Mr. KILEY, Mrs. KIM of California, Mr. LAMALFA, Ms. LEE of California, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. LIEU, Ms. LOPGREN, Ms. MATSUI, Mr. MCCLINTOCK, Mr. MULLIN, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mr. OBERNOLTE, Mr. PANETTA, Ms. PELOSI, Mr. PETERS, Ms. PORTER, Mr. RUIZ, Ms. SÁNCHEZ, Mr. SHERMAN, Mrs. STEEL, Mr. SWALWELL, Mr.