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House of Representatives

The House met at 2 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. MOONEY).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
April 10, 2023.

I hereby appoint the Honorable ALEXANDER X. MOONEY 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:

In You alone, O Lord, do we find peace. Throughout the history of the world, we have had tribulation upon tribulation. But in You we take heart, for in You the troubles of the world are overcome.

Receive the gratitude of our hearts for the peace negotiated in Ireland 25 years ago this day. In the time of the Troubles, where violence escalated daily, bombings destroyed neighborhoods, and conflict shattered families and communities, peace seemed impossible, stability in that war-torn region a hopeless dream.

In Your mercy, the faith and fortitude of those who carried both pain and purpose to the negotiating table prevailed. May this memory serve as a lasting blessing to Ireland and an encouraging testimony to our troubled world.

Bless Ireland, that this accord made with human intellect would be upheld by the peace You alone give, a peace no human mind can construct but by which we are each offered avenues for respect and dialogue, compromise and cooperation.

May we take heart in the hope You provide for us and strive to remain true to the peace You desire for our country and the world You created. In You alone, O Lord, do we find peace. In You we take heart, for in You the troubles of the world can be overcome.

In the hope You offer to us by Your holy 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, April 6, 2023.

Hon. KEVIN MCCARTHY,
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 April 6, 2023, at 1:25 p.m., said to contain a message from the President returning, without his approval, H.J. Res. 27.

With best wishes, I am,
Sincerely,

CHERYL L. JOHNSON,
Clerk of the House.

PROVIDING FOR CONGRESSIONAL DISAPPROVAL OF A RULE SUBMITTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY, CORPS OF ENGINEERS, DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AND THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY—VETO MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES (H. DOC. NO. 118-26)

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. 27, a resolution that would disapprove the revised definition of "Waters of the United States".

The 2023 revised definition of "Waters of the United States" carefully sets the bounds for which bodies of water are protected under the Clean Water Act. It provides clear rules of the road that will help advance infrastructure projects, economic investments, and agricultural activities—all while protecting water quality and public health.

The resolution would leave Americans without a clear definition of "Waters of the United States". The increased uncertainty caused by H.J. Res. 27 would threaten economic growth, including for agriculture, local economies, and downstream communities. Farmers would be left wondering whether artificially irrigated areas remain excluded or not. Construction crews would be left wondering whether their waterfilled gravel pits remain excluded or not. The resolution would also negatively affect tens of millions of United States households that depend on healthy wetlands and streams.

□ 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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Therefore, I am vetoing this resolution.

JOSEPH R. BIDEN, Jr.
THE WHITE HOUSE, April 6, 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.

Without objection, further consideration of the veto message and the joint resolution, H.J. Res. 27, is postponed until the legislative day of April 18, 2023.

There was no objection.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO CONGRESSIONAL-EXECUTIVE COMMISSION ON THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces the Speaker's appointment, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 6913, and the order of the House of January 9, 2023, of the following Members on the part of the House to the Congressional-Executive Commission on the People's Republic of China:

Ms. WEXTON, Virginia
Ms. WILD, Pennsylvania
Ms. SALINAS, Oregon

COMMUNICATION FROM THE DEMOCRATIC LEADER

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Honorable HAKEEM JEFFRIES, Democratic Leader:

APRIL 7, 2023.

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

DEAR SPEAKER MCCARTHY: Pursuant to Section 4(b) of House Resolution 5, 118th Congress, I am writing to appoint the following members to the House Democracy Partnership:

The Hon. Dina Titus of Nevada, Ranking Member.

The Hon. Gwen Moore of Wisconsin.
The Hon. Ted Lieu of California.
The Hon. Norma Torres of California.
The Hon. Robin Kelly of Illinois.
The Hon. Terri Sewell of Alabama.
The Hon. Diana DeGette of Colorado.
The Hon. Barbara Lee of California.
The Hon. Ilhan Omar of Minnesota.
Thank you for your attention to these appointments.

Sincerely,

HAKEEM JEFFRIES,
Democratic Leader.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE DEMOCRATIC LEADER

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Honorable HAKEEM JEFFRIES, Democratic Leader:

APRIL 7, 2023.

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

DEAR SPEAKER MCCARTHY: Pursuant to Section 4 of the United States Semiquincentennial Commission Act of 2016 (Pub. L. 114-196), I am pleased to appoint the fol-

lowing Members to serve as Commissioners to the United States Semiquincentennial Commission:

The Hon. Bonnie Watson Coleman of New Jersey.

The Hon. Dwight Evans of Pennsylvania.

Thank you for your attention to these recommendations.

Sincerely,

HAKEEM JEFFRIES,
Democratic Leader.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE DEMOCRATIC LEADER

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APRIL 7, 2023.

Hon. KEVIN MCCARTHY,
Speaker of the House,
Washington, DC.

DEAR SPEAKER MCCARTHY: Pursuant to section 4703(b) of the Barry Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Act (20 U.S.C. 4703), I am pleased to appoint the following Member to the Board of Trustees of the Barry Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation.

Rep. John B. Larson of Connecticut.

Sincerely,

HAKEEM JEFFRIES,
Democratic Leader.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE DEMOCRATIC LEADER

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APRIL 7, 2023.

Hon. KEVIN MCCARTHY,
Speaker of the House,
Washington, DC.

DEAR SPEAKER MCCARTHY: Pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 2081, I am pleased to reappoint the Honorable MARCY KAPTUR of Ohio to the United States Capitol Preservation Commission.

Thank you for your consideration of this appointment.

Sincerely,

HAKEEM JEFFRIES,
Democratic Leader.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 3(z) of House Resolution 5, the House stands adjourned until 11 a.m. on Thursday, April 13, 2023.

Thereupon (at 2 o'clock and 8 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Thursday, April 13, 2023, 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-694. A letter from the President of the United States, transmitting Veto Message on H.J. Res. 27 (H. Doc. No. 118-26).

EC-695. A letter from the President of the United States, transmitting notification that the national emergency with respect to Somalia, declared in Executive Order 13536 of April 12, 2010, is to continue in effect beyond

April 12, 2023, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1622(d); Public Law 94-412, Sec. 202(d); (90 Stat. 1257) (H. Doc. No. 118-24); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed.

EC-696. A letter from the President of the United States, transmitting notification that the national emergency with respect to specified harmful foreign activities of the Government of the Russian Federation, that was declared in Executive Order 14024 of April 15, 2021, as amended, is to continue in effect beyond April 15, 2023, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1622(d); Public Law 94-412, Sec. 202(d); (90 Stat. 1257) (H. Doc. No. 118-25); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed.

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. FOXX: Committee on Education and the Workforce. H.R. 734. A bill to amend the Education Amendments of 1972 to provide that for purposes of determining compliance with title IX of such Act in athletics, sex shall be recognized based solely on a person's reproductive biology and genetics at birth; with an amendment (Rept. 118-35). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

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. BUCHSHON (for himself and Ms. KELLY of Illinois):

H.R. 2544. A bill to improve the Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. CARBAJAL (for himself, Ms. BROWNLEY, Mr. PANETTA, Ms. CHU, and Mr. HUFFMAN):

H.R. 2545. A bill to designate certain Federal land in the State of California as wilderness; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. CASE (for himself and Mrs. KIM of California):

H.R. 2546. A bill to provide for the development and implementation of economic defense response teams; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. COLE (for himself and Mr. RUIZ):

H.R. 2547. A bill to amend title III of the Public Health Service Act to extend funding for special diabetes programs for Indians; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. CRENSHAW (for himself and Ms. CRAIG):

H.R. 2548. A bill to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to collect and disseminate information on concussion and traumatic brain injury among public safety officers; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. DAVIDSON:

H.R. 2549. A bill to provide for congressional review of the imposition of duties and other trade measures by the executive branch, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Rules, 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.