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## House of Representatives

The House met at 11 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. SMITH of New Jersey).

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC.  
August 4, 2023.

I hereby appoint the Honorable CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

KEVIN MCCARTHY,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

### PRAYER

Rev. John Kellogg, Christ Church, Washington Parish, Washington, D.C., offered the following prayer:

Dear God, life is short, and we do not have too much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel the way with us. Help us be swift to love and make haste to be kind.

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, July 28, 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, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on July 28, 2023, at 2:23 p.m.

That the Senate passed S. 788.

That the Senate passed S. 992.

That the Senate passed S. 1528.

That the Senate passed S. 1608.

That the Senate passed S. 1858.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 2544.

Appointments:

Migratory Bird Conservation Commission.

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (Helsinki).

United States Holocaust Memorial Council.

Congressional-Executive Commission on the People's Republic of China.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely,

KEVIN F. MCCUMBER,  
*Acting Clerk.*

### BILLS PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Kevin F. McCumber, Acting Clerk of the House, reported that on July 27, 2023, the following bills were presented to the President of the United States for approval:

H.R. 423. To take certain land located in San Diego County, California, into trust for the benefit of the Pala Band of Mission Indians, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3672. To designate the clinic of the Department of Veterans Affairs in Indian River, Michigan, as the "Pfc. Justin T. Paton Department of Veterans Affairs Clinic".

H.R. 4004. To approve and implement the Agreement between the American Institute in Taiwan and the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States regarding Trade between the United States of American and Taiwan, and for other purposes.

### ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 3(z) of House Resolution 5, the House stands adjourned until 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, August 8, 2023.

Thereupon (at 11 o'clock and 3 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Tuesday, August 8, 2023, at 10:30 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-1576. A letter from the Program Analyst, Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Access to Video Conferencing; Implementation of Sections 716 and 717 of the Communications Act, as enacted by the Twenty-First Century Communications and Video Accessibility Act of 2010; Telecommunications Relay Services and Speech-to-Speech Services for Individuals with Hearing and Speech Disabilities; et. al., Report and Order [CG Docket No.: 23-161; CG Docket No.: 10-213; and CG Docket No.: 03-123] received July 24, 2023, 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-1577. A letter from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's issuance of regulatory guide — RG 5.83 Revision 1; Cybersecurity Event Notifications received July 31, 2023, 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-1578. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 25-178, "Association Meeting Flexibility Temporary Amendment Act

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

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of 2023", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

EC-1579. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 25-180, "Virtual Open Meetings Authority Extension Temporary Amendment Act of 2023", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

EC-1580. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 25-181, "Friendship Heights Business Improvement District Temporary Amendment Act of 2023", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

EC-1581. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 25-182, "Golden Triangle Business Improvement District Temporary Amendment Act of 2023", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

EC-1582. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 25-183, "Children's National Hospital Research and Innovation Campus Equitable Tax Relief Temporary Amendment Act of 2023", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

EC-1583. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 25-185, "St. Augustine School Way Designation Act of 2023", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

EC-1584. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 25-184, "Local Rent Supplement Program Eligibility Temporary Amendment Act of 2023", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

EC-1585. A letter from the Acting Chief Financial Officer, Architect of the Capitol, transmitting Statement of Disbursements of the Architect of the Capitol for the period January 1, 2023 through June 30, 2023, pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 1868a(a); Public Law 113-76, div. I, title I, Sec. 1301(a); (428 Stat. 428) (H. Doc. No. 118-59); to the Committee on House Administration and ordered to be printed.

## 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. ALFORD (for himself and Ms. CRAIG):

H.R. 5134. A bill to amend the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 to improve the biobased markets program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, and in addition to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability, 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. BEYER (for himself, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Ms. BARRAGÁN, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. EVANS, Mr. CASTEN, Mr. MFUME, Mr. RASKIN, Ms. NORTON, Mr. CARSON, Mr. LYNCH, Ms. PORTER, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. CONNOLLY, Mr. COHEN, Mr. GRIJALVA, Ms. MENG, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Mrs. TRAHAN, Ms. TLAIB, Mr. RUPPERSBERGER, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Mr. LIEU, and Ms. LEE of California):

H.R. 5135. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to impose an additional 1,000 percent excise tax on the sale of large capacity ammunition feeding devices and semiautomatic assault weapons, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Ms. BONAMICI (for herself and Ms. SCHRIER):

H.R. 5136. A bill to address infrastructure needs for food banks serving rural communities and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Ms. BONAMICI (for herself and Mr. FITZPATRICK):

H.R. 5137. A bill to reauthorize and expand the pilot program to help individuals in recovery from a substance use disorder become stably housed, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. COURTNEY (for himself, Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania, Ms. DELBENE, and Mr. ESTES):

H.R. 5138. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to count a period of receipt of outpatient observation services in a hospital toward satisfying the 3-day inpatient hospital stay requirement for coverage of skilled nursing facility services under Medicare, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, 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. CRAIG:

H.R. 5139. A bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to increase the fine for certain fraudulent activities related to funds for child nutrition programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Ms. DeLAURO (for herself and Mr. BILIRAKIS):

H.R. 5140. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve the health and well-being of maltreated infants and toddlers through the implementation of infant-toddler court teams within States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. DESAULNIER (for himself and Mr. HUFFMAN):

H.R. 5141. A bill to authorize funding for section 619 and part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. DOGGETT (for himself, Mr. SMUCKER, and Mr. BLUMENAUER):

H.R. 5142. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to make updates to the Vaccine Injury Compensation Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. DOGGETT (for himself, Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania, Ms. SEWELL, Mr. SMUCKER, Mr. BLUMENAUER, and Mr. LARSON of Connecticut):

H.R. 5143. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide authority to add additional vaccines to the list of taxable vaccines; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. JACKSON of Texas (for himself, Mr. BABIN, Mr. NORMAN, and Mr. BRECHEEN):

H.R. 5144. A bill to prohibit officers, employees, and elected officials of the Federal Government from having, establishing, maintaining official accounts on Tik Tok, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability, and in addition to the Committees on House Administration, and 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 Ms. JAYAPAL (for herself, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Mr. PANNETTA, Mr. NADLER, Ms. BARRAGÁN, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. CARBAJAL, Mr. CASAR, Mr. CASTEN, Mr. CASTRO of Texas, Ms. CHU, Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Ms. LEE of California, Mr. MCGOVERN, Ms. MENG, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Ms. NORTON, Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ, Ms. OMAR, Ms. SCANLON, and Ms. TLAIB):

H.R. 5145. A bill to extend immigration benefits to survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, human trafficking, and other gender-based violence, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, Agriculture, Education and the Workforce, Energy and Commerce, and Financial Services, 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. JOYCE of Pennsylvania (for himself and Mr. PENCE):

H.R. 5146. A bill to require the Secretary of Commerce to conduct a study on the gig economy and the impact the gig economy has on the United States overall economy, including the impact that State laws have had on the gig economy; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia (for herself, Mr. MRVAN, Mr. HUNT, Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina, and Ms. PETERSEN):

H.R. 5147. A bill to amend the Small Business Act to increase certain goal for participation in Federal contracts by small business concerns owned and controlled by service-disabled veterans, to exclude such self-certified concerns from Governmentwide and Federal agency goals, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business.

By Mr. NEGUSE:

H.R. 5148. A bill to direct the Secretary of Defense to establish a centralized database to record and maintain information relating to training performed by members of the Armed Forces; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. NEGUSE:

H.R. 5149. A bill to direct the Secretary of Defense to carry out a pilot program to provide stipends to certain members separating from the Armed Forces; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. NEGUSE:

H.R. 5150. A bill to direct the Secretary of Defense to submit to Congress a report evaluating beneficiary access to TRICARE network pharmacies; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. NEGUSE:

H.R. 5151. A bill to require responsiveness testing of Defense Logistics Agency pharmaceutical contracts; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. NEGUSE:

H.R. 5152. A bill to direct the Secretary of Defense to establish a program to ensure, under certain conditions, that members of the Armed Forces are automatically enrolled in benefits and services under the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for which such members are eligible; to the Committee on Armed Services, and in addition to the Committee on 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. NEGUSE:

H.R. 5153. A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program to employ veterans in certain wildland