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## House of Representatives

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

### PRAYER

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

Holy and eternal God, like Ezekiel, we have stepped out of the frenetic events of this past week, and we wait for a word from You. We have been zealous to do what we believe to be right, unwavering in our devotion to the calling to which You have called us to serve our country and You.

There have been many winds, strong and powerful, tearing down structures and damaging foundations, but You were not in that wind.

There have been earthshaking displays of power and force, fires which have scorched our lives, but You were not in the earthquake nor in the fire.

Grant us then ears to hear Your still small voice that we would leave the shelter we have created as security for ourselves. Call us out to return to the business at hand, yielding to Your guidance and leaning on Your promise to reveal Your mercy and Your steadfast love for Your people.

In sure and certain hope of Your deliverance, we offer our prayers, calling on Your redeeming name.

Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House the approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1 of rule I, 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.

ADJOURNMENT FROM FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2023, TO TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2023

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, when the House adjourns today, it adjourns to meet at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, October 10, 2023.

There was no objection.

### ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the House stands adjourned until 11 a.m. on Tuesday, October 10, 2023.

There was no objection.

Thereupon (at 10 o'clock and 6 minutes a.m.), the House adjourned until Tuesday, October 10, 2023, at 11 a.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. ROGERS of Kentucky:

H.R. 5893. A bill making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, and for other purposes.

By Mr. ADERHOLT:

H.R. 5894. A bill making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, and for other purposes.

By Ms. ADAMS (for herself, Ms. NORTON, Mrs. BEATTY, Mr. CARSON, Ms.

LEE of California, Ms. SEWELL, Mr. PAYNE, Ms. BUSH, Mr. MCGOVERN, Ms. WILSON of Florida, Mr. THANEDAR, Ms. CROCKETT, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. HORSFORD, Mr. BOWMAN, and Mrs. CHERFILUS-MCCORMICK):

H.R. 5895. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to provide for additional uses of funds for grants to strengthen historically Black colleges and universities, and for other purposes.

By Ms. ADAMS (for herself, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Ms. SEWELL, and Ms. LEE of California):

H.R. 5896. A bill to award a congressional gold medal to the United Negro College Fund, Inc. and the 2 institutions that make up its membership on the occasion of its 80th year of existence.

By Mr. AGUILAR (for himself, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY, and Ms. GARCIA of Texas):

H.R. 5897. A bill to amend the Animal Welfare Act to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to establish a program under which the Secretary will award grants to entities for purposes of supporting the capability of such entities to provide care to animals in their care, and for other purposes.

By Mr. BACON:

H.R. 5898. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Defense to enter into a limited number of cost-plus incentive-fee contracts for the Sentinel Intercontinental Ballistic Missile program, and for other purposes.

By Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina (for himself, Ms. MACE, Ms. MCCLELLAN, Mr. FRY, Ms. ROSS, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, and Mr. NICKEL):

H.R. 5899. A bill to reauthorize the Southeast Crescent Regional Commission, and for other purposes.

By Mr. GAETZ:

H.R. 5900. A bill to prohibit individuals from publicizing certain information relating to security clearances.

By Mr. HUDSON (for himself and Mr. ALLRED):

H.R. 5901. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to encourage programs to address college athlete mental health.

By Mr. JAMES (for himself and Ms. FOXX):

H.R. 5902. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to require staff and faculty to report foreign gifts and contracts.

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By Mrs. NAPOLITANO (for herself and Mr. ROUZER):

H.R. 5903. A bill to authorize the International Boundary and Water Commission to accept funds for activities relating to wastewater treatment and flood control works, and for other purposes.

By Ms. PEREZ (for herself and Mr. JAMES):

H.R. 5904. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve services provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs for veteran families, and for other purposes.

By Mr. POCAN (for himself and Mr. BERGMAN):

H.R. 5905. A bill to protect access to kratom.

By Mr. SABLAN (for himself, Mr. MOYLAN, Ms. PLASKETT, and Mrs. RADEWAGEN):

H.R. 5906. A bill to amend title XI of the Social Security Act to exclude expenditures attributable to a State medicaid fraud control unit from the payment limits under Medicaid for Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, and American Samoa.

By Mr. SCHIFF (for himself, Mr. QUIGLEY, Mr. HIMES, Ms. NORTON, Mr. COHEN, Mr. CARSON, Mr. SHERMAN, Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY, Mr. MCGOVERN, and Mr. CASE):

H.R. 5907. A bill to criminalize transnational repression, and for other purposes.

By Ms. SHERRILL (for herself, Mr. LAWLER, Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina, Mrs. FOUSHEE, Mr. GOTTHEIMER, Mr. KIM of New Jersey, Ms. MANNING, Mr. PANETTA, and Mr. TRONE):

H.R. 5908. A bill to provide funding to summer youth employment programs to expand the availability of subsidized jobs for youths and to develop innovative program activities that improve academic, economic, and criminal justice outcomes for youths, and for other purposes.

By Ms. SPANBERGER (for herself and Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS):

H.R. 5909. A bill to amend title XXVII of the Public Health Service Act to limit cost sharing for prenatal services in certain circumstances.

By Mr. THANEDAR:

H.R. 5910. A bill to prioritize educating and training for existing and new environmental health professionals.

By Mr. THANEDAR (for himself and Ms. TLAIB):

H.R. 5911. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude strike benefits from gross income.

By Mr. WALTZ:

H.R. 5912. A bill to continue in effect certain Executive orders imposing sanctions with respect to Iran, to prevent the waiver of certain sanctions imposed by the United States with respect to Iran until the Government of Iran ceases to attempt to assassinate United States officials, other United States citizens, and Iranian nationals residing in the United States, and for other purposes.

By Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ (for herself, Ms. BROWNLEY, Ms. NORTON, Mr. CASTRO of Texas, Mr. DOGETT, Mr. CORREA, Ms. DELAULO, Ms. SALINAS, Ms. GARCIA of Texas, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mr. RUIZ, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Mrs. RAMIREZ, Mr. GOMEZ, Ms. CASTOR of Florida, Mr. SOTO, Mr. VARGAS, Ms. SÁNCHEZ, Mr. CÁRDENAS, Ms. BONAMICI, Mr. CLEAVER, Mr. CARBAJAL, Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois, Mr. PORTER, and Ms. CARAVEO):

H. Con. Res. 72. Concurrent resolution recognizing the significance of equal pay and the disparity in wages paid to Latina women in comparison to men.

By Mr. MOONEY (for himself, Mr. DIAZ-BALART, Mr. GIMENEZ, Ms. SALAZAR, Mr. NORMAN, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. WALTZ, and Ms. LEE of Florida):

H. Con. Res. 73. Concurrent resolution condemning the Cuban regime and the Chinese Communist Party for their reported intent to build a joint military training base on the island of Cuba, 100 miles from the United States.

By Mr. BOYLE of Pennsylvania (for himself, Ms. PORTER, Mr. MFUNE, Mr. CARSON, Mr. GOMEZ, and Mr. CORREA):

H. Res. 761. A resolution amending the Rules of the House of Representatives to limit the eligibility for nomination to serve as Speaker of the House of Representatives to Members and Members-elect of the House.

By Mr. CÁRDENAS (for himself, Ms. SALAZAR, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mr. VALADAO, Mr. CASTRO of Texas, Mr. GRIJALVA, Ms. SALINAS, Mr. GOMEZ, Ms. STANSBURY, Mr. RUIZ, Mr. SOTO, Mr. CARSON, Ms. CARAVEO, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Mr. CORREA, Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ, Mr. VICENTE GONZALEZ of Texas, and Ms. STEVENS):

H. Res. 762. A resolution expressing support for increasing the number of Latino students and young professionals entering careers in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics fields.

By Mr. CASTRO of Texas (for himself, Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mr. CASAR, Ms. OMAR, Mr. VARGAS, Ms. TLAIB, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE, Ms. TITUS, Ms. LEE of California, Mrs. RAMIREZ, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. GRIJALVA, Ms. JACOBS, Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ, Mr. GOMEZ, Mr. ROBERT GARCIA of California, Mrs. CHERFILUS-McCORMICK, Mr. CARSON, Mr. LIEU, Mrs. TORRES of California, Ms. NORTON, Ms. SALINAS, Ms. GARCIA of Texas, Ms. ESCOBAR, Ms. CROCKETT, Ms. SÁNCHEZ, Mr. CÁRDENAS, Mr. BOWMAN, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Mr. KHANNA, Mr. BLUMENAUER, and Ms. BARRAGÁN):

H. Res. 763. A resolution reaffirming the United States commitment to respecting the sovereignty of Mexico and condemning calls for military action in Mexico without Mexico's consent and congressional authorization.

By Mr. GARBARINO (for himself, Mr. AMODEI, Mr. LALOTA, Mr. D'ESPOSITO, Mr. MOLINARO, Ms. MALLIOTAKIS, Ms. TENNEY, Mr. LAWLER, Ms. STEFANIK, Mr. LANGWORTHY, Mr. WILLIAMS of New York, Mr. VAN DREW, Mr. FLEISCHMANN, Mrs. MILLER of West Virginia, and Mr. LAMALFA):

H. Res. 764. A resolution expressing support for the recognition of Christopher Columbus and his impact on the Italian-American community, and recognizing the second Monday in October as "Columbus Day".

By Mr. PASCRELL (for himself, Mr. AMODEI, Ms. BONAMICI, Mr. DELUZIO, Ms. DELAULO, Mr. PETERS, Mr. GARBARINO, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. PANETTA, Ms. FOXX, and Ms. SALAZAR):

H. Res. 765. A resolution urging the people of the United States to observe the month of October 2023 as Italian and Italian-American Heritage Month.

By Mr. PAYNE (for himself, Mr. LANDSMAN, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Ms. SEWELL, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina, Mr. CLEAVER, Mr. TONKO, Mr. NADLER, Ms. NORTON, and Ms. WILD):

H. Res. 766. A resolution supporting the designation of October 7, 2023, as National Ostomy Awareness Day.

By Mr. THOMPSON of California (for himself, Mr. WITTMAN, Mrs. GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN, Mr. VASQUEZ, and Ms. STANSBURY):

H. Res. 767. A resolution expressing support for the designation of the week beginning on October 8, 2023, as "National Wildlife Refuge Week".

## CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY AND SINGLE SUBJECT STATEMENTS

Pursuant to clause 7(c)(1) of rule XII and Section 3(c) of H. Res. 5 the following statements are submitted regarding (1) the specific powers granted to Congress in the Constitution to enact the accompanying bill or joint resolution and (2) the single subject of the bill or joint resolution.

By Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky:

H.R. 5893.

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

The principal constitutional authority for this legislation is clause 7 of section 9 of article I of the Constitution of the United States (the appropriation power), which states: "No Money shall be drawn from the Treasury, but in Consequence of Appropriations made by Law. . . ." In addition, clause 1 of section 8 of article I of the Constitution (the spending power) provides: "The Congress shall have the Power to pay the Debts and provide for the common Defence and

The single subject of this legislation is:

The subject of the bill is the making of appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, National Science Foundation, and related agencies for fiscal year 2024.

By Mr. ADERHOLT:

H.R. 5894.

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

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The single subject of this legislation is:

Making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, and for other purposes.

By Ms. ADAMS:

H.R. 5895.

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

Clause 18 of Section 8 of Article I of the Constitution

The single subject of this legislation is:

The HBCU Arts Act will increase investment in HBCU arts education, ensuring students of color access to affordable arts and culture programs designed to increase the conservation, study, and display of works by Black artists.

By Ms. ADAMS:

H.R. 5896.

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

Clause 18 of Section 8 of Article I of the Constitution

The single subject of this legislation is:

The UNCF Gold Medal of Honor Act will honor the United Negro College Fund for