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## Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Friday, October 13, 2023, at 9:15 a.m.

## House of Representatives

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2023

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

### PRAYER

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

Loving God, in this momentous time, when the events of the last week have disrupted so much, when unforeseen changes have caused upheaval in so many lives, and when the words and actions of both friends and foes have caused hurt and weakened bonds of trust, we confess our natural inclination to dig in and lash out against the turmoil and the people around us.

We are reluctant to pray for what seems impossible, but we pray that You would cause our cynicism to be surrendered to courage. Let our despair be turned to hope. Let hate be substituted with love.

Be merciful to us as we dare to make this profound change in our own attitudes. This love You ask us to share goes against our grain. We can only pray that You will abide in us and perfect Your love in us—a love that is patient and kind; a love that does not envy, does not boast, and is not proud. May our love not dishonor others, not be self-seeking, or easily angered. May we keep no record of wrongs. May our love not delight in evil, but rejoice

with the truth. May our love always protect, always trust, always hope, and always persevere.

At this critical inflection point, may love be our aim.

In Your loving name we pray.  
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 stands approved.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. WILSON) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina 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.

### RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 03 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

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### AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. McHENRY) at 9 o'clock and 22 minutes p.m.

### BILL PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Kevin F. McCumber, Acting Clerk of the House, reported that on October 04, 2023, the following bill was presented to the President of the United States for approval:

H. R. 5110. To amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to clarify that the prohibition on the use of Federal education funds for certain weapons does not apply to the use of such weapons for training in archery, hunting, or other shooting sports.

### ADJOURNMENT

Mr. HILL. Mr. Speaker pro tempore, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 9 o'clock and 22 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Friday, October 13, 2023, at 9 a.m.

□ 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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EXPENDITURE REPORTS CONCERNING OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL

Reports concerning the foreign currencies and U.S. dollars utilized for Official Foreign Travel during the second and third quarters of 2023, pursuant to Public Law 95–384, are as follows:

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, DELEGATION TO CHILE AND ARGENTINA, EXPENDED BETWEEN AUG. 20 AND 26, 2023

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem <sup>1</sup>		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>
Hon. Jason Smith .....	8/20	8/23	Chile .....	.....	987.07	.....	5,374.05	.....	.....	.....	6,361.12
Ben Napier .....	8/20	8/23	Chile .....	.....	987.07	.....	6,174.05	.....	.....	.....	7,161.12
Nd Ubezonu .....	8/20	8/23	Chile .....	.....	987.07	.....	6,174.05	.....	.....	.....	7,161.12
Ray Salazar .....	8/20	8/23	Chile .....	.....	987.07	.....	5,641.65	.....	.....	.....	6,628.72
Julia Cook .....	8/20	8/23	Chile .....	.....	987.07	.....	6,127.35	.....	.....	.....	7,114.42
Hon. Jason Smith .....	8/23	8/26	Argentina .....	.....	1,385.33	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,385.33
Ben Napier .....	8/23	8/26	Argentina .....	.....	1,385.33	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,385.33
Nd Ubezonu .....	8/23	8/26	Argentina .....	.....	1,385.33	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,385.33
Ray Salazar .....	8/23	8/26	Argentina .....	.....	1,385.33	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,385.33
Julia Cook .....	8/23	8/26	Argentina .....	.....	1,385.33	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,385.33
Committee total .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	11,862.00	.....	29,491.15	.....	.....	.....	41,353.15

<sup>1</sup> Per diem constitutes lodging and meals.

<sup>2</sup> If foreign currency is used, enter U.S. dollar equivalent; if U.S. currency is used, enter amount expended.

HON. PATRICK T. McHENRY, Oct. 4, 2023.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, DELEGATION TO THE UNITED KINGDOM AND IRELAND, EXPENDED BETWEEN AUG. 23 AND 27, 2023

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem <sup>1</sup>		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>
Meghan McCann .....	8/23	8/24	United Kingdom .....		493.60		( <sup>3</sup> )				493.60
David Planning .....	8/23	8/24	United Kingdom .....		493.60		( <sup>3</sup> )				493.60
Meghan McCann .....	8/24	8/27	Ireland .....		1,592.11		( <sup>3</sup> )				1,592.11
David Planning .....	8/24	8/27	Ireland .....		1,592.11		( <sup>3</sup> )				1,592.11
Committee total .....					4,171.42						4,171.42

<sup>1</sup> Per diem constitutes lodging and meals.

<sup>2</sup> If foreign currency is used, enter U.S. dollar equivalent; if U.S. currency is used, enter amount expended.

<sup>3</sup> Military air transportation.

HON. KEVIN MCCARTHY, Sept. 25, 2023.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, DELEGATION TO PERU AND ARGENTINA, EXPENDED BETWEEN AUG. 20 AND 27, 2023

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem <sup>1</sup>		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>
Lauren Johnson .....	8/21	8/23	Peru .....	.....	1,494.00	.....	135.00	.....	1,093.59	.....	2,722.59
James Cunningham .....	8/21	8/23	Peru .....	.....	1,494.00	.....	135.00	.....	1,093.59	.....	2,722.59
Xiyue Wang .....	8/21	8/23	Peru .....	.....	1,494.00	.....	135.00	.....	1,093.59	.....	2,722.59
Jason Li .....	8/21	8/23	Peru .....	.....	1,494.00	.....	135.00	.....	1,093.59	.....	2,722.59
Andy Eich .....	8/21	8/23	Peru .....	.....	1,494.00	.....	135.00	.....	1,093.59	.....	2,722.59
Lauren Johnson .....	8/23	8/26	Argentina .....	.....	1,372.70	.....	99.20	.....	404.00	.....	1,875.90
James Cunningham .....	8/23	8/26	Argentina .....	.....	1,372.70	.....	99.20	.....	404.00	.....	1,875.90
Xiyue Wang .....	8/23	8/26	Argentina .....	.....	1,372.70	.....	99.20	.....	404.00	.....	1,875.90
Jason Li .....	8/23	8/26	Argentina .....	.....	1,372.70	.....	99.20	.....	404.00	.....	1,875.90
Andy Eich .....	8/23	8/26	Argentina .....	.....	1,372.70	.....	99.20	.....	404.00	.....	1,875.90
Committee total .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	14,333.50	.....	1,171.00	.....	7,487.95	.....	22,992.45

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Ms. LAUREN JOHNSON, Sept. 25, 2023.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, DELEGATION TO ITALY, EXPENDED BETWEEN AUG. 29 AND SEPT. 4, 2023

Name of Member or employee	Date			Country	Per diem <sup>1</sup>		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure			Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>
Hon. Nancy Pelosi .....	8/30	9/4	Italy .....		4,570.88		4,974.15					9,545.03
Kate Knudsen .....	8/29	9/3	Italy .....		3,334.77		3,070.70					6,405.47
Committee total .....					7,905.65		8,044.85					15,950.50

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<sup>2</sup> If foreign currency is used, enter U.S. dollar equivalent; if U.S. currency is used, enter amount expended.

HON. KEVIN MCCARTHY, Sept. 28, 2023.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, DELEGATION TO JAPAN, SINGAPORE, AND THAILAND, EXPENDED BETWEEN SEPT. 2 AND 8, 2023

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem <sup>1</sup>		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>
Jake Vreeburg .....	9/2	9/5	Japan .....	.....	898.78	.....	( <sup>3</sup> )	.....	.....	.....	898.78
Ali Black .....	9/2	9/5	Japan .....	.....	898.78	.....	( <sup>3</sup> )	.....	.....	.....	898.78
Patrick Hester .....	9/2	9/5	Japan .....	.....	898.78	.....	( <sup>3</sup> )	.....	.....	.....	898.78
Jake Vreeburg .....	9/5	9/6	Singapore .....	.....	521.00	.....	( <sup>3</sup> )	.....	.....	.....	521.00