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

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
November 21, 2023.

I hereby appoint the Honorable MICHAEL WALTZ to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

MIKE JOHNSON,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

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

Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices, who wondrous things has done. In You, O God, the world rejoices.

You, from our parents' arms, have blessed us on our way with countless gifts of love. You are still our God today.

O bounteous God, through all our life, be near us. With ever joyful hearts, we pray Your blessed peace to cheer us.

Keep us in Your grace, and guide us when perplexed. Free us from all ills in this world and the next.

With thanksgiving and gratitude, our spirits soar. We are bold to pray to You, the one eternal God who was, is now, and shall be evermore.

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.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 3(z) of House Resolution 5, the House stands adjourned until noon on Friday, November 24, 2023.

Thereupon (at 11 o'clock and 2 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Friday, November 24, 2023, at noon.

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:

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri: Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. H.R. 4688. A bill to direct the Administrator of General Services to sell the property known as the Webster School (Rept. 118-276). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. SMITH of Missouri: Committee on Ways and Means. H.R. 5861. A bill to extend reemployment services and eligibility assessments to all claimants for unemployment benefits, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 118-277). 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. BERGMAN:

H.R. 6458. A bill to terminate the Office for Elementary and Secondary Education of the

Department of Education and provide block grants to States; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. BRECHEEN (for himself, Mr. KELLY of Mississippi, Mr. ROSENDALE, Mr. GOOD of Virginia, Mr. LAMALFA, Mr. DUNCAN, Mrs. MILLER of Illinois, Mrs. HINSON, Mr. MOOLENAAR, Mr. LAMBORN, Mr. WEBER of Texas, and Mr. CRENSHAW):

H.R. 6459. A bill to amend title XI of the Social Security Act to limit demonstration projects related to abortion under Medicaid and CHIP; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. BRECHEEN (for himself, Mr. KELLY of Mississippi, Mr. ROSENDALE, Mr. GOOD of Virginia, Mr. LAMALFA, Mr. DUNCAN, Mrs. MILLER of Illinois, Mrs. HINSON, Mr. MOOLENAAR, Mr. LAMBORN, and Mr. WEBER of Texas):

H.R. 6460. A bill to prohibit the Secretary of Health and Human Services from issuing, finalizing, implementing, or enforcing any rule or guidance to facilitate abortions or access to abortions for an unaccompanied alien child; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CARTWRIGHT (for himself, Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, and Ms. ADAMS):

H.R. 6461. A bill to ensure that claims for benefits under the Black Lung Benefits Act are processed in a fair and timely manner, to better protect miners from pneumoconiosis (commonly known as "black lung disease"), and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, and in addition to the Committee on 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 Ms. CROCKETT (for herself, Mr. BACON, Ms. HOULAHAN, Mr. WITTMAN, Mr. RASKIN, Mr. BERGMAN, Ms. ESCOBAR, Mr. HUDSON, Mr. PANETTA, Mr. NEWHOUSE, Ms. JACOBS, Mr. GALLAGHER, Mr. TRONE, and Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia):

H.R. 6462. A bill to retain Federal employees who are spouses of a member of the armed forces or the Foreign Service when relocating due to an involuntary transfer, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

By Mr. GOTTHEIMER (for himself and Mr. BACON):

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

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H.R. 6463. A bill to require the publication of the terms of service of certain social media company platforms; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Intelligence (Permanent Select), 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. GRIFFITH:

H.R. 6464. A bill to amend the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 to provide for more efficient hearings on nuclear facility construction applications, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. HUDSON (for himself, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina, and Mr. NICKEL):

H.R. 6465. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide a phase-in for plasma-derived products under the manufacturer discount program; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on 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. KEAN of New Jersey:

H.R. 6466. A bill to require disclosures for AI-generated content, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, 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 Ms. NORTON (for herself, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Ms. CLARKE of New York, and Ms. LEE of California):

H.R. 6467. A bill to require a report on expenditures for contracts for advertising services, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Budget.

By Mr. PALLONE (for himself, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, and Ms. PETERSEN):

H.R. 6468. A bill to provide that certain water beads products shall be considered banned hazardous products under section 8 of the Consumer Product Safety Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Ms. PEREZ (for herself, Mr. MOOLENAAR, and Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota):

H.R. 6469. A bill to amend the Agricultural Foreign Investment Disclosure Act of 1978 to remove the limitation on the amount of a civil penalty, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture.

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

H.R. 6470. A bill to provide for outreach to build awareness among former members of the Armed Forces of the process established pursuant to section 527 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020 for the review of discharge characterizations, and for other purposes; 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 Ms. PORTER (for herself, Mr. GALLAGHER, Ms. SEWELL, Mr. CISCOMANI, Mr. KILMER, Mr. LAMALFA, Mrs. TORRES of California, Mr. DUARTE, and Mrs. KIM of California):

H.R. 6471. A bill to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to prohibit contributions and donations by foreign nationals in connection with State or local ballot initiatives or referenda and recall elections; to the Committee on House Administration.

By Mr. SMUCKER (for himself and Mr. OWENS):

H.R. 6472. A bill to amend the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act to codify a grant program to promote and assist in the reentry of justice-involved individuals into the workforce; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Ms. STANSBURY:

H.R. 6473. A bill to amend the Rural Electrification Act of 1936 to reauthorize the Community Connect Grant Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, 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 Mrs. STEEL:

H.R. 6474. A bill to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to expedite geothermal exploration and development in previously studied or developed areas; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. THANEDAR:

H.R. 6475. A bill to provide for the designation of areas as Health Disparity Zones to reduce health disparities and improve health outcomes in such areas, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on 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. THOMPSON of California (for himself and Mr. GARAMENDI):

H.R. 6476. A bill to adjust the boundary of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta National Heritage Area, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. WEBER of Texas (for himself, Mr. CARTER of Texas, Mr. SELF, Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana, and Ms. FOX):

H.R. 6477. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to reform the process for inspection of applicants for admission; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. WITTMAN (for himself and Ms. UNDERWOOD):

H. Con. Res. 78. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that public health professionals should be commended for their dedication and service to the United States on Public Health Thank You Day, November 20, 2023; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. BEYER (for himself, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mrs. DINGELL, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Mr. NADLER, Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia, Ms. DELBENE, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Mr. CONNOLLY, Ms. TITUS, Ms. STANSBURY, Mr. CARBAJAL, Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER, Mr. MAGAZINER, and Mr. SOTO):

H. Res. 881. A resolution commemorating the 50th anniversary of the passage of the Endangered Species Act of 1973; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. CORREA (for himself, Mrs. STEEL, Mr. LEVIN, Ms. PORTER, Ms. SANCHEZ, and Mrs. KIM of California):

H. Res. 882. A resolution declaring support and gratitude by the House of Representatives to food banks, food pantries, and other community-based organizations working to end food insecurity and providing other essential services in the United States; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. D'ESPOSITO (for himself, Mr. GOTTHEIMER, and Mr. MOSKOWITZ):

H. Res. 883. A resolution expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the slogan, "from the river to the sea, Palestine will be free" is antisemitic and its use

must be condemned; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. FITZGERALD (for himself, Mr. GROTHMAN, Mr. GALLAGHER, Mr. STEEL, Mr. TIFFANY, Mr. VAN ORDEN, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, and Mr. POCAN):

H. Res. 884. A resolution honoring the victims of the devastating attack that took place at the Waukesha, Wisconsin, Christmas parade on November 21, 2021; to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

By Mr. FITZPATRICK (for himself, Mr. MOSKOWITZ, Mr. GALLAGHER, and Mr. SHERMAN):

H. Res. 885. A resolution condemning Hamas' use of human shields as a contravention of international humanitarian law and a heinous violation of the rights and dignity of civilian noncombatants; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Ms. JAYAPAL (for herself, Ms. JACOBS, Ms. ADAMS, Ms. BLUNT ROCH-ESTER, Ms. BONAMICI, Mr. BOWMAN, Mr. CARDENAS, Mr. CARTER of Louisiana, Mr. CASAR, Ms. CROCKETT, Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas, Ms. DELBENE, Mr. DELUZO, Mr. DESAULNIER, Mr. DOGGETT, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Mr. EVANS, Mrs. FLETCHER, Mr. FROST, Mr. GARCIA of Illinois, Mr. ROBERT GARCIA of California, Ms. GARCIA of Texas, Mr. GOLDMAN of New York, Mr. GREEN of Texas, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. HIGGINS of New York, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE, Mr. KHANNA, Mr. KILDEE, Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY, Ms. LEE of California, Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ, Mr. LYNCH, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. MULLIN, Mr. NADLER, Ms. NORTON, Mr. PETERS, Mr. PHILLIPS, Mr. POCAN, Ms. PRESSLEY, Mr. QUIGLEY, Mrs. RAMIREZ, Mr. RUIZ, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Ms. STEVENS, Mr. SWALWELL, Mr. TAKANO, Ms. TLAIB, Mr. TONKO, Mr. TORRES of New York, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Ms. WEXTON, Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia, Ms. BALINT, and Mr. SHERMAN):

H. Res. 886. A resolution supporting the goals and principles of Transgender Day of Remembrance by recognizing the epidemic of violence toward transgender people and memorializing the lives lost this year; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LAMBORN (for himself, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, and Mr. SCHNEIDER):

H. Res. 887. A resolution calling on the people of the United States to observe a weekend of prayer and reflection for the people of Israel, for all civilians caught in the crossfires of the war, and for the safe return of the hostages; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. LAWLER (for himself, Mr. MOSKOWITZ, Ms. TENNEY, Ms. SALAZAR, Ms. MALLIOTAKIS, Mr. WALTZ, Mr. D'ESPOSITO, Mr. KUSTOFF, Mrs. KIM of California, and Mr. GOTTHEIMER):

H. Res. 888. A resolution reaffirming the State of Israel's right to exist; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. LAWLER (for himself, Mr. MOSKOWITZ, Ms. TENNEY, Ms. SALAZAR, Ms. MALLIOTAKIS, Mr. WALTZ, Mr. D'ESPOSITO, Mr. KUSTOFF, and Mr. GOTTHEIMER):

H. Res. 889. A resolution condemning the Hamas-led terrorist attack on the State of Israel on October 7, 2023, and calling for Hamas to immediately and unconditionally surrender, cease its attacks, and safely release all hostages; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. OGLES:

H. Res. 890. A resolution amending the Rules of the House of Representatives to establish the Committee on the Elimination of Nonessential Federal Programs; to the Committee on Rules.

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. BERGMAN:

H.R. 6458.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 18 of the U.S. Constitution

The single subject of this legislation is:

Education

By Mr. BRECHEEN:

H.R. 6459.

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

Article I, Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is:

To amend title XI of the Social Security Act to limit demonstration projects related to abortion under Medicaid and CHIP.

By Mr. BRECHEEN:

H.R. 6460.

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

Article I, Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is:

To prohibit the Secretary of Health and Human Services from issuing, finalizing, implementing, or enforcing any rule or guidance to facilitate abortions or access to abortions for an unaccompanied alien child.

By Mr. CARTWRIGHT:

H.R. 6461.

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

Article I, Section 8, clause 3 provides Congress with the power to "regulate commerce with foreign nations, and among the several states, and with the Indian tribes."

The single subject of this legislation is:

To ensure that claims for benefits under the Black Lung Benefits Act are processed in a fair and timely manner, to better protect miners from pneumoconiosis (commonly known as "black lung disease"), and for other purposes.

By Ms. CROCKETT:

H.R. 6462.

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

Article I Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is:

To amend federal employment requirements.

By Mr. GOTTHEIMER:

H.R. 6463.

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

Article I, Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is:

To require the publication of the terms of service of certain social media company platforms.

By Mr. GRIFFITH:

H.R. 6464.

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

Article I, Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is:

To provide for more efficient hearings on nuclear facility construction applications under the Atomic Energy Act of 1954

By Mr. HUDSON:

H.R. 6465.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause I

The single subject of this legislation is:

health

By Mr. KEAN of New Jersey:

H.R. 6466.

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

Article 1 Section 8 Clause 3

The single subject of this legislation is:

To require disclosures for AI-generated content, and for other purposes.

By Ms. NORTON:

H.R. 6467.

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:

to require all federal agencies to include in their annual budget requests to Congress the amount they spend on advertising contracts with small disadvantaged businesses and businesses owned by minorities and women.

By Mr. PALLONE:

H.R. 6468.

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

Under Article 1, Section 8, Clause 3: [The Congress shall have Power] To regulate Commerce with foreign Nations, and among the several states, and with the Indian Tribes;

The single subject of this legislation is:

To provide that certain water beads products shall be considered banned hazardous products under section 8 of the Consumer Product Safety Act, and for other purposes.

By Ms. PEREZ:

H.R. 6469.

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

Article I of the US Constitution

The single subject of this legislation is:

farmland ownership

By Mr. POCAN:

H.R. 6470.

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

Article I, Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is:

Veterans Benefits

By Ms. PORTER:

H.R. 6471.

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

Section 8 of Article I of the Constitution

The single subject of this legislation is:

To amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to prohibit contributions and donations by foreign nationals in connection with State or local ballot initiatives or referenda and recall elections.

By Mr. SMUCKER:

H.R. 6472.

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

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to Article I, Section VIII of the U.S. Constitution.

The single subject of this legislation is:

This bill amends the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act to codify a grant program to promote and assist in the reentry of justice-involved individuals into the workforce.

By Ms. STANSBURY:

H.R. 6473.

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

Article 1, Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is:

The bill would make improvements to the grant program, making investments available for broadband projects in tribal, low-income, and remote rural areas.

By Mrs. STEEL:

H.R. 6474.

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

Article 1, Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is:

Energy

By Mr. THANEDAR:

H.R. 6475.

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

Pursuant to clause 7 of Rule XII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the following statement is submitted regarding the specific powers granted to Congress in the constitution to enact the accompanying bill or joint resolution.

The single subject of this legislation is:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 1.

The Congress shall have Power To lay and collect Taxes, Duties, Imposts and Excises, to pay the Debts and provide for the common Defence and general Welfare of the United States; but all Duties, Imposts and Excises shall be uniform throughout the United States;

By Mr. THOMPSON of California:

H.R. 6476.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 18:

[The Congress shall have Power . . .] To make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers, and all other Powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United States, or in any Department or Officer thereof.

The single subject of this legislation is:

adjusting the boundary of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta National Heritage Area

By Mr. WEBER of Texas:

H.R. 6477.

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

Article I, Section VIII

The single subject of this legislation is:

Border Security

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

Under clause 7 of rule XII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions, as follows:

H.R. 16: Ms. WILSON of Florida.

H.R. 39: Mr. COHEN, Mr. KILMER, and Ms. TITUS.

H.R. 41: Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina and Ms. CRAIG.

H.R. 52: Ms. PORTER, Ms. BARRAGÁN, Mr. TAKANO, and Ms. ROSS.

H.R. 309: Ms. CARAVEO.

H.R. 357: Mr. ALFORD.

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H.R. 531: Mr. GAETZ.

H.R. 537: Mr. SORESENSEN, Mr. TONKO, Mr. MFUME, Mr. LYNCH, and Mr. MOONEY.

H.R. 621: Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania.

H.R. 700: Mr. CISCOMANI and Mr. BABIN.

H.R. 768: Mr. GOTTHEIMER.

H.R. 802: Mr. SCOTT FRANKLIN of Florida.

H.R. 830: Ms. SPANBERGER.

H.R. 856: Mr. NADLER.

H.R. 953: Mr. COHEN.

H.R. 974: Mr. KIM of New Jersey and Ms. BARRAGÁN.

H.R. 1015: Ms. STEFANIK, Ms. SCHRIER, Ms. CHU, and Mr. LAWLER.

H.R. 1083: Mr. SCHIFF, Ms. CRAIG, and Mr. LYNCH.

H.R. 1111: Mr. KIM of New Jersey.

H.R. 1139: Mrs. LUNA, Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ, Mr. SCHNEIDER, Mr. DUNCAN, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. HARDER of California, Mr. BEAN of Florida, and Mr. DESAULNIER.

H.R. 1244: Mr. MCGARVEY.