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The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. HARRIS).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
December 22, 2023.

I hereby appoint the Honorable ANDY HARRIS 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:

Gentle God of love and compassion, we approach You this morning, emerging from the longest night of the year. Far from just an astronomical event, this seemingly endless midwinter night serves as a painful reminder of the unrelenting shadow of loss and loneliness endured by so many, their grief made even more painful when held in stark contrast to the joyful strains of holiday songs and festive gatherings.

O come, O come Emmanuel, God with us, and ransom these hearts held captive to sadness and suffering. Hear their mournful cries pleading for Your mercy, desperate for Your salvation. Disperse the gloomy clouds of their nights of terror and trauma.

May the people who walk in darkness in this holiday season—in our own homes and our communities and across the globe—see Your great light. Those who live in a land overshadowed by death's devastation, on them may Your light shine.

Wonderful counselor, Almighty God, everlasting Father, Prince of Peace, es-

tablish Your truth and justice on the Earth. May Your kingdom reign and of Your peace may there be no end.

In Your sovereign name we pray to You this day.
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, December 20, 2023.

Hon. MIKE JOHNSON,
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 December 20, 2023, at 1:07 p.m.

That the Senate passed S. 310.
That the Senate passed S. 484.
That the Senate passed S. 679.
That the Senate passed S. 950.
That the Senate passed S. 1414.

That the Senate passed S. 1416.
That the Senate passed S. 1478.
That the Senate passed S. 2073.
That the Senate passed S. 2685.
That the Senate passed S. 3427.
That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 1722.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 2839.
That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 6503.

With best wishes, I am,
Sincerely,

KEVIN F. MCCUMBER,
Acting Clerk.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Kevin F. McCumber, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly enrolled bills of the House of the following titles, which were thereupon signed by the Speaker pro tempore, Mr. HARRIS:

H.R. 1722. An act to amend the Grand Ronde Reservation Act, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2839. An act to amend the Siletz Reservation Act to address the hunting, fishing, trapping, and animal gathering rights of the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6503. An act to amend title 49, United States Code, to extend authorizations for the airport improvement program, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the funding and expenditure authority of the Airport and Airway Trust Fund, and for other purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 3(z) of House Resolution 5, the House stands adjourned until 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, December 26, 2023.

Thereupon (at 9 o'clock and 4 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Tuesday, December 26, 2023, at 9:30 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 first, third, and fourth quarters of 2023, pursuant to Public Law 95–384, are as follows:

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, DELEGATION TO DENMARK, EXPENDED BETWEEN OCT. 5 AND OCT. 10, 2023

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem ¹		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²
Hon. Michael Turner	10/5	10/10	Denmark	4,203.00	12,860.00						17,063.00
Hon. Gerald Connolly	10/5	10/10	Denmark	4,203.00	7,826.00						12,029.00
Hon. Rick Larson	10/5	10/10	Denmark	2,620.00	3,615.00						6,235.00
Hon. Brendan Boyle	10/5	10/10	Denmark	2,620.00	2,294.00						4,914.00
Hon. Joe Wilson	10/5	10/10	Denmark	2,620.00	3,983.00						6,603.00
Hon. Rich McCormick	10/5	10/9	Denmark	2,217.00	2,924.00						5,141.00
Hon. Neal Dunn	10/5	10/10	Denmark	2,620.00	7,982.00						10,602.00
Jason Galanes	10/5	10/10	Denmark	2,260.00	3,615.00						5,875.00
Collin Davenport	10/5	10/10	Denmark	2,260.00	3,605.00						5,865.00
Phil Bednarczyk	10/5	10/10	Denmark	2,260.00	5,081.00						7,341.00
Kelly Repair	10/5	10/9	Denmark	1,778.00	2,461.00						4,239.00
Committee total				29,661.00	56,246.00						85,907.00

¹ Per diem constitutes lodging and meals.
² If foreign currency is used, enter U.S. dollar equivalent; if U.S. currency is used, enter amount expended.

HON. MIKE JOHNSON, Dec. 17, 2023.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, DELEGATION TO FRANCE, EXPENDED BETWEEN NOV. 4 AND NOV. 7, 2023

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem ¹		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²
Hon. Nancy Pelosi	11/4	11/7	France		156.00		6,262.00				6,418.00
Kate Knudson	11/4	11/7	France		1,738.00		1,041.00				2,779.00
Committee total					1,894.00		7,303.00				9,197.00

¹ Per diem constitutes lodging and meals.
² If foreign currency is used, enter U.S. dollar equivalent; if U.S. currency is used, enter amount expended.

HON. MIKE JOHNSON, Dec. 4, 2023.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, DELEGATION TO GERMANY, EXPENDED BETWEEN NOV. 10 AND NOV. 11, 2023

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem ¹		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²
Hon. Nancy Pelosi	11/10	11/11	Germany .....	.....	133.00	.....	9,798.00	.....	.....	.....	9,931.00
Kate Knudson	11/10	11/11	Germany .....	.....	513.00	.....	8,501.50	.....	.....	.....	9,014.50
Committee total .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	646.00	.....	18,299.50	.....	.....	.....	18,945.50

¹ Per diem constitutes lodging and meals.
² If foreign currency is used, enter U.S. dollar equivalent; if U.S. currency is used, enter amount expended.

HON. MIKE JOHNSON, Dec. 4, 2023.

(AMENDED) REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN JAN. 1 AND MAR. 31, 2023

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem ¹		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²
Hon. Darrell Issa	2/2	2/5	Mexico		212.00		(³)				212.00
	2/19	2/24	Poland		424.00		(³)		549.50		973.50
	2/21	2/21	Ukraine				(³)		151.83		151.83
Hon. Veronica Escobar	3/19	3/20	Mexico		212.00		(³)		609.00		821.00
Committee total					848.00				1,310.33		2,158.33

¹ Per diem constitutes lodging and meals.
² If foreign currency is used, enter U.S. dollar equivalent; if U.S. currency is used, enter amount expended.
³ Military air transportation.

HON. JIM JORDAN, Dec. 5, 2023.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN JULY 1 AND SEPT. 30, 2023

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem ¹		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²
Hon. Victoria Spartz	8/21	8/23	Israel .....	.....	537.00	.....	1,079.70	.....	930.00	.....	2,546.70
	8/23	8/26	Turkey .....	.....	362.00	.....	1,474.35	.....	731.56	.....	2,567.91
	8/26	8/28	Saudia Arabia	284.00	5,260.97	829.47	6,374.44
Committee total	1,183.00	7,815.02	2,491.03	11,489.05

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

HON. JIM JORDAN, Dec. 5, 2023.