

I am optimistic. I really am. I am optimistic, Nancy.

My fellow Americans, the issue facing our Nation isn't how old we are. It is how old are our ideas? Hate, anger, revenge, retribution are the oldest of ideas, but you can't lead America with ancient ideas that only take us back. To lead America, the land of possibilities, you need a vision for the future and what can and should be done.

Tonight, you have heard mine. I see a future where we defend democracy. You don't diminish it.

I see a future where we restore the right to choose and protect other freedoms, not take them away.

I see a future where the middle class finally has a fair shot, and the wealthy have to pay their fair share in taxes.

I see a future where we save the planet from the climate crisis and our country from gun violence.

Above all, I see a future for all Americans. I see a country for all Americans. And I will always be President for all Americans because I believe in America. I believe in you, the American people.

You are the reason I have never been more optimistic about our future than I am now, so let's build the future together.

Let's remember who we are. We are the United States of America, and there is nothing—nothing beyond our capacity when we act together.

God bless you all, and may God protect our troops.

Thank you, thank you, thank you.
(Applause, the Members rising.)

At 10 o'clock and 57 minutes p.m., the President of the United States, accompanied by the committee of escort, retired from the Hall of the House of Representatives.

The Assistant to the Sergeant at Arms escorted the invited guests from the Chamber in the following order:

The members of the President's Cabinet;

The Chief Justice of the United States and the Associate Justices of the Supreme Court;

The Dean of the Diplomatic Corps.

JOINT SESSION DISSOLVED

The SPEAKER. The Chair declares the joint session of the two Houses now dissolved.

Accordingly, at 10 o'clock and 57 minutes p.m., the joint session of the two Houses was dissolved.

The Members of the Senate retired to their Chamber.

MESSAGE OF THE PRESIDENT REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE ON THE STATE OF THE UNION

Mr. SCALISE. Mr. Speaker, I move that the message of the President be referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union and ordered printed.

The motion was agreed to.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Kevin F. McCumber, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly an enrolled bill of the House of the following title, which was thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 7454. 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

Mr. SCALISE. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 59 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Friday, March 8, 2024, at 9 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-3323. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's request for applications — FY23 Guidelines for Brownfields Training, Research, and Technical Assistance Grant [EPA-I-OLEM-OBLR-22-12] received February 9, 2024, 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-3324. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's request for applications — Technical Assistance to Brownfields Communities [EPA-I-OLEM-OBLR-22-12] received February 9, 2024, 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-3325. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's request for applications — FY23 Guidelines for Brownfield Cleanup Grants [EPA-I-OLEM-OBLR-22-09] received February 9, 2024, 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-3326. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's request for applications — FY23 Guidelines for Brownfield Revolving Loan Fund [EPA-I-OLEM-OBLR-22-08] received February 9, 2024, 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-3327. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's request for applications — FY23 Guidelines for Brownfield Assessment Grants (Community-Wide Assessment Grants for States and Tribes) [EPA-I-OLEM-OBLR-22-06] received February 9, 2024, 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-3328. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental

Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's request for applications — Consumer Recycling Education and Outreach (REO) Grant Program [EPA-I-OLEM-ORCR-23-02] received February 15, 2024, 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-3329. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's request for application — FY24 Guidelines for Technical Assistance to Existing and Potential Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund Grant Recipients [EPA-I-OLEM-OBLR-24-01] received February 15, 2024, 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-3330. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's request for applications — FY24 Guidelines for Brownfield Cleanup Grants [EPA-I-OLEM-OBLR-23-15] received February 15, 2024, 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-3331. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's request for applications — FY24 Guidelines for Brownfields Assessment Grants (Community-Wide Assessment Grants for States and Tribes) [EPA-I-OLEM-OBLR-23-14] received February 15, 2024, 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-3332. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's request for applications — FY24 Brownfields Job Training (JT) Grants [EPA-I-OLEM-OBLR-23-08] received February 15, 2024, 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.

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. 6316. A bill to amend title 40, United States Code, to establish an expiration date of certain committee resolutions with respect to leases or projects, and for other purposes (Rept. 118-413). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri: Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. H.R. 6277. A bill to amend the Federal Assets Sale and Transfer Act of 2016 to improve such Act, and for other purposes (Rept. 118-414). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri: Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. House Concurrent Resolution 83. Resolution authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the National Peace Officers Memorial Service and the National Honor Guard and Pipe Band Exhibition (Rept. 118-415). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. WESTERMAN: Committee on Natural Resources. H.R. 2925. A bill to amend the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993 to provide for security of tenure for use of mining claims for ancillary activities, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 118-416). 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. VAN ORDEN (for himself and Mr. PAPPAS):

H.R. 7576. A bill to amend section 6323 of title 5, United States Code, to increase the rate at which military leave accrues for members of the Reserve and the National Guard from 15 days to 30 days per year, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

By Mr. LAHOOD (for himself and Mr. HORSFORD):

H.R. 7577. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to treat energy efficient kegs as efficient commercial building property for purposes of the energy efficient commercial buildings deduction; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. ALLEN (for himself and Ms. PEREZ):

H.R. 7578. A bill to direct the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information to submit to Congress a report containing an assessment of technologies available to increase the security and resiliency of the communications networks of Taiwan, including through the development of redundancies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mrs. BEATTY:

H.R. 7579. A bill to amend the Federal Reserve Act to require the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System to establish goals for the use of diverse investment advisers, brokers, and dealers in investment management agreements related to the Board of Governors unusual and exigent circumstances authority, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. BISHOP of North Carolina (for himself, Mr. VAN DREW, Mr. GAETZ, Mr. ROSENDALE, Mr. GOODEN of Texas, Mr. DUNCAN, Mrs. MILLER of Illinois, Mr. BIGGS, Mr. POSEY, Mr. GOSAR, and Mr. SMITH of New Jersey):

H.R. 7580. A bill to provide for the effective use of immigration detainees to enhance public safety; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BISHOP of North Carolina (for himself, Mrs. HINSON, Mr. CUELLAR, Mr. COSTA, Ms. FOXX, Mr. NUNN of Iowa, Mr. FINSTAD, Mr. BANKS, and Mr. MILLER of Ohio):

H.R. 7581. A bill to require the Attorney General to develop reports relating to violent attacks against law enforcement officers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BURGESS:

H.R. 7582. A bill to prohibit the Secretary of Homeland Security from granting a work authorization to an alien found to have been unlawfully present in the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. DELBENE (for herself, Ms. BONAMICI, Ms. NORTON, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, Mr. PETERS, Ms. KUSTER, Ms. LEE of California, Ms. ROSS, Mr. COHEN, and Mr. MCGOVERN):

H.R. 7583. A bill to provide for the establishment of a pilot program to encourage the employment of veterans in manufacturing positions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. GROTHMAN (for himself, Mr. BIGGS, Mr. CLINE, Mr. LAMALFA, Ms. MACE, Mrs. MILLER of Illinois, Mr. MOORE of Alabama, Mr. NORMAN, Ms.

GREENE of Georgia, Ms. TENNEY, Mr. WEBER of Texas, and Mr. WILSON of South Carolina):

H.R. 7584. A bill to amend the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 to require the Congressional Budget Office to provide cost estimates for legislation reported by the Committee on Appropriations of each House, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Rules, and in addition to the Committee on the Budget, 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. KIM of New Jersey (for himself and Mr. LAWLER):

H.R. 7585. A bill to amend the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 to require the promulgation of cybersecurity and digital service regulations relating to the use of EBT cards under the supplemental nutrition assistance program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. MILLS (for himself and Mr. MCCAUL):

H.R. 7586. A bill to establish a Department of State Domestic Protection Mission relating to unmanned aircraft system and unmanned aircraft; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure, the Judiciary, and 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. PELTOLA (for herself and Mr. ROUZER):

H.R. 7587. A bill to direct the Secretary of Transportation to issue a notice of proposed rulemaking with respect to categorical exclusions of the Maritime Administration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Natural Resources, 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. SCHAKOWSKY (for herself, Ms. NORTON, Mr. KHANNA, and Ms. DELAURO):

H.R. 7588. A bill to direct the Secretary of Agriculture, acting through the Administrator of the Food Safety and Inspection Service, to reassess certain food ingredients used in the preparation of meat, poultry, and egg products, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. KILMER (for himself, Mr. WENSTRUP, Mr. TIMMONS, and Mr. CLEAVER):

H.J. Res. 118. A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to temporarily fill vacancies in the House of Representatives to further the continuity of Congress; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. PRESSLEY:

H. Con. Res. 95. Concurrent resolution expressing support for the recognition of March 10, 2024, as "Abortion Provider Appreciation Day"; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on 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. DE LA CRUZ:

H. Res. 1065. A resolution denouncing the Biden administration's immigration policies; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. LOFGREN:

H. Res. 1066. A resolution calling for the immediate release of Mahmood Habibi, a

United States citizen, who was wrongfully detained by the Taliban on August 10, 2022, and condemning the wrongful detention of United States citizens by the Taliban; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

MEMORIALS

Under clause 3 of rule XII,

ML-89. The SPEAKER presented a memorial of the Senate of the State of Michigan, relative to Senate Resolution No. 90, affirming this chamber's commitment to supporting an extension of the Affordable Connectivity Program, recognizing that this program provide Michigan citizens state wide with access to affordable broadband services; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

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. VAN ORDEN:

H.R. 7576.

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

Article I, Section 8, clause 14

Article I, Section 8, clause 3

The single subject of this legislation is:

To amend section 6323 of title 5, United States Code, to increase the rate at which military leave accrues for members of the Reserve and the National Guard from 15 days to 30 days per year, and for other purposes.

By Mr. LAHOOD:

H.R. 7577.

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

U.S. Constitution Article I, Section 8, Clause 1: "The Congress shall have Power To lay and collect Taxes . . ."

The single subject of this legislation is:

The bill would amend the tax code to treat energy efficient kegs and keg property as efficient commercial building property for purposes of the energy efficient commercial buildings deduction.

By Mr. ALLEN:

H.R. 7578.

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

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 1 of the United States Constitution.

The single subject of this legislation is:

To direct the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and information to submit to Congress a report containing an assessment of technologies available to increase the security and resiliency of the communications networks of Taiwan, including through the development of redundancies, and for other purposes.

By Mrs. BEATTY:

H.R. 7579.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 3 of the United States Constitution

The single subject of this legislation is:

Financial Services

By Mr. BISHOP of North Carolina:

H.R. 7580.

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

Article 1, Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is: