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## House of Representatives

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

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,  
January 22, 2024.

I hereby appoint the Honorable JIM BANKS to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

MIKE JOHNSON,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

### PRAYER

Pastor Zack Randles, Waterfront Church, Washington, D.C., offered the following prayer:

Gracious and awesome God, we come before You today on behalf of the men and women who serve in this Chamber, their teams, and their families.

May You bring peace and clarity to their minds so that they can hear Your voice and each other's voices. May You provide them with words and concepts that will bring understanding and growth. May You open their eyes to genuine need and stir their spirits to act swiftly in prudence and creativity. Help them to forge a path forward together.

Protect them from destruction and direct them around pits and traps set by those who would seek to bring chaos. Fill their hearts with courage and their souls with conviction because hope is never lost for those whose trust is in the Lord. Give them resolve to finish the journey You started them on, and may You grant them a glimpse of the fruit that their righteous work is producing.

Thank You for being a God who hears us. I pray all this in the mighty name of Jesus.

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.

### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under clause 5(d) of rule XX, the Chair announces to the House that, in light of the resignation of the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. JOHNSON), the whole number of the House is 432.

### APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE BRITISH-AMERICAN INTER-PARLIAMENTARY GROUP

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces the Speaker's appointment pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2761 and the order of the House of January 9, 2023, of the following Members on the part of the House to the British-American Interparliamentary Group:

Mr. CROW, Colorado  
Mr. MEEKS, New York  
Ms. DELBENE, Washington  
Mr. GOMEZ, California  
Ms. MATSUI, California

### BILL PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Kevin F. McCumber, Acting Clerk of the House, reported that on January 19,

2024, the following bill was presented to the President of the United States for approval.

H.R. 2872. Making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, and for other purposes.

### ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 3(z) of House Resolution 5, the House stands adjourned until 3 p.m. on Thursday, January 25, 2024.

Thereupon (at 11 o'clock and 5 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Thursday, January 25, 2024, at 3 p.m.

### EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

EC-2950. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting DC Act 25-367, "Wage Transparency Omnibus Amendment Act of 2023", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

EC-2951. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting DC Act 25-368, "Work Order Integrity Amendment Act of 2023", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

EC-2952. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting DC Act 25-369, "Catlett Alley Designation Act of 2023", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

### 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 Ms. CARAVEO (for herself, Ms. CHU, Ms. ESCOBAR, Ms. JACOBS, Ms. NORTON, Ms. TLAIB, Mrs. HAYES, Ms.

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WILD, Mr. CONNOLLY, Ms. SALINAS, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mrs. CHERFILUS-MCCORMICK, Ms. TITUS, Ms. CRAIG, Ms. CROCKETT, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mr. TAKANO, Ms. MCCLELLAN, Ms. ADAMS, Ms. LEE of California, Mr. ROBERT GARCIA of California, Ms. ROSS, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Ms. CASTOR of Florida, Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia, Ms. STANSBURY, Mr. TRONE, Mr. FROST, Ms. BROWNLEY, Ms. PETERSEN, Mrs. FLETCHER, Mr. CASTEN, Ms. LEE of Pennsylvania, Mr. ALLRED, Ms. STEVENS, Ms. SPANBERGER, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Ms. MENG, Ms. LEE of Nevada, Ms. LOIS FRANKEL of Florida, Mr. MULLIN, Mr. GOLDMAN of New York, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Mrs. TRAHAN, Mr. VARGAS, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Ms. WILSON of Florida, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. MOSKOWITZ, Ms. DEGETTE, Ms. TOKUDA, Ms. GARCIA of Texas, Ms. BARRAGÁN, Mr. KHANNA, Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania, Mrs. TORRES of California, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Mrs. SYKES, Mr. SORENSEN, Mrs. RAMIREZ, Mr. IVEY, Mr. CARSON, Mr. COHEN, and Ms. BALINT):

H.R. 7059. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize a grant program to increase capacity for providing abortion services and other sexual and reproductive health care, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. CARTWRIGHT (for himself, Ms. NORTON, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, Mrs. TORRES of California, Mr. MCGOVERN, and Mrs. PELTOLA):

H.R. 7060. A bill to make permanent the authority to reimburse members for spouse relicensing costs pursuant to a permanent change of station; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. CASE:

H.R. 7061. A bill to provide loans and other financial assistance to small businesses affected by the wildfires on Maui, and for other purpose; to the Committee on Small Business, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, and Financial Services, 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. FINSTAD (for himself, Ms. SLOTKIN, Mr. KELLY of Mississippi, Ms. TOKUDA, Mr. BACON, Ms. CARAVEO, Mrs. HINSON, Mr. SOTO, Mr. MOOLENAAR, Mr. JACKSON of Texas, Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia, Mr. NUNN of Iowa, Mr. ALFORD, and Mr. SMUCKER):

H.R. 7062. A bill to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to periodically assess cybersecurity threats to, and vulnerabilities in, the agriculture and food critical infrastructure sector and to provide recommendations to enhance their security and resilience, to require the Secretary of Agriculture to conduct an annual cross-sector simulation exercise relating to a food-related emergency or disruption, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. LANDSMAN:

H.R. 7063. A bill to prohibit Federal funds from being made available to any pregnancy center that diverts people from accessing comprehensive and timely medical care from licensed medical professionals; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. MOORE of Alabama (for himself and Mr. VASQUEZ):

H.R. 7064. A bill to amend the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 to include the provision of tree nuts (including shelled tree nuts) under the seniors farmers'

market nutrition program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture.

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

H.R. 7065. A bill to include water supply and water conservation as a primary mission of the Corps of Engineers in planning, designing, constructing, modifying, operating, and maintaining water resources development projects, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. NEWHOUSE (for himself, Mrs. CHAVEZ-DE REMER, Mrs. RODGERS of Washington, Mr. FULCHER, and Mr. BENTZ):

H.R. 7066. A bill to prohibit the use of Federal funds to allow or study the breach or alteration of the Lower Snake River dams or implement the Columbia Basin Restoration Initiative, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Ms. NORTON:

H.R. 7067. A bill to amend the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 to allow the District of Columbia to receive Federal funding under such Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. PANETTA (for himself and Mr. PFLUGER):

H.R. 7068. A bill to amend the Controlled Substances Act to provide for the scheduling of tianeptine as a schedule III substance, and for other purposes; 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. SALINAS (for herself and Ms. TOKUDA):

H.R. 7069. A bill to amend the Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974 to expand permissible uses of assistance to firefighters grant funds relating to behavioral and mental health, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

By Mr. STANTON (for himself and Mr. LAMALFA):

H.R. 7070. A bill to direct the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to conduct a review of the criteria for evaluating the cost-effectiveness of certain mitigation projects, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Ms. STEVENS:

H.R. 7071. A bill to amend section 7(b) of the Small Business Act to make disaster loans available for damages caused by prolonged power outages, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business.

By Mr. TIFFANY:

H.R. 7072. A bill to require the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain National Forest System land in the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest to Tony's Wabeno Redi-Mix, LLC, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, 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 Mr. WEBER of Texas (for himself, Ms. CARAVEO, Mr. LUCAS, and Mr. OBERNOLTE):

H.R. 7073. A bill to improve public-private partnerships and increase Federal research, development, and demonstration related to the evolution of next generation pipeline systems, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

By Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas:

H.R. 7074. A bill to affirm the State of Texas's right to implement operational pro-

tections along the southern border, to authorize the State to construct a physical border wall in areas where the international border is not adequately protected with physical barriers, and to allow reimbursement from the Federal Government; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. KUSTER (for herself and Ms. MALOY):

H. Con. Res. 84. Concurrent resolution authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for a ceremony to present the Congressional Gold Medal collectively to the 23d Headquarters Special Troops and the 3133d Signal Services Company, known collectively as the "Ghost Army", in recognition of unique and highly distinguished service during World War II; to the Committee on House Administration.

By Ms. LETLOW (for herself, Ms. BONAMICI, Mr. VALADAO, Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina, Mr. GUEST, Mr. TRONE, Mrs. MCCLAIN, Ms. TOKUDA, Mr. EZELL, Ms. BROWNLEY, Mrs. CHAVEZ-DE REMER, Ms. ROSS, Mr. MILLER of Ohio, Mrs. MCBATH, Mr. GRIJALVA, Ms. CHU, Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia, Ms. CRAIG, Ms. SEWELL, Mr. CARTWRIGHT, Ms. ADAMS, Mr. MULLIN, Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ, Ms. SCHRIER, and Mr. CASE):

H. Res. 977. A resolution recognizing the importance and contributions of National Board Certified Teachers; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

## 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 Ms. CARAVEO:

H.R. 7059.

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

Constitutional Authority—Necessary and Proper Clause (Art. I, Sec. 8, Clause 18)

THE U.S. CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I SECTION 8 POWERS OF CONGRESS

The single subject of this legislation is:

To amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize a grant program to increase capacity for providing abortion services and other sexual and reproductive health care, and for other purposes.

By Mr. CARTWRIGHT:

H.R. 7060.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 3 (relating to the power of Congress to regulate Commerce with foreign Nations, and among the several States, and with the Indian Tribes.)

The single subject of this legislation is:

to make permanent the authority to reimburse servicemembers for spouse relicensing costs pursuant to a permanent change of station.

By Mr. CASE:

H.R. 7061.

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 loans and other financial assistance to small businesses affected by the wildfires on Maui, and for other purpose.

By Mr. FINSTAD:

H.R. 7062.