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## House of Representatives

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

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,  
August 2, 2024.

I hereby appoint the Honorable DEBBIE LESKO 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:

We appeal to You this day, O Lord, to open our hearts and souls to You, for You hear the needy and You do not despise Your people in captivity. As You have promised, You bring release to the prisoners. The oppressed You will set free.

With immense gratitude, we praise You for the freedom finally given to Evan Gershkovich, Paul Whelan, Alsu Kurmasheva, and Vladimir Kara-Murza. Having endured prolonged and unjust imprisonment and unimaginable suffering, may they fall into the loving embrace of their loved ones and regain the certainty of their freedom and the fullness of their lives.

Sure of Your provision, we pray for all those who remain enslaved to the contempt of opposing political ideas, imperiled at the hand of unjust rulers, and in fear of the annihilation of whole peoples.

We pray for those who are subjected to these evils, even as we pray for those whose souls are themselves held captive to hate to the extent that they cannot and will not see Your light in their darkness.

May all who remain persecuted and in pain, both the afflicted and the offender, come to know of Your salvation, that they, too, would find freedom in Your mercy.

In Your sovereign name we pray.  
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, July 31, 2024.

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 July 31, 2024, at 3:53 p.m.

That the Senate passed S. 133.

That the Senate passed S. 134.

That the Senate agrees to the House amendment to the bill with amendment S. 2073.

With best wishes, I am,  
Sincerely,

KEVIN F. MCCUMBER,  
*Acting Clerk.*

### APPOINTMENT OF INDIVIDUAL TO FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT CONGRESSIONAL BADGE OF BRAVERY BOARD

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces, on behalf of the Speaker and minority leader, their joint appointment, pursuant to section 103(c) of the Law Enforcement Congressional Badge of Bravery Act of 2008 (34 U.S.C. 50313), and the order of the House of January 9, 2023, of the following individual on the part of the House to the Federal Law Enforcement Congressional Badge of Bravery Board:

Mr. MIKE THOMPSON, St. Helena, California

### APPOINTMENT OF INDIVIDUAL TO STATE AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT CONGRESSIONAL BADGE OF BRAVERY BOARD

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces, on behalf of the Speaker and minority leader, their joint appointment, pursuant to section 203(c) of the Law Enforcement Congressional Badge of Bravery Act of 2008 (34 U.S.C. 50323), and the order of the House of January 9, 2023, of the following individual on the part of the House to the State and Local Law Enforcement Congressional Badge of Bravery Board:

Mr. Stephen Wayne Prator, Shreveport, Louisiana

### BILLS PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Kevin F. McCumber, Acting Clerk of the House, reported that on July 23, 2024, the following bill was presented to the President of the United States for approval:

H.R. 3019. To establish an inspections regime for the Bureau of Prisons, and for other purposes.

Kevin F. McCumber, Acting Clerk of the House, reported that on July 25,

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

H.R. 1105. To amend the DNA Analysis Backlog Elimination Act of 2000 to reauthorize the Debbie Smith DNA Backlog Grant Program, and for other purposes.

#### ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 3(z) of House Resolution 5, the House stands adjourned until 11 a.m. on Tuesday, August 6, 2024.

Thereupon (at 11 o'clock and 5 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Tuesday, August 6, 2024, at 11 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-5018. A letter from the Acting Secretary of Labor, Chair of the Board of Directors, and Acting Director, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's Projections Report, FY 2023, pursuant to 29 U.S.C. 1308(a); Public Law 93-406, Sec. 4008 (as amended by Public Law 109-280, Sec. 412); (120 Stat. 936); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

EC-5019. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Office of the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the National Health Service Corps Report to Congress for 2022, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 254i; July 1, 1944, ch. 373, title III, Sec. 336A (as amended by Public Law 107-251, Sec. 307(b)); (116 Stat. 1649); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-5020. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Office of the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's report on the Children's Hospitals Graduate Medical Education (CHGME) Payment Program, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 265e(b)(3)(D); July 1, 1944, ch. 373, title III, Sec. 340E (as amended by Public Law 115-241, Sec. 2); (132 Stat. 2892); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-5021. A letter from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — American Society of Mechanical Engineers Code Cases and Update Frequency [NRC-2018-0291] (RIN: 3150-AK23) received July 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-5022. A letter from the Attorney-Adviser, Office of the Legal Adviser, Department of State, transmitting the Department's final rule — Intercountry Adoption: Regulatory Changes to Accreditation and Approval Regulations in Intercountry Adoption [Public Notice: 12242] (RIN: 1400-AE39) received July 23, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-5023. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting the Office's report titled, "Physicians' Comparability Allowance" for Fiscal Year 2023, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 5948(j); Public Law 103-114, Sec. 2(a); (107 Stat. 1116); to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

EC-5024. A letter from the Attorney-Adviser, Office of the Legal Adviser, Depart-

ment of State, transmitting the Department's final rule — Access to Information; Privacy Act Provisions [Public Notice: 12014] (RIN: 1400-AF62) received July 23, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

EC-5025. A letter from the Director, Administrative Office of the United States Courts, transmitting the annual report to Congress concerning intercepted wire, oral, or electronic communications, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. 2519(3); Public Law 90-351, Sec. 802 (as amended by Public Law 111-174, Sec. 6(3)); (124 Stat. 1217); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-5026. A letter from the Chief Regulatory Officer, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — International Entrepreneur Program: Fiscal Year 2025 Automatic Increase of Investment and Revenue Amount Requirements [CIS No.: 2769-24; DHS Docket No.: USCIS-2021-0018] (RIN: 1615-AAC75) received July 24, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-5027. A letter from the Chief Regulatory Officer, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — International Entrepreneur Program: Fiscal Year 2025 Automatic Increase of Investment and Revenue Amount Requirements [CIS No.: 2769-24; DHS Docket No.: USCIS-2021-0018] (RIN: 1615-AC75) received July 24, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-5028. A letter from the Attorney-Adviser, Office of the Legal Adviser, Department of State, transmitting the Department's final rule — Immigrant Visas [Public Notice: 12224] (RIN: 1400-AE83) received June 23, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-5029. A letter from the Director, Rule-making Operations, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Uniform Procedures for State Highway Safety Grant Programs (RIN: 2127-AM65) received July 22, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-5030. A letter from the Regulation Development Coordinator, Office of Regulation Policy and Management, Office of General Counsel, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting the Department's final rule — Veteran and Spouse Transitional Assistance Grant Program (RIN: 2900-AR68) received July 26, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-5031. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Office of the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's report titled, "Assets for Independence Program Report to Congress: Status at the Conclusion of the Nineteenth Year, Fiscal Year 2018", pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 604 note; Public Law 105-285, Sec. 414(d)(1); (112 Stat. 2771); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

EC-5032. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Section, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's IRB only rule — Automatic Method Change to the Allowance Charge-off Method under Section 166 [Rev. Proc. 2024-30] received July 26, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public

Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

EC-5033. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's report titled "The Medicare Secondary Payer Commercial Repayment Center in Fiscal Year 2023", pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 1395ddd(h)(8); Aug. 14, 1935, ch. 531, title XVIII, Sec. 1893(h)(8) (as amended by Public Law 109-432, Sec. 302(a)); (120 Stat. 2992); jointly to the Committees on Ways and Means and Energy and Commerce.

EC-5034. A letter from the Inspector General, Office of Inspector General, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's data snapshot, Part D Plans Generally Include Drugs Commonly Used By Dual-Eligible Enrollees: 2024, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 1395w-101 note; Public Law 111-148, Sec. 3313(a)(2); (124 Stat. 477); jointly to the Committees on Ways and Means and Energy and Commerce.

#### 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. ARRINGTON:

H.R. 9236. A bill to name the Department of Veterans Affairs community-based outpatient clinic in Lubbock, Texas, as the "General Bernie Mittemeyer VA Clinic"; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Ms. BARRAGAN:

H.R. 9237. A bill to improve end-of-life care; 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 Ms. BARRAGÁN (for herself, Ms. BONAMICI, Mr. CASE, Ms. TLAIB, Mr. MULLIN, Ms. HOYLE of Oregon, Mr. CARTER of Louisiana, Mr. CARBAJAL, and Ms. KUSTER):

H.R. 9238. A bill to accelerate the commercialization of marine energy technologies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, and in addition to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, Natural Resources, and Education and the Workforce, 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. BERGMAN:

H.R. 9239. A bill to amend title 13, United States Code, to provide that response to the American Community Survey shall be voluntary, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

By Mr. BISHOP of Georgia:

H.R. 9240. A bill to amend the Specialty Crops Competitiveness Act of 2004 to require the Secretary of Agriculture to establish a pilot program to provide recovery payments to producers of seasonal and perishable crops that experience low prices caused by imports, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. CARDENAS (for himself and Ms. SCHRIER):

H.R. 9241. A bill to provide that weighted sleep products for infants 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 Mr. CARTER of Georgia (for himself, Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, Mr. FERGUSON, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr.