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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. MOONEY).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, August 6, 2024.

I hereby appoint the Honorable ALEXANDER X. MOONEY 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:

God of peace, justice, and mercy, show us how to love as You have loved us. There is no doubt that evil runs rampant in this world, and yet You have never repaid evil for evil. Rather, You have demonstrated unmitigated grace even to those who time and again have rejected Your kindnesses and rebelled against Your steadfast love.

Turn our hearts and souls to Your example. Would that we be so selfless. No matter how challenging it may be in these days of division and contest, no matter how passionate we are for a position or a person, may we be careful to do what is honest and noble in the eyes of everyone.

In this may we not only stay above the fray, but shine the light of Your divine peace, justice, and mercy wherever darkness descends in our lives, wherever hopelessness shadows our world.

In Your righteous and perfect 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, August 2, 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 August 2, 2024, at 12:52 p.m.

That the Senate passed S. 211.
That the Senate passed S. 2781.
That the Senate passed S. 3938.
That the Senate passed S. 4199.
That the Senate passed S. 4235.
That the Senate passed S. 4367.
That the Senate agreed to without amendment H. Con. Res. 120.
With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

LISA P. GRANT,
Deputy Clerk.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 3(z) of House Resolution

5, the House stands adjourned until 1 p.m. on Friday, August 9, 2024.

Thereupon (at 11 o'clock and 3 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Friday, August 9, 2024, at 1 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-5035. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 25-530, "Fiscal Year 2024 Revised Local Budget Adjustment Temporary Act of 2024", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

EC-5036. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 25-531, "Voluntary Agreement Moratorium Temporary Amendment Act of 2024", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

EC-5037. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 25-532, "Tenant Payment Plan Phasing Continuation Temporary Act of 2024", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

EC-5038. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 25-533, "Foreclosure Moratorium and Homeowner Assistance Fund Coordination Temporary Amendment Act of 2024", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

EC-5039. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 25-534, "Green Housing Coordination Temporary Amendment Act of 2024", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

EC-5040. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 25-535, "Migrant Services and Supports Extension Temporary Amendment Act of 2024", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

□ 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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EC-5041. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 25-536, "Short-Term Disability Insurance Benefit Protection Clarification Temporary Amendment Act of 2024", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

EC-5042. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 25-501, "Fiscal Year 2025 Local Budget Act of 2024", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

EC-5043. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 25-550, "Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Support Act of 2024", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

EC-5044. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 25-520, "2024 Summer Olympics, Paralympic Games, Art All Night, and Dine All Night Temporary Amendment Act of 2024", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

EC-5045. A letter from the Federal Register Liaison, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's Major final rule — Required Minimum Distributions [TD 10001] (RIN: 1545-BP82), received August 2, 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-5046. A letter from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule — Medicare Program; Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility Prospective Payment System for Federal Fiscal Year 2025 and Updates to the IRF Quality Reporting Program [CMS-1804-F] (RIN: 0938-AV31), received August 2, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); jointly to the Committees on Energy and Commerce and Ways and Means.

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 and Mr. WILSON of South Carolina):

H.R. 9304. A bill to require the Director of the National Cancer Institute to conduct a review of the current state of stomach cancer incidence, prevention, screening, awareness, and future public health importance, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. COSTA:

H.R. 9305. A bill to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to make grants to local governments for the training of local law enforcement officers on public health threats arising from violations of building codes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. EVANS (for himself and Mr. FITZPATRICK):

H.R. 9306. A bill to amend the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act to modify the Safe Streets and Roads for All program; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. GALLEGO:

H.R. 9307. A bill to establish a competitive grant program for reducing the student ab-

sence rate of certain local educational agencies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. MIKE GARCIA of California (for himself, Mr. ELLZEY, and Mr. OBERNOLTE):

H.R. 9308. A bill to prohibit the use of Federal funds in certain high-speed rail projects until such date as the Secretary of Transportation certifies to the appropriate committees of Congress the completion of at least one mile of rail or electromagnetic guideway of such projects, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. HILL (for himself and Mr. TORRES of New York):

H.R. 9309. A bill to provide for regulatory sandboxes that permit certain persons to experiment with artificial intelligence without expectation of enforcement actions; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. LARSEN of Washington (for himself, Mr. ZINKE, Mr. KILMER, Mr. COLE, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Ms. PEREZ, and Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas):

H.R. 9310. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide Tribal courts and law enforcement with more tools to combat the opioid epidemic; to the Committee on the Judiciary, 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. LAWLER (for himself, Ms. TENNEY, Mr. GARBARINO, Mr. D'ESPOSITO, Ms. STEFANIK, Mr. FITZPATRICK, and Mr. KEAN of New Jersey):

H.R. 9311. A bill to address the plea agreements for certain individuals detained at Guantanamo, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Ms. MATSUI:

H.R. 9312. A bill to improve passenger vessel security and safety, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. MOLINARO (for himself and Ms. TITUS):

H.R. 9313. A bill to direct the Comptroller General of the United States to report to Congress on the compliance under the Architectural Barriers Act of 1968 of all office buildings under the jurisdiction, custody, or control of the General Services Administration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Ms. NORTON:

H.R. 9314. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for a national program to conduct and support activities toward the goal of significantly reducing the number of cases of overweight and obesity among individuals in the United States; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. NUNN of Iowa (for himself and Mr. GOTTHEIMER):

H.R. 9315. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Treasury to submit a report on coordination in the public and private sectors in responding to ransomware attacks on financial institutions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. NUNN of Iowa (for himself, Mr. BACON, and Mrs. DINGELL):

H.R. 9316. A bill to amend part E of title IV of the Social Security Act to increase awareness among eligible children and youths of, and encourage their participation in, the John H. Chafee Foster Care Program for Successful Transition to Adulthood, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

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

H.R. 9317. A bill to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to conduct annual assessments on terrorism threats to the United States posed by terrorist organizations utilizing foreign cloud-based mobile or desktop messaging applications, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security.

By Mr. SABLON:

H.R. 9318. A bill to amend the Older Americans Act of 1965 to make available to Guam, American Samoa, the Virgin Islands of the United States, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands additional funds for community service senior opportunities; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. SCHIFF (for himself, Mr. NADLER, Mr. HUFFMAN, Ms. NORTON, and Mr. MULLIN):

H.R. 9319. A bill to direct the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to conduct a study, and publish guidance on, calculating and reporting scope 3 emissions; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Ms. SHERRILL:

H.R. 9320. A bill to direct the President to submit to Congress a national strategy on economic competitiveness and technological leadership, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committees on 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 Ms. SLOTKIN (for herself and Mr. BACON):

H.R. 9321. A bill to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to conduct a demonstration program to test providing preferential treatment under the Medicare, Medicaid, and CHIP programs for certain drugs and biologicals manufactured in the United States; 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 Mrs. SYKES (for herself, Mr. LANDSMAN, Mr. WENSTRUP, Mrs. BEATTY, Mr. JORDAN, Mr. LATTI, Mr. MILLER of Ohio, Mr. DAVIDSON, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. TURNER, Ms. BROWN, Mr. BALDERSON, Mr. JOYCE of Ohio, Mr. CAREY, Mr. RULLI, Ms. PLASKETT, Ms. MCCLELLAN, Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Ms. LEE of Pennsylvania, Mr. AMO, Mr. VEASEY, and Mr. NEGUSE):

H.R. 9322. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 675 Wolf Ledges Parkway in Akron, Ohio, as the "Judge James R. Williams Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

By Mrs. TRAHAN:

H.R. 9323. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to require the establishment of an Office of Public Engagement in the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, 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 Mr. WOMACK (for himself and Mr. BISHOP of Georgia):

H.R. 9324. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize certain health care professionals employed by the Department of