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

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 16, 2024.

I hereby appoint the Honorable LARRY BUCSHON to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

MIKE JOHNSON,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

Reverend Rachel Landers Vaagenes, Capitol Hill Presbyterian Church, Washington, D.C., offered the following prayer:

Lord, still our hearts and minds from the busyness of the world for just a moment and turn our attention to the eternal and the transcendent.

Holy God, who loves us, Your love is always nearer than we know. We seem to only see weariness and strife with victories hard won and failures too many to number. We thank You for Your grace and forgiveness in the midst of our struggle, and we thank You for sharing Your vision of a world beyond partisan struggle, beyond violence, beyond division.

We pray, Lord, that this vision might be made real here and now: Peace over victory. Forgiveness over pride. Love over all.

I pray for the House Members and their constituents, who work together to be citizens of a better world.

I pray for their staff and families, especially, who support them in this extraordinary responsibility for our country. I pray for all of Congress, the court, and the executive office, that all may see beyond ideology and self-serv-

ing ends and work for the common good of the country that is made up of so many different people.

Send us into our work with stilled hearts and clear minds and this vision of love ever before us.
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.

AUTHORIZING THE USE OF EMANCIPATION HALL IN THE CAPITOL VISITOR CENTER FOR A CEREMONY TO PRESENT THE CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDALS AWARDED UNDER THE HIDDEN FIGURES CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the Chair lays before the House the following concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 124) authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for a ceremony to present the Congressional Gold Medals awarded under the Hidden Figures Congressional Gold Medal Act.

The Clerk read the title of the concurrent resolution.

There was no objection.

The text of the concurrent resolution is as follows:

H. CON. RES. 124

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring),

SECTION 1. USE OF EMANCIPATION HALL FOR CEREMONY TO PRESENT CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDALS AWARDED UNDER HIDDEN FIGURES CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL ACT.

(a) AUTHORIZATION.—Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center is authorized to be used on September 18, 2024, for a ceremony to present the Congressional Gold Medals awarded under the Hidden Figures Congressional Gold Medal Act (Public Law 116-68).

(b) PREPARATIONS.—Physical preparations for the conduct of the ceremony described in subsection (a) shall be carried out in accordance with such conditions as the Architect of the Capitol may prescribe.

The concurrent resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

AUTHORIZING THE USE OF THE ROTUNDA OF THE CAPITOL FOR A CEREMONY TO AWARD POSTHUMOUSLY A CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL IN COMMEMORATION TO THE SERVICEMEMBERS WHO PERISHED IN AFGHANISTAN ON AUGUST 26, 2021, DURING THE EVACUATION OF CITIZENS OF THE UNITED STATES AND AFGHAN ALLIES AT HAMID KARZAI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the Chair lays before the House the following concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 126) authorizing the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for a ceremony to award posthumously a Congressional Gold Medal in commemoration to the servicemembers who perished in Afghanistan on August 26, 2021, during the evacuation of citizens of the United States and Afghan allies at Hamid Karzai International Airport.

The Clerk read the title of the concurrent resolution.

There was no objection.

□ 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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The text of the concurrent resolution is as follows:

H. CON. RES. 126

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring),

SECTION 1. USE OF ROTUNDA FOR CEREMONY TO AWARD POSTHUMOUSLY CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL IN COMMEMORATION TO SERVICEMEMBERS WHO PERISHED IN AFGHANISTAN ON AUGUST 26, 2021, DURING EVACUATION OF UNITED STATES CITIZENS AND AFGHAN ALLIES AT HAMID KARZAI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT.

(a) **AUTHORIZATION.**—The rotunda of the Capitol is authorized to be used on September 10, 2024, for a ceremony to award posthumously a Congressional Gold Medal in commemoration to the servicemembers who perished in Afghanistan on August 26, 2021, during the evacuation of citizens of the United States and Afghan allies at Hamid Karzai International Airport.

(b) **PREPARATIONS.**—Physical preparations for the conduct of the ceremony described in subsection (a) shall be carried out in accordance with such conditions as the Architect of the Capitol may prescribe.

The concurrent resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

COMMUNICATION FROM CASEWORKER, THE HONORABLE HAROLD ROGERS, MEMBER OF CONGRESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from Stacey Matthews, Caseworker, the Honorable HAROLD ROGERS, Member of Congress:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, August 5, 2024.

Hon. MIKE JOHNSON,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: This is to notify you formally, pursuant to Rule VIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, that I, Stacey Matthews, have been served with a subpoena for testimony in a criminal trial issued by the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky. This criminal trial is in relation to alleged threats made against Congressman Hal Rogers's staff.

After consultation with the Office of General Counsel, I have determined that compliance with the subpoena is consistent with the privileges and rights of the House.

Sincerely,

STACEY MATTHEWS,
Caseworker, Rep. Hal Rogers.

COMMUNICATION FROM COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR, THE HONORABLE HAROLD ROGERS, MEMBER OF CONGRESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from Danielle Smoot, Communications Director, the Honorable HAROLD ROGERS, Member of Congress:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, August 6, 2024.

Hon. MIKE JOHNSON,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: This is to notify you formally, pursuant to Rule VIII of the Rules

of the House of Representatives, that I, Danielle Smoot, have been served with a subpoena for testimony in a criminal trial issued by the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky. This criminal trial is in relation to alleged threats made against Congressman Hal Rogers's staff.

After consultation with the Office of General Counsel, I have determined that compliance with the subpoena is consistent with the privileges and rights of the House.

Sincerely,

DANIELLE SMOOT,
Communications Director, Rep. Hal Rogers.

COMMUNICATION FROM DISTRICT DIRECTOR, THE HONORABLE HAROLD ROGERS, MEMBER OF CONGRESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from Carlos Cameron, District Director, the Honorable HAROLD ROGERS, Member of Congress:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, August 5, 2024.

Hon. MIKE JOHNSON,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: This is to notify you formally, pursuant to Rule VIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, that I, Carlos Cameron, have been served with a subpoena for testimony in a criminal trial issued by the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky. This criminal trial is in relation to alleged threats made against Congressman Hal Rogers's staff.

After consultation with the Office of General Counsel, I have determined that compliance with the subpoena is consistent with the privileges and rights of the House.

Sincerely,

CARLOS CAMERON,
District Director, Rep. Hal Rogers.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 3(z) of House Resolution 5, the House stands adjourned until 2 p.m. on Tuesday, August 20, 2024.

Thereupon (at 11 o'clock and 6 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Tuesday, August 20, 2024, at 2 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-5080. A letter from the Senior Congressional Liaison, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, transmitting the Bureau's policy statement — Consumer Financial Protection Circular 2024-04 received July 30, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Financial Services.

EC-5081. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy, Mine Safety and Health Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting the Department's funding opportunity announcement — Brookwood-Sago Mine Safety Grants (Brookwood-Sago Grants) [FOA-BS-2024-1] 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 Education and the Workforce.

EC-5082. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Designations of Areas for Air Quality Planning Purposes; Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maryland, Delaware; Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-MD-DE 2015 8-Hour Ozone Nonattainment Area; Reclassification to Serious [EPA-R03-OAR-2024-0351; FRL-12132-01-R3] 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 Energy and Commerce.

EC-5083. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Designations of Areas for Air Quality Planning Purposes; Connecticut; Greater Connecticut 2015 8-Hour Ozone Nonattainment Area; Reclassification to Serious [EPA-R01-OAR-2024-0325; FRL-12126-01-R1] 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 Energy and Commerce.

EC-5084. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Air Plan Approval; Colorado; Interim Final Determination to Stay and Defer Sanctions in the Denver Metro/North Front Range 2008 Ozone Nonattainment Area [EPA-R08-OAR-2024-0225; FRL-12122-02-R3] 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 Energy and Commerce.

EC-5085. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Pendimethalin: Pesticide Tolerance [EPA-HQ-OPP-2023-0308; FRL-12049-01-OCSP] 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 Energy and Commerce.

EC-5086. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Clean Air Act Title V Operating Permit Program Revision; West Virginia [EPA-R03-OAR-2024-0070; FRL-11788-02-R3] 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 Energy and Commerce.

EC-5087. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's direct final rule — Massachusetts: Final Approval of State Underground Storage Tank Program Revisions, Codification, and Incorporation by Reference [EPA-R01-UST-2023-0321; FRL-11752-02-R1] 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 Energy and Commerce.

EC-5088. A letter from the Attorney for Regulatory Affairs Division, Office of the General Counsel, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, transmitting the Commission's direct final rule — Portable Fuel Container Safety Act Regulation [Docket No. CPSC-2022-0017] 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 Energy and Commerce.

EC-5089. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting an Agreement for Cooperation Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Singapore Concerning Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 2153(d); Aug. 1, 1946, ch. 724, title I, Sec. 123 (as