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## House of Representatives

The House met at 4 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. SMITH of Nebraska).

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,  
September 16, 2024.

I hereby appoint the Honorable ADRIAN SMITH 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:

Merciful God, time and again we ask You to deliver us from evil, not realizing that deliverance does not always mean You offer us an escape, but rather the strength to withstand it and the courage to stand against it.

From whatever form of evil we encounter this day, a biting word, a mean-spirited exchange, attacks on our sense of safety and security, the obfuscation of truth, Lord, deliver us.

Grant us the strength, the courage, and the wisdom to know it when we see it, and the resilience to not let ourselves be overcome by it.

Then inspire in us to strive to best evil with good, to live according to Your abundant mercy, that all that evil dares throw at us would be overcome by Your good and right and perfect will.

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.  
Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House the approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1 of rule I, 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, September 12, 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 September 12, 2024, at 4:38 p.m.

That the Senate passed S. 3764.

That the Senate passed S. 2120.

That the Senate agreed to Relative to the death of the Honorable Steven D. Symms, former United States Senator from the State of Idaho S. Res. 813.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 7377.

With best wishes, I am,  
Sincerely,

KEVIN F. MCCUMBER,  
*Acting Clerk.*

### ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the House stands adjourned until noon tomorrow for morning-hour debate and 2 p.m. for legislative business.

There was no objection.

Thereupon (at 4 o'clock and 3 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Tuesday, September 17, 2024, at noon for morning-hour debate.

### EXPENDITURE REPORTS CONCERNING OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL

Reports concerning the foreign currencies and U.S. dollars utilized for Official Foreign Travel during the first, second, and fourth quarters of 2023 and the first quarter of 2024, pursuant to Public Law 95-384, are as follows:

☐ This symbol represents the time of day during the House proceedings, e.g., ☐ 1407 is 2:07 p.m.

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REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN JAN. 1 AND MAR. 31, 2023

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem <sup>1</sup>		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>
Michael Koren .....	2/19	2/22	El Salvador .....		1,279.00		1,040.66				3,743.66
	2/22	2/26	Mexico .....		1,424.00						
Committee total .....											3,743.66

<sup>1</sup> Per diem constitutes lodging and meals.  
<sup>2</sup> If foreign currency is used, enter U.S. dollar equivalent; if U.S. currency is used, enter amount expended.

HON. MARK E. GREEN, Chairman, July 15, 2024.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN APR. 1 AND JUNE 30, 2023

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem <sup>1</sup>		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>
Hon. Andrew Garbarino .....	3/31	4/4	United Kingdom .....		2,032.00		( <sup>3</sup> )				2,378.00
	4/4	4/5	Sweden .....		346.00		( <sup>3</sup> )				
Hon. Mark E. Green, MD .....	5/18	5/21	United Kingdom .....		1,052.00		12,241.20				13,293.20
Committee total .....											15,671.20

<sup>1</sup> Per diem constitutes lodging and meals.  
<sup>2</sup> If foreign currency is used, enter U.S. dollar equivalent; if U.S. currency is used, enter amount expended.  
<sup>3</sup> Military air transportation.

HON. MARK E. GREEN, Chairman, July 15, 2024.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECUIY, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN OCT. 1 AND DEC. 31, 2023

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem <sup>1</sup>		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>
Hon. Mark E. Green, MD .....	12/8	12/10	Argentina .....		573.70		4,520.70				5,094.40
Brian Kennedy .....	12/8	12/11	Argentina .....		797.55		1,408.10				2,205.65
Krystina Skurk .....	12/8	12/11	Argentina .....		797.55		1,408.10				2,205.65
Committee total .....											9,505.70

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HON. MARK E. GREEN, Chairman, July 15, 2024.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN JAN. 1 AND MAR. 31, 2024

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem <sup>1</sup>		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>
Sang Yi .....	2/21	2/27	IDN-SNG-BRN .....		2,054.26		16,640.30				18,694.56
Lisa Canini .....	2/21	2/27	IDN-SNG-BRN .....		2,054.26		16,640.30				18,694.56
Diana Bergwin .....	2/21	2/27	IDN-SNG-BRN .....		2,054.26		16,640.30				18,694.56
Natasha Eby .....	2/21	2/27	IDN-SNG-BRN .....		2,054.26		16,640.30				18,694.56
Finn Arthur .....	2/21	2/27	IDN-SNG-BRN .....		2,054.26		16,640.30				18,694.56
IDN: Indonesia. SNG: Singapore. BRN: Brunei.											
Hon. August Pfluger .....	3/23	3/30	MAR-EGY-TUR .....		2,213.72		( <sup>3</sup> )				2,213.72
Hon. J. Luis Correa .....	3/23	3/30	MAR-EGY-TUR .....		2,213.72		( <sup>3</sup> )				2,213.72
Hon. Dale Strong .....	3/23	3/30	MAR-EGY-TUR .....		2,213.72		( <sup>3</sup> )				2,213.72
Michael Koren .....	3/23	3/30	MAR-EGY-TUR .....		2,213.72		( <sup>3</sup> )				2,213.72
Briana Marticorena .....	3/23	3/30	MAR-EGY-TUR .....		2,213.72		( <sup>3</sup> )				2,213.72
Chase Sauvage .....	3/23	3/30	MAR-EGY-TUR .....		2,213.72		( <sup>3</sup> )				2,213.72
Roland Hernandez .....	3/23	3/30	MAR-EGY-TUR .....		2,213.72		( <sup>3</sup> )				2,213.72
Kat Fletcher .....	3/23	3/30	MAR-EGY-TUR .....		2,213.72		( <sup>3</sup> )				2,213.72
MAR: Morocco. EGY: Egypt. TUR: Turkey.											
Committee total .....					27,981.06		83,201.50				111,182.56

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<sup>3</sup> Military air transportation.

HON. MARK E. GREEN, Chairman, July 1, 2024.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

EC–5304. A letter from the Program Analyst, Specialty Crops Program, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department’s final rule — Raisins Produced From Grapes Grown in California; Temporary Relaxation of Sub-

standard and Maturity Dockage Requirements [Doc. No.: AMS-SC-23-0062] received August 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 Agriculture.

EC–5305. A letter from the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting the Department’s interim final rule — International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Exemption for Defense Trade and Cooperation Among Australia, the United Kingdom,

and the United States [Public Notice: 12468] (RIN: 1400-AF84) received August 20, 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–5306. A letter from the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting the Department’s final rule — International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Amendments to the Definition of Activities