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House of Representatives

The House met at 1 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. SMITH of New Jersey).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
February 20, 2024.

I hereby appoint the Honorable CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

MIKE JOHNSON,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Reverend John Kellogg, Christ Church Washington Parish, Washington, D.C., offered the following prayer:

O Lord, our Governor, whose glory is in all the world: We commend this Nation to Your merciful care, that being guided by Your providence, we may dwell secure in Your peace. Grant to the Congress of the United States and to all in authority, wisdom and strength to know and to do Your will. Fill our Representatives with the love of truth and righteousness and make them ever mindful of their calling to serve this people.

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.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 3(z) of House Resolution 5, the House stands adjourned until 11:30 a.m. on Friday, February 23, 2024.

Thereupon (at 1 o'clock and 2 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Friday, February 23, 2024, at 11:30 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-3207. A letter from the Chief Financial Officer, Architect of the Capitol, transmitting Statement Of Disbursements Of The Architect Of The Capitol For The Period July 1, 2023 Through December 31, 2023, pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 1868a(a); Public Law 113-76, div. I, title I, Sec. 1301(a); (128 Stat. 428) (H. Doc. No. 118-107); to the Committee on House Administration and ordered to be printed.

EC-3208. A letter from the Chief, Regulatory Coordination Division, USCIS Office of Policy and Strategy, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's Major final rule — Adjustment to Premium Processing Fees [CIS No.: 2757-23; DHS Docket No.: USCIS-2018-0003] (RIN: 1615-ZC05) received February 9, 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.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri: Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. H.R. 6249. A bill to provide for a review and report on

the assistance and resources that the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency provides to individuals with disabilities and the families of such individuals that are impacted by major disasters, and for other purposes (Rept. 118-392). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas: Committee on Small Business. H.R. 7105. A bill to establish requirements relating to certification of small business concerns owned and controlled by women for certain purposes, and for other purposes (Rept. 118-393). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

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. WESTERMAN (for himself, Mr. BENTZ, Ms. HAGEMAN, Mr. STAUBER, Mr. CURTIS, Mr. CARL, Mr. LAMBORN, Ms. BOEBERT, Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia, Mr. LAMALFA, Mr. NEWHOUSE, Mrs. RADEWAGEN, Mr. MOYLAN, Mrs. GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN, Ms. MALOY, Mr. CARTER of Georgia, Mr. ZINKE, Mr. SMITH of Nebraska, and Mr. WITTMAN):

H.R. 7408. A bill to amend the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act to make supplemental funds available for management of fish and wildlife species of greatest conservation need as determined by State fish and wildlife agencies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, 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. KIM of California (for herself and Mr. DUARTE):

H.R. 7409. A bill to amend the Geothermal Steam Act of 1970 to waive the requirement for a Federal drilling permit for certain activities, to exempt certain activities from the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

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

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By Mr. CAREY:

H.R. 7410. A bill to amend part A of title IV of the Social Security Act to establish deadlines for the obligation and expenditure of funds and allow States to establish rainy day funds under the program of block grants to States for temporary assistance for needy families; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mrs. CHAVEZ-DEREMER (for herself, Mr. CISCOMANI, Mr. VAN ORDEN, Mr. MILLER of Ohio, Mr. TURNER, Ms. MALLIOTAKIS, Mr. DUARTE, Mr. CAREY, Mr. AMODEI, Mr. CALVERT, Mr. GARBARINO, Mrs. CAMMACK, and Ms. MACE):

H.R. 7411. A bill to amend the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020 to improve reviews of characterizations of discharges of members of the Armed Forces on the basis of sexual orientation; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Ms. CROCKETT (for herself, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, and Ms. SALINAS):

H.R. 7412. A bill to facilitate the use of rural housing vouchers; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. D'ESPOSITO (for himself and Mr. LAWLER):

H.R. 7413. A bill to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to direct the Election Assistance Commission to conduct ongoing studies of State programs for recruiting poll workers and providing poll workers with safety training in order to identify voluntary considerations for carrying out such programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on House Administration.

By Mr. TONY GONZALES of Texas (for himself and Mr. GOTTHEIMER):

H.R. 7414. A bill to require the development of a national strategy to secure schools against terrorism nationwide, and ensure domestic preparedness for and the response to terrorism, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security.

By Mr. TONY GONZALES of Texas:

H.R. 7415. A bill to reauthorize the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. HAYES (for herself, Ms. STANSBURY, Ms. PLASKETT, Ms. NORTON, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. GRIJALVA, Ms. CROCKETT, Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. COHEN, Ms. TOKUDA, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Ms. LEE of California, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Ms. BROWN, Ms. ADAMS, Mr. TAKANO, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Ms. SCANLON, Mrs. RAMIREZ, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. KHANNA, Mr. IVEY, and Ms. JACKSON LEE):

H.R. 7416. A bill to address food and housing insecurity on college campuses; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania (for himself, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. MEUSER, Mr. RESCHENTHALER, Mr. SMUCKER, Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania, Mr. CARTWRIGHT, Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania, Ms. HOULAHAN, Mr. DELUZIO, Mr. BOYLE of Pennsylvania, Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania, Mr. PERRY, Ms. SCANLON, and Ms. WILD):

H.R. 7417. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 135 West Spring Street in Titusville, Pennsylvania, as the "Edwin L. Drake Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

By Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania (for himself and Ms. HOULAHAN):

H.R. 7418. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude from gross income certain compensation to clinical trial

participants; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia (for herself and Ms. JACOBS):

H.R. 7419. A bill to require the Secretary of Defense to submit a report on the quality of overseas covered military unaccompanied housing, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. MEEKS (for himself, Mr. GREEN of Texas, Mr. CLEAVER, Mrs. BEATTY, and Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia):

H.R. 7420. A bill to establish or modify requirements relating to minority depository institutions, community development financial institutions, and impact banks, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services, and in addition to the Committee on Small Business, 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. NORTON:

H.R. 7421. A bill to amend Public Law 87-788 (commonly known as the McIntire-Stennis Cooperative Forestry Act; 16 U.S.C. 582a-7) to provide for equal treatment of the District of Columbia with respect to funds made available under that Act; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ:

H.R. 7422. A bill to amend the Geothermal Steam Act of 1970 to provide cost-recovery authority for the Department of the Interior; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. SCALISE (for himself, Ms. LETLOW, Mr. JOHNSON of Louisiana, Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana, Mr. CARTER of Louisiana, and Mr. GRAVES of Louisiana):

H.R. 7423. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 103 Benedette Street in Rayville, Louisiana, as the "Luke Letlow Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

By Mr. SCHIFF (for himself, Mr. CLEAVER, Ms. NORTON, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. CARSON, Mr. PETERS, Ms. TLAIB, Mr. RUIZ, Ms. SALINAS, Ms. LEE of California, and Mr. TRONE):

H.R. 7424. A bill to direct the Secretary of Transportation and the Secretary of Energy to jointly conduct a study on the development of facilities for solar energy generation, solar energy storage, and solar energy transmission or distribution on available Federal land adjacent to the National Highway System, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

By Mr. SCHWEIKERT:

H.R. 7425. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a deduction for certain newborn expenses; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. SMITH of Nebraska:

H.R. 7426. A bill to amend part A of title IV of the Social Security Act to target funds to families in need; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. SMITH of New Jersey (for himself, Mrs. HINSON, Mrs. LESKO, Mrs. MILLER of Illinois, Mr. HARRIS, Mr. GUEST, Mr. BAIRD, Mr. BANKS, Mr. CRENSHAW, Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania, Mr. KELLY of Mississippi, Mr. MANN, Mr. MOONEY, Mr. MOORE of Utah, Mr. SELF, and Mr. TIMMONS):

H.R. 7427. A bill to amend part A of title IV of the Social Security Act to clarify the longstanding authority of States to use funds made available under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program to fund life-affirming services to empower pregnant women to choose life for their babies

instead of abortion, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. STEIL (for himself and Mr. HILL):

H.R. 7428. A bill to regulate the business of offering and providing earned wage access services to consumers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia (for herself and Mr. HIMES):

H.R. 7429. A bill to amend the National Highway System Designation Act of 1995 to permit the construction of certain noise barriers with funds from the Highway Trust Fund, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. ZINKE (for himself and Mr. VASQUEZ):

H.R. 7430. A bill to prohibit the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture from transferring certain Federal land, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, 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. JACKSON of Texas (for himself, Ms. CARAVEO, Mr. LUCAS, Mr. LAMALFA, Mr. ROUZER, Mr. BACON, Mr. BOST, Mr. FEENSTRA, Mrs. MILLER of Illinois, Mr. MOORE of Alabama, Mr. FINSTAD, Mr. ROSE, Mrs. CHAVEZ-DEREMER, Mr. NEHLS, Mrs. BICE, Mr. NORMAN, Mr. BABIN, Mr. LAWLER, Mr. FLOOD, and Mr. PFUGER):

H.J. Res. 115. A joint resolution disapproving the rule submitted by the Department of Agriculture relating to "Importation of Fresh Beef From Paraguay"; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Ms. BUSH:

H. Con. Res. 92. Concurrent resolution honoring the Mary Meachum Freedom Crossing; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. ALLEN:

H. Res. 1022. A resolution expressing support for the designation of the month of March 2024 as "National March into Literacy Month"; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Ms. CRAIG:

H. Res. 1023. A resolution requiring Members of the House of Representatives to serve one shift in a passenger seat of a law enforcement vehicle observing the work day of a local law enforcement officer once during each term as a Member of the House, and for other purposes; to the Committee on House Administration.

By Mrs. KIM of California (for herself, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Mrs. LESKO, Ms. LEE of Nevada, and Ms. GARCIA of Texas):

H. Res. 1024. A resolution recognizing World Thinking Day as an annual celebration where members of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS), including members of Girl Scouts of the USA (GSUSA), champion international friendship and take the opportunity to speak out about issues that affect girls and young women across the globe; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. TONKO (for himself, Mr. BILIRAKIS, and Mr. NORMAN):

H. Res. 1025. A resolution expressing support for the designation of April 5, 2024, as "Barth Syndrome Awareness Day"; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

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 Mr. WESTERMAN:

H.R. 7408.

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

Article I of the U.S. Constitution

The single subject of this legislation is:

To recover species currently listed as threatened or endangered under the Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.) or under state law and to prevent the need to list species under the Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.) or under state law.

By Mrs. KIM of California:

H.R. 7409.

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

Article I, Section 8.

The single subject of this legislation is:

To amend the Geothermal Steam Act of 1970 to waive the requirement for a Federal drilling permit for certain activities, to exempt certain activities from the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, and for other purposes.

By Mr. CAREY:

H.R. 7410.

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

Article I Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is:

To amend part A of title IV of the Social Security Act to establish deadlines for the obligation and expenditure of funds and allow States to establish rainy day funds under the program of block grants to States for temporary assistance for needy families.

By Mr. CHAVEZ-DEREMÉR:

H.R. 7411.

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

Article I, Section VIII

The single subject of this legislation is:

To amend the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020 to improve reviews of characterizations of discharges of members of the Armed Forces on the basis of sexual orientation.

By Ms. CROCKETT:

H.R. 7412.

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

Article I Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is:

Housing

By Mr. D'ESPOSITO:

H.R. 7413.

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

Article I Section 8 of the United States Constitution

The single subject of this legislation is:

To amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to direct the Election Assistance Commission to conduct ongoing studies of State programs for recruiting poll workers and providing poll workers with safety training in order to identify voluntary considerations for carrying out such programs, and for other purposes.

By Mr. TONY GONZALES of Texas:

H.R. 7414.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clauses 1 and 18 of the United States Constitution.

The single subject of this legislation is:

To require the development of a national strategy to secure schools against terrorism nationwide, and ensure domestic preparedness for and the response to terrorism, and for other purposes.

By Mr. TONY GONZALES of Texas:

H.R. 7415.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clauses 1 and 18

The single subject of this legislation is:

To reauthorize the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program, and for other purposes.

By Mrs. HAYES:

H.R. 7416.

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

"Article I, Section 8, Clause 18, "To make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers, and all other Powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United States, or in any Department or Officer thereof."

The single subject of this legislation is:

To address food and housing insecurity on college campuses.

By Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania:

H.R. 7417.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 7 of the United States Constitution: "Congress shall have the power . . . to establish post offices and post roads."

The single subject of this legislation is:

Redesignates the Titusville, Pennsylvania Post Office.

By Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania:

H.R. 7418.

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

The Congress enacts this bill pursuant to Article I Section 8 of the United States Constitution.

The single subject of this legislation is:

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude from gross income certain compensation to clinical trial participants.

By Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia:

H.R. 7419.

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

Article I, Sect. 8

The single subject of this legislation is:

To require the Department of Defense to commission a report on the quality of OCONUS base housing

By Mr. MEEKS:

H.R. 7420.

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

Article 1

The single subject of this legislation is:

To establish or modify requirements relating to minoritydepository institutions, community development financial institutions, and impact banks, and for other purposes.

By Ms. NORTON:

H.R. 7421.

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

clause 18 of section 8 of article I of the Constitution.

The single subject of this legislation is:

to include the District of Columbia for eligibility for funding under the McIntire-Stennis Act.

By Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ:

H.R. 7422.

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

Article I, Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is:

Geothermal energy.

By Mr. SCALISE:

H.R. 7423.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 7 of the United States Constitution.

The single subject of this legislation is:

This legislation names a United States post office.

By Mr. SCHIFF:

H.R. 7424.

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

Article I, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution

The single subject of this legislation is:

Energy

By Mr. SCHWEIKERT:

H.R. 7425.

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

Sixteenth Amendment provides Congress with the power to "lay and collect taxes on incomes."

The single subject of this legislation is:

To provide taxpayers with a tax deduction for certain newborn expenses.

By Mr. SMITH of Nebraska:

H.R. 7426.

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

Clause 1 of Section 8 of Article 1 of the Constitution

The single subject of this legislation is:

To direct federal funding from the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program to America's neediest families.

By Mr. SMITH of New Jersey:

H.R. 7427.

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

Article I, Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is:

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families

By Mr. STEIL:

H.R. 7428.

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

Article I, Section 8 of the United States Constitution: "To regulate commerce with foreign nations, and among the several states, and with the Indian tribes . . ."

The single subject of this legislation is:

Defining and clarifying the regulatory treatment for earned wage access services.

By Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia:

H.R. 7429.

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

This bill is enacted pursuant to the power granted to Congress under Article I, Section 8, Clause 18 of the United States Constitution.

The single subject of this legislation is:

To permit the construction of certain noise barriers with funds from the Highway Trust Fund.

By Mr. ZINKE:

H.R. 7430.

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

Article IV Section 3 Clause 2

The single subject of this legislation is:

The single subject of this bill is to increase Congressional scrutiny over Federal land transfers and disposals.

By Mr. JACKSON of Texas:

H.J. Res. 115.

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

Article I, Section 8 of the United States Constitution

The single subject of this legislation is:

To disapprove the rule submitted by the Department of Agriculture relating to "Importation of Fresh Beef From Paraguay"

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

Under clause 7 of rule XII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions, as follows: