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## House of Representatives

The House met at 10:30 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Ms. Foxx).

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,

August 18, 2023.

I hereby appoint the Honorable VIRGINIA FOXX to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

KEVIN MCCARTHY,

*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

### PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

How good and pleasant it is when people live together in unity. Remind us again, O God, of this divine vision which has given the psalmist such joy.

Call to our minds the most wonderful moments in our lives: When we are overwhelmed with the abundance of Your sacred presence; when we are confident in the work You have given us to do, and the ability You have granted us with which to do it; when we are surrounded by dear friends on the occasion of life-changing events.

Bring to our memories the countless times You have blessed us when we have most needed Your blessing: With rain in times of drought; with shade from scorching heat; comfort in our sorrow; refreshment from the tedium of our labor.

Then, having reminded us of all these things, reveal to us that all these joys, these many blessings, no matter how wonderful, are nothing compared to the pleasure to be found in the harmony of those who live together in unity.

May we cherish and embody that joy this day. In Your merciful and gracious 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.

### 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 22, 2023.

Thereupon (at 10 o'clock and 32 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Tuesday, August 22, 2023, 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-1662. A letter from the Chief Innovation Officer, Rural Development Innovation Center, Rural Utilities Service-Electric Program, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's notice — Notice of Funding Opportunity for the Empowering Rural America (New ERA) Program [Docket #: RUS-23-ELECTRIC-0005] received May 18, 2023, 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-1663. A letter from the Chief Innovation Officer, Rural Development Innovation Center, Rural Utilities Service-Electric Pro-

gram, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's notice — Notice of Funding Opportunity for the Powering Affordable Clean Energy (PACE) Program [Docket #: RUS-23-ELECTRIC-0003] received May 18, 2023, 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-1664. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel, Division of Regulatory Services, Office of General Counsel, Department of Education, transmitting the Department's final regulations — Department of Education Acquisition Regulation [Docket ID: ED-2023-OFO-0002] (RIN: 1890-AA20) received August 16, 2023, 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-1665. A letter from the Director, Office of Labor-Management Standards, Department of Labor, transmitting the Department's form revision — Revision of the Form LM-10 Employer Report (RIN: 1245-AA13) received August 10, 2023, 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-1666. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Flg22-Bt Peptide; Exemption From the Requirement of a Tolerance [EPA-HQ-OPP-2021-0226; FRL-11264-01-OCSP] received August 8, 2023, 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-1667. A letter from the Attorney for Regulatory Affairs Division, Office of the General Counsel, Consumer Product Safety Commission, transmitting the Commission's Major final rule — Safety Standard for Adult Portable Bed Rails [CPSC Docket No.: CPSC-2013-0022], 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-1668. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Air Plan Approval; WA; Smoke Management Plan Update [EPA-R10-OAR-2022-0731, FRL-10545-02-R10] received August 1, 2023, 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.

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EC-1669. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Air Plan Approval; Texas; Oil and Natural Gas Reasonably Available Control Technology in the Dallas-Fort Worth and Houston-Galveston-Brazoria Ozone Nonattainment Areas [EPA-R06-OAR-2021-0525; FRL-10583-02-R6] received August 1, 2023, 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-1670. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Air Plan Approval; Florida; Revision of Excess Emissions Provisions and Emission Standards; Amendments to Stationary Sources-Emission Standards [EPA-R04-OAR-2022-0892; EPA-R04-OAR-2022-0851; FRL-10928-02-R4] received August 1, 2023, 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-1671. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Air Plan Approval; North Carolina; Bulk Gasoline Plants, Terminals Vapor Recovery Systems [EPA-R04-OAR-2021-0406; FRL-10991-02-R4] received August 1, 2023, 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-1672. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Air Plan Approval; Georgia; Miscellaneous Rule Revisions to Gasoline Dispensing Facility — Stage I [EPA-R04-OAR-2022-0457; FRL-11008-02-R4] received August 1, 2023, 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-1673. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Air Plan Approval; TN; 2010 1-Hour SO<sub>2</sub> NAAQS Transport Infrastructure [EPA-R04-OAR-2019-0535; FRL-11020-02-R4] received August 1, 2023, 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-1674. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Imazapic; Pesticide Tolerances [EPA-HQ-OPP-2022-0576; FRL-11129-01-OCSP] received August 1, 2023, 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-1675. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — (2S)-5-Oxopyrrolidine-2-carboxylic Acid (L-PCA); Exemption From the Requirement of a Tolerance [EPA-HQ-OPP-2018-0158; FRL-11022-01-OCSP] received August 8, 2023, 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-1676. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Air Plan Approval; Pennsylvania; Revisions to Plan Approval and Operating Permit Fees Rule and Title V Operating Permit Program [EPA-R03-OAR-2022-0166; FRL-10673-02-R3] received August 8, 2023, 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-1677. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Envi-

ronmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Second 10-Year Maintenance Plan for the Coso Junction PM-10 Planning Area; California; Correcting Amendment [EPA-R09-OAR-2022-0972; FRL-10529-03-R9] received August 8, 2023, 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-1678. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Air Plan Approval; AK; Revisions to Ice Fog and Sulfur Dioxide Regulations [EPA-R10-OAR-2022-0893, FRL-10419-02-R10] received August 8, 2023, 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-1679. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — New Source Performance Standards Review for Steel Plants: Electric Arc Furnaces Constructed After 10/21/74 and On or Before 8/17/83; Standards of Performance for Steel Plants: Electric Arc Furnaces & Argon-Oxygen Decarburization Constructed After 8/17/83 And On or Before May 16, 2022; Standards of Performance for Steel Plants: Electric Arc Furnaces & Argon-Oxygen Decarburization Vessels Constructed After May 16, 2022 16, 2022, 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-1680. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting direction under section 506(a)(3) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to provide military assistance to Taiwan; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-1681. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a Memorandum of Justification for the drawdown of defense articles and services and military education and training to provide assistance to Taiwan; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-1682. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a Determination Under Section 506(a)(1) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to Provide Military Assistance to Ukraine; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-1683. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a Memorandum of Justification for the drawdown of defense articles and services and military education and training under section 506(a)(1) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to provide immediate military assistance to Ukraine; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-1684. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Department Notification Number: RSAT case 22-8601, a certification of a proposed transfer of major defense equipment, pursuant to section 3(d) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-1685. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Department Notification Number: RSAT case 23-9637, a certification of a proposed transfer of major defense equipment, pursuant to section 3(d) of the Arms Export Control Act, 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-1686. A letter from the Sanctions Regu-

lations Advisor, Office of Foreign Assets Control, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's final rule — Mali Sanctions Regulations received August 7, 2023, 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-1687. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 25-179, "Green Housing Transition Temporary Amendment Act of 2023", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

EC-1688. A letter from the Agency Representative, United States Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Department's final rule — International Trademark Classification Changes [Docket No.: PTO-T-2023-0032] (RIN: 0651-AD70) received August 10, 2023, 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-1689. A letter from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's Major final rule — Medicare Program; FY 2024 Inpatient Psychiatric Facilities Prospective Payment System-Rate Update [CMS-1783-F] (RIN: 0938-AV06) received August 10, 2023, 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.

EC-1690. A letter from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's Major final rule — Medicare Program; Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility Prospective Payment System for Federal Fiscal Year 2024 and Updates to the IRF Quality Reporting Program [CMS-1781-F] (RIN: 0938-AV04) received August 10, 2023, 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.

EC-1691. A letter from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's Major final rule — Medicare Program; Hospital Inpatient Prospective Payment Systems for Acute Care Hospitals and the Long-Term Care Hospital Prospective Payment System and Policy Changes and Fiscal Year 2024 Rates; Quality Programs and Medicare Promoting Interoperability Program Requirements for Eligible Hospitals and Critical Access Hospitals; Rural Emergency Hospital and Physician-Owned Hospital Requirements; and Provider and Supplier Disclosure of Ownership; and Medicare Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH) Payments: Counting Certain Days Associated with Section 1115 Demonstrations in the Medicaid Fraction [CMS-1785-F and CMS-1788-F] (RIN: 0938-AV08 and 0938-AV17) received August 16, 2023, 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.

EC-1692. A letter from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's Major final rule — Medicare Program; FY 2024 Hospice Wage Index and Payment Rate Update, Hospice Conditions of Participation Updates, Hospice Quality Reporting Program Requirements, and Hospice Certifying Physician Provider Enrollment Requirements [CMS-1787-F] (RIN: 0938-AV10) received August 10, 2023, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); jointly to the Committees on Ways and Means and Energy and Commerce.

## 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. Turner: Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence. H.R. 3932. A bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2024 for intelligence and intelligence related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 118-162). 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. GREEN of Texas:

H.R. 5223. A bill to mandate certain hours for in person branch offices of depository institutions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. BEAN of Florida (for himself and Mr. COURTNEY):

H.R. 5224. A bill to reauthorize the Missing Children's Assistance Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. ARRINGTON (for himself, Mr. BOYLE of Pennsylvania, Mr. LAHOOD, and Mr. DAVIS of Illinois):

H.R. 5225. A bill to amend section 199A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow the deduction under that section to apply to qualified BDC interest dividends in the same manner as qualified REIT dividends; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. BACON:

H.R. 5226. A bill to direct the Secretary of Defense to enter into an agreement with a university affiliated research center to conduct research and analysis on multipolar deterrence and escalation dynamics; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. BACON:

H.R. 5227. A bill to prohibit the Department of Defense from acquiring computers or printers manufactured by or from entities controlled by the government of the People's Republic of China, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. BACON:

H.R. 5228. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Air Force to develop a plan for the recapitalization of fighter squadrons of the Air National Guard and the Air Force Reserve and to limit modifications to the flying missions of such squadrons until such plan is complete; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. BACON:

H.R. 5229. A bill to direct the Secretary of Defense to conduct a study, and submit to Congress a report, on the defense of Department of Defense facilities and forces in the European and Indo-Pacific regions from missile and air attack; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. BACON:

H.R. 5230. A bill to direct the Secretary of Defense to carry out a pilot program under which the Secretary enters into a contract for the calculation, using industry standard machine learning and artificial intelligence algorithms, the monthly rates of basic allowance for housing for certain military housing areas, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. BACON:

H.R. 5231. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Air Force to develop a force design for the Air Force and Space Force; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. BACON:

H.R. 5232. A bill to direct the Secretary of Defense to develop a plan to equip and train Iraqi security forces and Kurdish Peshmerga forces, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, 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. CARTER of Georgia (for himself, Mrs. CHAVEZ-DEREMER, Ms. LEE of Nevada, Mr. MILLER of Ohio, Mr. MILLS, Mr. MOULTON, Mr. NUNN of Iowa, Ms. SALAZAR, Mr. SCHIFF, Ms. TITUS, and Mr. WEBSTER of Florida):

H.R. 5233. A bill to amend the Passport Act of June 4, 1920, to make certain improvements with respect to expenditure and other authorities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. CLEAVER (for himself, Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia, and Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia):

H.R. 5234. A bill to amend the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act to permit certain non-designated clearinghouses access to a deposit account at a Federal reserve bank, to apply certain risk management standards to non-designated clearinghouses receiving certain services from a Federal reserve bank, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Ms. CROCKETT (for herself and Mr. MILLER of Ohio):

H.R. 5235. A bill to expressly include sustainable aviation fuels in the Farm Bill, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, and in addition to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, 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. DAVIS of North Carolina (for himself and Ms. ADAMS):

H.R. 5236. A bill to extend the full measure of the Federal government-to-government relationship between the United States and the Haliwa Saponi Tribe of North Carolina; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. FRY (for himself, Mr. GALLEGO, Mr. LAMBORN, and Mr. SANTOS):

H.R. 5237. A bill to require the Comptroller General of the United States to submit a report on the effects of the fentanyl crisis, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. GOTTHEIMER (for himself and Mr. LAWLER):

H.R. 5238. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for youth sports, to establish a grant program for recreational youth sports, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on Education and the Workforce, 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 Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana (for himself, Mr. DUNN of Florida, Mrs. LUNA, Mr. C. SCOTT FRANKLIN of Florida, and Mr. WEBSTER of Florida):

H.R. 5239. A bill to prohibit the issuance of an interim or final rule that establishes a vessel slowdown zone in the Gulf of Mexico until the Secretary of Commerce completes a study demonstrating that proposed mitigation efforts would have no negative impact

on supply chains, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. LIEU (for himself, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. RASKIN, and Mrs. HAYES):

H.R. 5240. A bill to limit the extent to which certain Federal law enforcement agencies may be permitted to conduct law enforcement functions in a jurisdiction without the approval of such jurisdiction, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, and Transportation and Infrastructure, 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. MURPHY (for himself, Mr. MCHENRY, Ms. FOXX, Mr. HUDSON, Mr. ROUZER, Mr. BISHOP of North Carolina, and Mr. EDWARDS):

H.R. 5241. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide that governmental pension plans may include certain firefighters, emergency medical technicians, and paramedics, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, 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. PETTERSEN (for herself and Mr. CISCOMAN):

H.R. 5242. A bill to amend the Rural Electrification Act of 1936 to reform broadband permitting, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, 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. SANTOS:

H.R. 5243. A bill to rescind certain amounts appropriated for Internal Revenue Service enforcement and COVID-19 relief and authorize such amounts to be redirected to water-related projects, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on Appropriations, Energy and Commerce, Transportation and Infrastructure, and 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 Mrs. TRAHAN (for herself, Mr. BEYER, Mr. FLEISCHMANN, and Mr. OBERNOLTE):

H.R. 5244. A bill to amend the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 to include fusion energy machines, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. GREEN of Texas:

H. Con. Res. 62. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that Congress, as well as people throughout the Nation, should hold an annual commemorative event on or near August 20th to revere, honor, and remember the victims of slavery in the United States as well as to prevent slavery from ever happening again; to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

By Mr. GREEN of Texas:

H. Res. 654. A resolution calling on the Senate to remove the name of Richard B. Russell from the Russell Senate Office Building; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. GREEN of Texas:

H. Res. 655. A resolution recognizing the historical contributions and value of Houston's 7 major Black publications; to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

By Mr. GREEN of Texas:

H. Res. 656. A resolution honoring John Brown's relentless endeavors in his pursuit of liberty for all human beings, his unyielding opposition to the institution of slavery, and his significant role in the abolition of this monstrous crime against humanity; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. GREEN of Texas:

H. Res. 657. A resolution declaring unconditional war on racism and invidious discrimination and providing for the establishment of a Cabinet-level Department of Reconciliation charged with eliminating racism and invidious discrimination; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. GAETZ:

H. Res. 658. A resolution censuring and condemning United States District Court Judge Tanya Chutkan; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Rules, 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.

## MEMORIALS

Under clause 3 of rule XII, memorials were presented and referred as follows:

ML-44. The SPEAKER presented a memorial of the Senate of the State of Florida, relative to Senate Memorial No. 1036, urging the United States Congress to impel the United States National Guard Bureau to examine the resource allocations of the Florida National Guard and allow an increase in its force structure; to the Committee on Armed Services.

ML-45. Also, a memorial of the Senate of the State of Florida, relative to Senate Memorial No. 1382, urging Congress to use its authorization and appropriation authorities to prohibit the use of such "woke" social engineering and experimentation practices, which are eroding military effectiveness, and to mandate a return to a merit-based system for military force development and composition; to the Committee on Armed Services.

ML-46. Also, a memorial of the Senate of the State of Florida, relative to Senate Memorial No. 848, urging the Congress to stand in support of the fight for freedom of the people of Iran; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

ML-47. Also, a memorial of the Senate of the State of Florida, relative to Senate Memorial No. 176, urging members of Congress to take immediate action to address the current national debt and balance the federal budget; jointly to the Committees on Ways and Means and the Budget.

ML-48. Also, a memorial of the Senate of the State of Hawaii, relative to Senate Resolution No. 112, encouraging the facilitation of a path to citizenship for immigrants from parties to the compact of free association; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ML-49. Also, a memorial of the House of Representatives of the State of Oklahoma, relative to House Joint Resolution No. 1032, relating to an application to Congress, a provided by Article V of the Constitution of the United States of America, to call a convention limited to proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America to set a limit on the number of terms that a person may be elected as a Member of the United States House of Representatives and to set a limit on the number of terms that a person may be elected as a Member of the United States Senate; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ML-50. Also, a memorial of the Senate of the State of Hawaii, relative to Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 179, urging the Con-

gress to begin a discussion considering the benefits and risks of artificial intelligence technologies; to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

ML-51. Also, a memorial of the Senate of the State of Hawaii, relative to Senate Resolution No. 123, urging the Congress to begin a discussion considering the benefits and risks of artificial intelligence technologies; to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

ML-52. Also, a memorial of the Senate of the State of Florida, relative to Senate Memorial No. 160, urging the United States Secretary of State to redesignate the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) as a Foreign Terrorist Organization pursuant to section 219 of the Immigration and Nationality Act, as amended; jointly to the Committees on the Judiciary and Foreign Affairs.

## 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. GREEN of Texas:

H.R. 5223.

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

Necessary and Proper Clause (Art. 1, Sec. 8, Cl. 18).

The single subject of this legislation is:

To mandate certain hours for in person branch offices of depository institutions, and for other purposes.

By Mr. BEAN of Florida:

H.R. 5224.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 18

The single subject of this legislation is:

reauthorizes funding for the Missing Children's Assistance Act through Fiscal Year 2028

By Mr. ARRINGTON:

H.R. 5225.

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

Article I, Section of the U.S. Constitution under the General Welfare Clause.

The single subject of this legislation is:

This bill allows a tax deduction for qualified business development company interest dividends on the same basis as qualified real estate investment trust (REIT) dividends.

By Mr. BACON:

H.R. 5226.

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

The constitutional authority of which this bill rests is the power of Congress to make rules for the government and regulation of the land and naval forces, as enumerated in Article I, Section 8, Clause 14 of the United States Constitution

The single subject of this legislation is:

To direct the Secretary of Defense to enter into an agreement with a university affiliated research center to conduct research and analysis on multipolar deterrence and escalation dynamics.

By Mr. BACON:

H.R. 5227.

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

The constitutional authority of which this bill rests is the power of Congress to make rules for the government and regulation of

the land and naval forces, as enumerated in Article I, Section 8, Clause 14 of the United States Constitution

The single subject of this legislation is:

To prohibit the Department of Defense from acquiring computers or printers manufactured by or from entities controlled by the government of the People's Republic of China, and for other purposes.

By Mr. BACON:

H.R. 5228.

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

The constitutional authority of which this bill rests is the power of Congress to make rules for the government and regulation of the land and naval forces, as enumerated in Article I, Section 8, Clause 14 of the United States Constitution

The single subject of this legislation is:

To direct the Secretary of the Air Force to develop a plan for the recapitalization of fighter squadrons of the Air National Guard and the Air Force Reserve and to limit modifications to the flying missions of such squadrons until such plan is complete.

By Mr. BACON:

H.R. 5229.

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

The constitutional authority of which this bill rests is the power of Congress to make rules for the government and regulation of the land and naval forces, as enumerated in Article I, Section 8, Clause 14 of the United States Constitution

The single subject of this legislation is:

To direct the Secretary of Defense to conduct a study, and submit to Congress a report, on the defense of Department of Defense facilities and forces in the European and Indo-Pacific regions from missile and air attack.

By Mr. BACON:

H.R. 5230.

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

The constitutional authority of which this bill rests is the power of Congress to make rules for the government and regulation of the land and naval forces, as enumerated in Article I, Section 8, Clause 14 of the United States Constitution

The single subject of this legislation is:

To direct the Secretary of Defense to carry out a pilot program under which the Secretary enters into a contract for the calculation, using industry standard machine learning and artificial intelligence algorithms, the monthly rates of basic allowance for housing for certain military housing areas, and for other purposes.

By Mr. BACON:

H.R. 5231.

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

The constitutional authority of which this bill rests is the power of Congress to make rules for the government and regulation of the land and naval forces, as enumerated in Article I, Section 8, Clause 14 of the United States Constitution

The single subject of this legislation is:

To direct the Secretary of the Air Force to develop a force design for the Air Force and Space Force.

By Mr. BACON:

H.R. 5232.

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

The constitutional authority of which this bill rests is the power of Congress to make rules for the government and regulation of the land and naval forces, as enumerated in Article I, Section 8, Clause 14 of the United States Constitution

The single subject of this legislation is:

To direct the Secretary of Defense to develop a plan to equip and train Iraqi security forces and Kurdish Peshmerga forces, and for other purposes.

By Mr. CARTER of Georgia:

H.R. 5233.

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

The Congress enacts this bill pursuant to Clause 1 of Section 8 of Article I of the United States Constitution and Amendment XVI of the United States Constitution

The single subject of this legislation is:

To amend the Passport Act of June 4, 1920, to make certain improvements with respect to expenditure and other authorities, and for other purposes.

By Mr. CLEAVER:

H.R. 5234.

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 Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act to permit certain non-designated clearinghouses access to a deposit account at a Federal reserve bank, to apply certain risk management standards to non-designated clearinghouses receiving certain services from a Federal reserve bank, and for other purposes.

By Ms. CROCKETT:

H.R. 5235.

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

Article I Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is:

Incentivizing the production of sustainable aviation fuel

By Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina:

H.R. 5236.

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

Article 1, Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is:

Native Americans

By Mr. FRY:

H.R. 5237.

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

Article 1, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution

The single subject of this legislation is:

Fentanyl crisis

By Mr. GOTTHEIMER:

H.R. 5238.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 18: To make all laws that shall be necessary and proper for carrying into execution the foregoing powers, and all 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:

Tax

By Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana:

H.R. 5239.

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

Article I, Section 8, clause 3 of the United States Constitution provides Congress the power to make laws to regulate interstate commerce.

The single subject of this legislation is:

To prohibit the issuance of an interim or final rule that establishes a vessel slowdown zone in the Gulf of Mexico until the Secretary of Commerce completes a study demonstrating that proposed mitigation efforts would have no negative impact on supply chains, and for other purposes.

By Mr. LIEU:

H.R. 5240.

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

U.S. Const., Art. 1, Sec. 8

The single subject of this legislation is:

Civil liberties

By Mr. MURPHY:

H.R. 5241.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 3

The single subject of this legislation is:

Firefighter Pensions

By Ms. PETTERSEN:

H.R. 5242.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 18

The single subject of this legislation is:

The CONNECT Act would reform the Re-Connect Program's application process.

By Mr. SANTOS:

H.R. 5243.

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

US Constitution, Article 1 Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is:

To rescind certain amounts appropriated for Internal Revenue Service enforcement and COVID-19 relief and authorize such amounts to be redirected to water-related projects, and for other purposes.

By Mrs. TRAHAN:

H.R. 5244.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 18

The single subject of this legislation is:

Fusion Energy

#### ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

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

H.R. 11: Mr. COSTA, Mr. VICENTE GONZALEZ of Texas, Mr. HARDER of California, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ, Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia, Ms. SPANBERGER, Ms. STRICKLAND, Mr. VARGAS, and Ms. WATERS.

H.R. 130: Mr. HUDSON.

H.R. 309: Mr. DOGGETT.

H.R. 427: Mr. ISSA and Ms. HAGEMAN.

H.R. 480: Mr. LAWLER.

H.R. 496: Mr. EZELL and Mrs. HOUCHIN.

H.R. 537: Ms. CHU.

H.R. 542: Mrs. RAMIREZ, Mr. STANTON, and Mr. MIKE GARCIA of California.

H.R. 544: Ms. PINGREE.

H.R. 594: Ms. LOIS FRANKEL of Florida and Mr. LAWLER.

H.R. 595: Ms. LOIS FRANKEL of Florida.

H.R. 625: Mr. MENENDEZ.

H.R. 737: Ms. CLARKE of New York.

H.R. 805: Ms. LOFGREN.

H.R. 807: Mr. MILLS.

H.R. 830: Mr. KILDEE.

H.R. 880: Mr. LAWLER.

H.R. 895: Mr. D'ESPOSITO, Ms. LEE of Florida, and Mr. SMITH of New Jersey.

H.R. 953: Mrs. RAMIREZ and Mrs. HAYES.

H.R. 986: Mr. FITZPATRICK.

H.R. 1050: Mr. FITZPATRICK.

H.R. 1074: Mr. SELF and Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania.

H.R. 1097: Mr. FITZPATRICK.

H.R. 1101: Mr. NEHLS.

H.R. 1121: Mr. CLINE.

H.R. 1135: Mr. MOULTON.

H.R. 1167: Ms. TLAIB.

H.R. 1191: Mr. NADLER, Ms. WILSON of Florida, and Ms. ROSS.

H.R. 1194: Mr. FITZPATRICK.

H.R. 1195: Mr. FITZPATRICK.

H.R. 1206: Mr. GOODEN of Texas.

H.R. 1250: Ms. CARAVEO.

H.R. 1259: Ms. BROWNLEY, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. EVANS, Mr. BLUMENAUER, and Mr. GOMEZ.

H.R. 1271: Mr. GREEN of Tennessee.

H.R. 1278: Ms. SALINAS and Ms. JACOBS.

H.R. 1322: Mr. EVANS.

H.R. 1370: Mr. FITZPATRICK.

H.R. 1371: Mr. FITZPATRICK.

H.R. 1406: Mr. KIM of New Jersey.

H.R. 1437: Ms. MACE.

H.R. 1458: Mr. MOULTON and Mr. SWALWELL.

H.R. 1488: Ms. WATERS, Mrs. HAYES, and Ms. BUDZINSKI.

H.R. 1511: Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia.

H.R. 1522: Mr. FITZPATRICK.

H.R. 1589: Ms. MCCOLLUM.

H.R. 1697: Mr. FITZPATRICK.

H.R. 1705: Ms. BALINT and Ms. CLARKE of New York.

H.R. 1719: Mr. MIKE GARCIA of California.

H.R. 1794: Mr. GOTTHEIMER.

H.R. 1814: Mr. RYAN and Mr. RUPPERS-BERGER.

H.R. 1831: Mr. PANETTA and Mr. GALLEGO.

H.R. 2370: Ms. BROWNLEY.

H.R. 2385: Mr. FITZPATRICK.

H.R. 2403: Mr. CARBAJAL, Ms. SCHOLTEN, and Ms. ESHOO.

H.R. 2407: Mr. CLOUD and Ms. STRICKLAND.

H.R. 2414: Mr. KIM of New Jersey.

H.R. 2534: Mr. ALLRED.

H.R. 2546: Mr. FITZPATRICK.

H.R. 2559: Ms. TOKUDA.

H.R. 2621: Mr. FITZPATRICK.

H.R. 2663: Mr. PAPPAS and Mr. QUIGLEY.

H.R. 2726: Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana.

H.R. 2757: Mr. MOULTON.

H.R. 2761: Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina.

H.R. 2768: Ms. TENNEY.

H.R. 2814: Mr. POSEY and Mr. GROTHMAN.

H.R. 2829: Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina.

H.R. 2855: Mr. FITZPATRICK.

H.R. 2860: Mr. BRECHEEN.

H.R. 2871: Ms. SCHOLTEN and Ms. ROSS.

H.R. 2980: Mr. FITZPATRICK.

H.R. 2986: Mr. GOSAR and Mr. STAUBER.

H.R. 2988: Ms. TENNEY.

H.R. 2992: Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania.

H.R. 3005: Mr. CASE.

H.R. 3036: Ms. CARAVEO and Ms. SLOTKIN.

H.R. 3074: Ms. DEGETTE.

H.R. 3107: Mr. LAWLER.

H.R. 3152: Mr. GOMEZ, Ms. SCHRIER, Mr. BEAN of Florida, Ms. LEE of Florida, Mr. SMUCKER, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. CASE, and Mr. D'ESPOSITO.

H.R. 3179: Mr. CAREY and Mr. FITZPATRICK.

H.R. 3183: Ms. SLOTKIN.

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H.R. 3238: Ms. TLAIB, Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas, Ms. MCCLELLAN, and Mr. DUARTE.

H.R. 3266: Mr. COSTA.

H.R. 3333: Ms. PEREZ.

H.R. 3364: Ms. SCHOLTEN.

H.R. 3382: Mrs. MCBATH.

H.R. 3409: Mr. SHERMAN.

H.R. 3417: Mr. BAIRD.

H.R. 3475: Ms. BARRAGÁN, Mr. DOGGETT, Mr. MOULTON, Ms. JAYAPAL, and Mr. POSEY.

H.R. 3507: Mr. MEEKS, Mr. TIMMONS, and Mr. CASTEN.

H.R. 3519: Mrs. DINGELL and Mr. LEVIN.

H.R. 3520: Mr. SELF.

H.R. 3530: Mr. CUELLAR.

H.R. 3541: Mr. FITZPATRICK.

H.R. 3605: Mr. BLUMENAUER and Mr. FITZPATRICK.

H.R. 3608: Ms. PELOSI.

H.R. 3616: Mr. FITZPATRICK.

H.R. 3670: Mr. LAWLER.

H.R. 3774: Mr. PASCRELL, Mr. GRIFFITH, and Mrs. MILLER of West Virginia.

H.R. 3781: Ms. LOFGREN.

H.R. 3809: Mr. FITZPATRICK.

H.R. 3817: Ms. DEGETTE and Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois.

H.R. 3847: Ms. CARAVEO.

H.R. 3855: Mr. DELUZIO.

H.R. 3862: Mr. LAWLER.

H.R. 3867: Mr. IVEY, Mr. PASCRELL, Mr. GARBARINO, and Mr. PALLONE.

H.R. 3871: Mr. FITZPATRICK.

H.R. 3879: Mr. BACON.

H.R. 3968: Mrs. HARSHBARGER.

H.R. 3978: Mr. SCHIFF.

- H.R. 3982: Mr. LAWLER and Mr. GRIFFITH.  
H.R. 3989: Mr. TONKO.  
H.R. 4018: Mr. FITZPATRICK.  
H.R. 4035: Mr. BACON.  
H.R. 4037: Ms. CLARKE of New York.  
H.R. 4040: Mr. LAWLER.  
H.R. 4060: Mr. RUIZ, Ms. TOKUDA, Mrs. CHERFILUS-McCORMICK, Mr. MAGAZINER, and Ms. KUSTER.  
H.R. 4081: Mr. FITZPATRICK.  
H.R. 4110: Mr. BLUMENAUER.  
H.R. 4127: Mr. FITZPATRICK.  
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H.R. 4198: Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas.  
H.R. 4261: Ms. BROWNLEY and Mrs. CHERFILUS-McCORMICK.  
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H.R. 4285: Mr. CASAR.  
H.R. 4310: Mr. NEGUSE and Mr. SOTO.  
H.R. 4315: Mr. RUPPERSBERGER.  
H.R. 4323: Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia.  
H.R. 4327: Mr. FITZPATRICK and Mr. LAWLER.  
H.R. 4328: Mr. ALLRED.  
H.R. 4344: Mr. NUNN of Iowa.  
H.R. 4389: Ms. LEE of Nevada.  
H.R. 4483: Ms. CARAVEO.  
H.R. 4531: Mr. BACON, Ms. LEE of Nevada, Mr. WALBERG, Mr. KILEY, and Mr. FINSTAD.
- H.R. 4572: Mr. COHEN, Ms. WILD, Mrs. DINGELL, Ms. CASTOR of Florida, and Ms. BARRAGAN.  
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H.R. 4581: Mr. D'ESPOSITO.  
H.R. 4591: Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania and Ms. McCLELLAN.  
H.R. 4598: Mr. CARSON.  
H.R. 4643: Mr. GALLEGRO and Mr. CISCOMANI.  
H.R. 4696: Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina.  
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H.R. 4739: Mr. BISHOP of Georgia.  
H.R. 4750: Mr. DOGGETT.  
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H.R. 4845: Mr. SCHIFF.  
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H.R. 4872: Mr. CARL.  
H.R. 4907: Mr. KHANNA and Ms. CHU.  
H.R. 4920: Ms. STANSBURY.  
H.R. 4965: Mr. MAGAZINER.  
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H.R. 5003: Ms. LEE of California, Ms. TOKUDA, Mr. CASE, Ms. SCHRIER, Mr. NEGUSE, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. IVEY, and Ms. CASTOR of Florida.  
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H.R. 5018: Mr. RUTHERFORD.  
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H.R. 5053: Mr. SMUCKER.
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H.R. 5086: Ms. BROWNLEY.  
H.R. 5110: Mr. BERGMAN, Mr. MILLS, Mr. ROSENDALE, Mr. WESTERMAN, Mr. FINSTAD, and Mr. BRECHEEN.  
H.R. 5141: Ms. CHU, Mr. RASKIN, Mr. BOWMAN, and Mrs. HAYES.  
H.R. 5175: Mr. TONKO.  
H.R. 5194: Mr. BIGGS and Mr. DUNCAN.  
H.R. 5196: Mr. MCGOVERN.  
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H. Con. Res. 61: Mr. PANETTA and Mr. CARSON.  
H. Res. 86: Mr. TRONE and Mr. MOULTON.  
H. Res. 147: Mr. GOTTHEIMER.  
H. Res. 348: Mr. MENENDEZ.  
H. Res. 357: Mr. SARBANES.  
H. Res. 381: Mr. GREEN of Texas.  
H. Res. 471: Ms. CLARKE of New York.  
H. Res. 559: Mr. MILLS and Mr. D'ESPOSITO.  
H. Res. 561: Mrs. RAMIREZ.  
H. Res. 627: Mr. GOSAR, Mr. McCORMICK, Mr. HUNT, Mr. GREEN of Tennessee, Mr. GOOD of Virginia, and Mr. FINSTAD.  
H. Res. 652: Mrs. LUNA.



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The Senate met at 1 and 1 second p.m. and was called to order by the Honorable TIM Kaine, a Senator from the Commonwealth of Virginia.

### APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mrs. MURRAY).

The Assistant Parliamentarian read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,  
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,  
Washington, DC, August 18, 2023.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable TIM Kaine, a Senator from the Commonwealth of Virginia, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATTY MURRAY,  
President pro tempore.

Mr. Kaine thereupon assumed the Chair as Acting President pro tempore.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL TUESDAY,  
AUGUST 22, 2023, AT 2 P.M.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate stands adjourned until 2 p.m. on Tuesday, August 22, 2023.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 1 and 30 seconds p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, August 22, 2023, at 2 p.m.

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# EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING ANDREW RONO

**HON. TOM EMMER**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 18, 2023*

Mr. EMMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Andrew Rono, an Eagle Scout and student at Blaine High School.

Andrew is a shining example of what it means to be a community servant. For years, he has dedicated his time and energy to helping others, especially those in need.

As a member of the "Bengals in Action" Youth Service Club, Andrew volunteers at the North Anoka County Emergency food shelf. There he helps sort and pack food donations and even delivers meals to those who can't easily leave the house.

While volunteering, Andrew and his friend Aaron noticed that food shelf staff members were spending an extraordinary amount of time manually entering food shelf orders into the computer.

Being high school students immersed in technology, Aaron and Andrew sprang into action. They created an application to track the food shelf data more effectively. Their digital application keeps records of past food shelf orders, family members, and dietary restrictions, which customers can reuse each time they come in.

By creating this application, Andrew and Aaron have cut food shelf clients waiting time in half, allowing nutritious food to reach its destination faster than ever.

In recognition of their efforts, Andrew and Aaron were recently presented with the Congressional Award. The award represents the highest Congressional honor available for young Americans.

Andrew and Aaron are true inspirations and examples of what it means to be a community servant. They are bright young men committed to making a difference in the world and I look forward to seeing all they accomplish in the years to come.

REMEMBERING SAUL BELZ

**HON. STEVE COHEN**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 18, 2023*

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember one of my best friend and a trusted advisor, Saul Belz, a civic leader in Memphis and the Mid-South and a fine lawyer. He was a member of the firm Glankler Brown, for more than 22 years but was also a partner at Waring Cox, and a partner and associate at Burch, Porter and Johnson. Saul passed on Wednesday. Whenever I needed help, I knew I'd better call Saul. In his more than 40 years as a lawyer in Memphis, he had a reputation for handling complex litigation and was recognized one of the country's best. A highly re-

spected attorney, he was low key and humble. He advocated for civil rights and economic opportunity for African Americans. He advised me on judicial recommendations for Western District of Tennessee and gave his highest recommendation for Andre Mathis' appointment to the Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit. Saul was a sports fan of all Memphis teams and of Vanderbilt teams, and major fan of music, including all things related to Jim Dickinson. He served as a director of the Tennessee Justice Center, director of the Center for Southern Studies at the University of Mississippi, director of the Memphis Bar Association, chairman of the Memphis Area Legal Services Fundraising Campaign, on the Supreme Court of Tennessee's Advisory Commission on the Rules of Practice and Procedure, and as a director of the Memphis Zoological Society. He received the Pillars of Excellence Award from the University of Memphis Law Alumni Association and he was a Fellow with the American College of Trial Lawyers. Saul graduated from the University of Texas in 1964 and received his law degree from Vanderbilt University in 1967. I extend my deepest condolences to his wife Betsy, and children Jennifer Belz, Heather Belz, Margaret Flanagan, and Hallie Flanagan, his extended family and his many friends. He lived a good life and will be missed.

HONORING SILVIA GUADALUPE GARCIA AND HER ACHIEVEMENTS

**HON. J. LUIS CORREA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 18, 2023*

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the achievements of Silvia Guadalupe Garcia, the woman behind the Garcia family's legacy in the City of Anaheim.

Silvia Guadalupe Garcia emigrated from Guadalupe, Mexico, to Anaheim, California, in 1972, where she worked packing oranges and as a housekeeper in nearby hotels.

It was during this time that she met Frank Garcia, who was working as a cook in the restaurant industry. Silvia and Frank married and raised a son, Frank, Jr., who was born in 1974, and twin daughters, Veronica and Cindy, born in 1979.

In 1985, Silvia and Frank opened La Casa Garcia Restaurant. Initially, they did it all. The couple were the cooks, waiters, cleanup crew, and dishwashers. Due to their hard work and perseverance, the restaurant became a success, leading the family to become well known throughout the community for their excellent food and philanthropic endeavors.

The Garcias, who have been married for fifty years, have continually supported those less fortunate, especially the veteran community. One of their most notable legacies was the creation of "We Give Thanks," a non-profit organization that provides Thanksgiving dinner to some 15,000 people each year in Orange County.

Frank credits his success in life to his "beautiful wife," without whom "I would not be the man I am today." A dedicated, hard-working woman, Silvia has overcome many obstacles in her life, but has also experienced many blessings. Those blessings inspired her to create a legacy of kindness and respect for her Anaheim community and all of Orange County.

Today, Frank and Silvia still work behind the scenes, while their daughters run La Casa Garcia and Frank Jr. operates another successful Orange County restaurant.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring and celebrating the achievements of Silvia Guadalupe Garcia, a woman for whom we should all give thanks for bringing a bounty of joy to our community.

HONORING THE LIFE OF THOMAS CHATMON, JR.

**HON. MAXWELL FROST**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 18, 2023*

Mr. FROST. Mr. Speaker, today I honor the life and contributions of Thomas C. Chatmon, Jr., a ray of light in our Central Florida community.

Thomas Chatmon was a visionary for downtown Orlando, an innovator, a family man, and a champion of downtown Orlando and the people. As executive director of the Downtown Development Board and the Community Redevelopment Agency, he reimagined a thriving downtown that serves people of all ages, races, and lifestyles. Thomas Chatmon nurtured relationships that redefined our community and ensured everyone he interacted with was seen and heard. He profoundly impacted all the lives he touched, whether through his work or kindness.

He leaves behind a legacy of transformative ideas that have become much of the parts of downtown Orlando that we know and love.

I continue to send my deepest condolences to the Chatmon family, as his passing leaves us with a hole in our hearts and community. We are empowered to carry out his legacy and vision by leading with love in all we do. May he rest in power. God bless.

HONORING MARY K. CLARK

**HON. CHUCK EDWARDS**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 18, 2023*

Mr. EDWARDS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mary K. Clark as she celebrated her 102nd birthday on August 9, 2023.

Ms. Clark proudly served our country as a World War II Navy Lieutenant. During the war, she worked on a triage group as an operating room nurse stationed in the Pacific Theater.

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While serving in the Navy she met her loving husband, Edward L. Clark. The couple was married for 65 wonderful years. Ms. Clark now resides in Candler, North Carolina.

It is my honor to recognize her today.

TRIBUTE TO SENATOR JOHN L. SCOTT, JR.

**HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 18, 2023*

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a dedicated servant leader, good friend, and native son of South Carolina. South Carolina State Senator John L. Scott, Jr. transitioned from this life on August 13, 2023, in Charleston, South Carolina. His passionate work to improve access to education and health care will have profound implications for generations to come.

Senator John L. Scott, Jr. was born on October 21, 1953, in Richland County, South Carolina, to the late John L. Scott, Sr. and Gracie W. Scott. Senator Scott graduated from C.A. Johnson High School in Columbia, South Carolina, and attended my alma mater, South Carolina State University, where he graduated in 1975 with a bachelor's degree in accounting. He would go on to found J.L. Scott Realty Company, Inc., in 1981 and serve as owner and President of C&S Consulting Group.

I knew Senator Scott well through his transformational work in the state. From 1988 to 1990, he served as Vice Chair for Richland County Council. He was elected to the South Carolina House of Representatives in 1990, where he served until his election to the South Carolina State Senate in 2009. Throughout his nearly 33 years in elected office, Senator Scott sponsored legislation to promote access to education and affordable housing, improve career outcomes for HBCU students, and further rural equity. He was recognized with many awards and accolades throughout his service, from the Order of the Palmetto, South Carolina's highest civilian honor; to receiving the South Carolina National Guard Association Senator of the Year award; to receiving honorary Doctorates from various universities.

His dedication to the betterment of the Palmetto State extended to our South Carolina Military Department, as Senator Scott commanded the Joint Services Detachment from February 18, 2017, to January 19, 2019. During that time, he actively recruited to increase enrollment, improved unit efficiency and readiness, and provided critical support for the Youth Challenge Academy Program.

Senator Scott was a man of faith and a longtime member of New Ebenezer Baptist Church in Columbia, South Carolina. He was an active participant in the church, serving as Church Clerk from 1980 to 1995, on the Trustee Board from 1980 to 2005, and as a Deacon from 2005 until his passing. He is lovingly remembered by his wife, Joan Crouch, son, John L. Scott, III, extended family, political colleagues, and the members of our shared brotherhood, Omega Psi Phi fraternity.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and our colleagues join me in recognizing the life and legacy of Senator John L. Scott, Jr. Senator Scott embodied the Biblical teaching to "Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another

above yourselves," and as such devoted his life to improving the welfare of every South Carolinian. He will be sorely missed and well remembered.

HONORING AARON ANDERSON

**HON. TOM EMMER**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 18, 2023*

Mr. EMMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Aaron Anderson for his efforts to better his community.

In high school, Aaron was a dedicated member of the youth service club at Blaine High School. As a member of "Bengals in Action," he spent countless hours volunteering at the North Anoka County Emergency food shelf. While volunteering, he noticed a problem with the procedure for taking orders. Luckily for Aaron, the solution lay in another area of his interest, technology.

Aaron, with the help of his friend and fellow Eagle Scout, Andrew, created a software application to help track the food shelf's orders. The application immediately helped reduce confusion when taking orders and increased efficiency in sorting and packaging donations for distribution. Their application keeps records of past food shelf orders, family members, and dietary restrictions, which customers can reuse each time they come in.

In fact, their program has allowed food and necessities to be delivered to clients in half the time.

In recognition of their efforts, Aaron and Andrew were recently presented with the Congressional Award. The award represents the highest Congressional honor available for young Americans.

Aaron and Andrew are true inspirations and examples of what it means to be a community servant. They are bright young men committed to making a difference in the world and I look forward to seeing all they accomplish in the years to come.

RECOGNIZING THE OPENING OF THE ITALIAN CONSULATE IN SPRINGFIELD MASSACHUSETTS

**HON. RICHARD E. NEAL**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 18, 2023*

Mr. NEAL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge a landmark moment for the people of Springfield and the broader western Massachusetts community: the reopening of the Italian Consulate in Springfield, Massachusetts.

The reestablishment of a consulate in our district is more than just a diplomatic gesture; it is a tangible commitment by the Italian government to enhance their services and accessibility throughout the U.S. For years, residents with ties to Italy—ties that span generations—have often had to embark on lengthy journeys to receive consular services. This investment ensures they no longer bear this burden, bringing critical services right to their doorstep.

This consulate is a living testament to the rich tapestry of cultural and historical ties that

bind the Greater Springfield Community with the Italian diaspora. The collaboration between the consulate and local schools to offer Italian-language programs exemplifies this deep connection, going back to the beginning of Springfield's relationship with its sister city, Bracigliano, Italy. Furthermore, this consulate reinforces the essence of our shared stories, and serves as a beacon for younger generations to explore, understand, and appreciate the contributions and shared legacies of Italian-Americans in our district.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to extend my appreciation for the reopening of this consulate in Springfield. It stands as a testament to the shared heritage and enduring bonds forever connecting our two nations. The consulate is a welcome addition to the First District, and I anticipate many fruitful years of collaboration and growth ahead.

HONORING CORPORAL DONALD A. SHIELDS

**HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 18, 2023*

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of service and sacrifice of United States Marine Corps veteran Corporal Donald A. Shields.

Cpl. Shields was born in the town of Harpersfield, New York in 1932. After graduating high school, Cpl. Shields voluntarily enlisted into the United States Marine Corps on September 7, 1951 during the onset of the Korean Conflict. Cpl. Shields left his job as a dairy farmer to serve.

After completing basic training, Cpl. Shields was deployed to Korea where he served selflessly and honorably. Cpl. Shields earned two Purple Hearts for his valor and sacrifice, along with the Korean War Service Medal, United Nations Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal, and, most notably, the South Korean Presidential Unit Citation for his service with the 7th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division in Korea.

Following his 3 years of service in the Marines, Cpl. Shields was honorably discharged from active duty, although he continued to serve in the Marine Corps Reserve until 1959. Upon his return stateside, he found employment as a truck driver for Mobil Oil Corporation. Cpl. Shields moved his family to Castleton, New York and drove for Mobil for 33 years before retiring.

Donald always remained involved in his local community. He worked for the Town of Schodack as a building inspector and member of the Zoning and Planning Board. Donald was also a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7337, a communicant of St Paul's Methodist Church, and a Boy Scouts Troop Leader. Donald was a proud family man, and enjoyed traveling with his wife, spending time with his grandchildren, and doing handyman work for his friends.

Corporal Donald A. Shields' record of service to his country and Rensselaer County is admirable, and it is my honor on behalf of New York's 21st Congressional District to recognize the commendable life and inspiring legacy of Corporal Shields.

TRIBUTE TO OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY'S GOSPEL LYRES CHOIR

**HON. JIM JORDAN**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 18, 2023*

Mr. JORDAN. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to commend to the House the 50th anniversary of the first concert of Ohio Wesleyan University's Gospel Lyres Choir.

From its founding in October of 1972 by students Cheryl Smith and Martea Pitts, the Gospel Lyres Choir provided a place for African American students at Ohio Wesleyan to gather in fellowship and friendship and to use their musical gifts to praise God. At its debut concert on campus on November 4, 1973, the Choir numbered an impressive 22 members.

Through the years, Choir members served as unofficial ambassadors of Ohio Wesleyan, performing at churches not just in the city of Delaware, Ohio, but across our great state and beyond. Its members formed strong, lifelong bonds as they touched countless lives with the Gospel message they shared through their music.

Mr. Speaker, Choir alumni will gather on campus during Ohio Wesleyan's homecoming weekend this October for a reunion concert and celebration. On behalf of the people of Ohio's Fourth Congressional District, I thank the members of the Gospel Lyres Choir for contributing so richly to the musical landscape of our great state. I wish them all the best as they mark their golden anniversary.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF  
KATHY BAILEY

**HON. GLENN THOMPSON**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 18, 2023*

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Kathleen Bailey who passed away surrounded by her loved ones earlier this month.

Born and raised in Northwest Pennsylvania, Kathy was known throughout Oil City for her love and dedication to the region. She was a true advocate for Oil City, working hand-in-hand with local businesses for the betterment of the community. Those who knew Kathy could attest that her enthusiasm was infectious.

Aside from her work in the community, Kathy was passionate about the arts. In her free time, she sang in the Barrow-Civic Theater and the Erie Philharmonic Choir. She also played the organ for St. Stephen Church and St. Joseph Church.

Mr. Speaker, scripture in Thessalonians 4: 13–18 instructs us with these words:

"Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope."

Kathy lived to bring hope and optimism to so many in her community. Let us also count our blessings that we were fortunate enough to know Kathy Bailey. I send my sincere condolences to her husband, Scott, and their family during this difficult time.

REMEMBERING AND HONORING  
THE LIFE OF COLONEL BOB DILL

**HON. JEFF DUNCAN**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 18, 2023*

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to reflect on the life and military service of Colonel Bobby Dill, who passed away on August 14, 2023, at the age of 91.

Colonel Dill was a native of Greenville County in South Carolina. He was a 1955 graduate of Clemson University and earned a master's degree from Oklahoma University. In the U.S. Army, he served in Korea, Vietnam, Germany and on Army Staff at the Pentagon.

After retiring from military service, he spent several years investing in the next generation by working as a substitute teacher. Later, he would leave retirement to take on a new career as a newspaperman—working diligently to keep his community informed. With his wife LaVerle at his side, he wrote articles, attended countless meetings, and remained devoted to printing the truth.

Mr. Speaker, Colonel Bob Dill's life was devoted to serving his country and his local community. Solomon tells us in the book of Proverbs that "a good name is to be chosen rather than great riches." Colonel Bob Dill was a kind man who loved his country, and his memory will live on in the Third District of South Carolina.

HONORING GREG AND CAROL  
KUPP UPON THE 90TH ANNIVERSARY  
OF KUPPY'S DINER

**HON. SCOTT PERRY**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 18, 2023*

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Speaker, I'm honored to recognize Greg and Carol Kupp upon the auspicious occasion of the 90th Anniversary of "Kuppy's Diner" on August 6, 2023.

Kuppy's is located in the heart of Middletown, Pennsylvania, and has remained a beloved landmark since Percy Kupp founded the establishment in 1933, during the Great Depression. Kuppy's has been owned and operated by Fourth Generation Kupps (Greg and Carol) since 1991, with the Fifth Generation (Rachel) working alongside them daily, and even mentoring the Sixth Generation (Jackson) to take over someday. The Kupp Family is dedicated to continuing the tradition of their small, hometown, hardworking, friendly, and community-based establishment where all are welcome and treated like family.

Kuppy's Diner has enjoyed and earned extraordinary success, due in no small part to Percy Kuppy's philosophy, "if you serve good food at reasonable prices, people will be satisfied." But perhaps the most significant factor in Kuppy's longevity, popularity, and legacy is the Kupp Family's tireless dedication to and appreciation of their customers and community for nearly a century.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the 10th Congressional District, and surrounding communities, I'm honored and humbled to commemorate Greg, Carol, and the entire Kupp Family upon the 90th Anniversary of Kuppy's Diner in Mid-

dletown, Pennsylvania. I wish them continued God's blessings for all they have built, achieved, and contributed, not only to the communities of Central Pennsylvania, but to the United States of America.

HONORING THE LEGACY OF JOAN  
KAPLAN DAVIDSON

**HON. MARCUS J. MOLINARO**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 18, 2023*

Mr. MOLINARO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the legacy of Joan Kaplan Davidson, a philanthropist and champion of conservation in New York State who recently passed away at the age of 96.

Joan spent her life advocating for the restoration and conservation of New York's treasures and her legacy is one of vision and action. She served as the leader of the J.M. Kaplan Fund, as the New York State Commissioner of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation, and gave her time to countless nonprofit boards and committees. I had the pleasure of working alongside her to designate the Hudson River as New York's first Heritage River and to work to advance numerous local waterfront development plans and historic preservation projects. Joan chose to make a profound impact through the power of small, decisive actions, and her work has inspired me and countless others.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues in the House join me in honoring the enduring legacy of Joan Kaplan Davidson, a woman who made a profound difference in the Hudson River Valley and New York State.

HONORING ALABAMA LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY SENIOR  
TROOPER CHRISTOPHER  
CARLTON

**HON. BARRY MOORE**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 18, 2023*

Mr. MOORE of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize the heroic action of Senior Trooper Christopher Carlton with the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency.

On February 17, 2023, at approximately 4:38 P.M., Senior Trooper Carlton responded to a vehicle crash on Highway 84 in Houston County, Alabama. Senior Trooper Carlton rescued Jessica Joy Thrasher of Lynn Haven, FL and 4-year-old Simon Thrasher, from the scene.

Upon Trooper Carlton's arrival, a member of Wicksburg Rescue advised Carlton that another ambulance would be required for both patients since they needed immediate medical attention. Without hesitation, Carlton transported Simon to Flowers Hospital in his patrol vehicle to ensure rapid treatment and care.

Physicians, nurses, and hospital staff were able to stabilize Simon after the incident, and both Jessica and Simon are expected to make a full recovery.

I am confident Trooper Carlton's quick and selfless actions saved the lives of Jessica and Simon.

I would like to thank Senior Trooper Christopher Carlton for his service. He serves the State of Alabama with integrity and always answers the call of duty. I extend my gratitude for his hard work and diligence in public service. The Second Congressional District of Alabama is blessed to have such an outstanding citizen.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF  
MARIE A. MAK, DIRECTOR OF  
CONTRACTING AND NATIONAL  
SECURITY ACQUISITIONS, GOV-  
ERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OF-  
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**HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 18, 2023*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the dedicated public service of Ms. Marie Mak, Director of Contracting and National Security Acquisitions at the Government Accountability Office (GAO), upon her retirement from Federal service. Ms. Mak has devoted over 36 years of service to the Federal Government, including at Naval Air Systems Command and the U.S. Coast Guard, before joining GAO in 2002.

Since entering the Senior Executive Service in 2014, Ms. Mak has skillfully led numerous GAO teams to conduct insightful analyses of acquisition programs and contracting processes within the Departments of Homeland Security and Defense, resulting in high quality reports for Congress. Her wide-ranging portfolio has also included assessing the Federal Government's response to hurricanes, wildfires, and other natural disasters, as well as the COVID-19 pandemic.

Throughout her GAO career, Ms. Mak has taken a balanced, fact-based approach to reviewing Federal programs—a fundamental cornerstone of what Congress and the American public value about GAO. Drawing on her experience at the Coast Guard, where she helped develop strategic plans and performance measures, and allocate resources, she was able to understand the challenges that agencies often confront in their day-to-day management efforts. She coupled that experience with a critical eye to recommended actions that agencies can take to improve their acquisition processes to deliver better, timelier, and more affordable systems used to execute their missions. She has testified be-

fore Congress several times on a variety of Coast Guard acquisition and disaster response contracting issues and delivered numerous briefings on key defense acquisition programs. As a result of Ms. Mak's work, Congress is able to hold agencies accountable to first responders, warfighters, and the American public.

Ms. Mak has received numerous GAO awards throughout her career, including the Customer Service Award and John Henry Luke Mentoring Award. While Ms. Mak's work has saved taxpayer dollars, she has also positively impacted the growth and development of the people with whom she works. Ms. Mak embodies GAO's people values of ensuring others are respected, valued, and treated fairly, and has served as a trusted mentor and advocate that invests her time in coaching and developing people. Her focus on staff development will benefit the next generation of GAO leaders to the advantage of Congress and taxpayers for years to come.

I congratulate Ms. Mak on her well-deserved retirement and thank her for her distinguished service to Congress and the American public.

HONORING DR. ROBERT WHITMORE

**HON. GREGORY F. MURPHY**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 18, 2023*

Mr. MURPHY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to formally commend Dr. Robert Whitmore of New Bern, North Carolina for more than 40 years of service as a physician and his exemplary record of service. He has attended to our Eastern North Carolina community and our Nation honorably.

His reputation and accolades for patient experience are a testament to the great care and expertise he has consistently provided throughout his career. As a urologist myself, I understand that providing top quality medical care is more than simply treating a disease but taking the time to listen to patient concerns and answering their questions. His standing in our community as a caring doctor, who personally follows up with patients, shows his commitment to the profession and his great character. Furthermore, his CarolinaEast Beacon of Service Award attests to his expertise and ability to touch the lives of so many others.

I would be remiss if I failed to say thank you for Dr. Whitmore's service to our Country as a

staff urologist in the U.S. Army. Military doctors endure so much, and it takes a special person to do the job. Dr. Whitmore is a true servant-leader with a heart for others and is revered among America's heroes.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring this incredible physician for all he has done and continues to do for the people of Eastern North Carolina.

RECOGNIZING DALE HAMILTON'S  
60 YEARS OF SERVICE TO NORTH  
CONWAY

**HON. CHRIS PAPPAS**

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 18, 2023*

Mr. PAPPAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Dale Hamilton on his retirement from the North Conway Fire Department after an impressive 60-year tenure as a firefighter. His position as the longest-serving member of the department speaks to his tireless dedication to maintaining the safety of the North Conway community, and his love for his work is an inspiration to those he serves with and those he strives to protect. His distinguished lifetime commitment to public safety is vital to keeping New Hampshire safe, and I commend his years of service to North Conway and the Granite State.

A longtime resident of North Conway, Dale joined the North Conway Fire Department in 1963, and has remained a fixture in the department ever since. Dale's experience in all positions, including operator of Engine 3, the ladder truck, and dispatcher, has made him an integral member of the North Conway Fire Department. Through his kind demeanor, dedicated work ethic, and his love of his craft, Dale has become a beloved and renowned member of the North Conway community. While we can never fully repay our debt of gratitude to Dale, we recognize his decades of service and immeasurable impact.

On behalf of my constituents in New Hampshire's First Congressional District, I want to congratulate Dale Hamilton on his well-deserved retirement and the work he has done to protect and serve the North Conway community. He will serve as a shining example for future North Conway firefighters, and I look forward to seeing what his next chapter holds. I wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### *Chamber Action*

The Senate met at 1:00:01 p.m. in pro forma session, and adjourned at 1:00:30 p.m. until 2 p.m. on Tuesday, August 22.

### *Committee Meetings*

No committee meetings were held.

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## House of Representatives

### *Chamber Action*

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 22 public bills, H.R. 5223–5244; and 6 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 62; and H. Res. 654–658 were introduced. **Pages H4191–92**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H4193–94**

**Report Filed:** A report was filed today as follows: H.R. 3932, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2024 for intelligence and intelligence related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–162). **Page H4191**

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Foxx to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H4189**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** There were no Yea and Nay votes, and there were no Recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10:30 a.m. and adjourned at 10:32 a.m.

### *Committee Meetings*

No hearings were held.

### *Joint Meetings*

No joint committee meetings were held.

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, AUGUST 22, 2023

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

#### Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

#### House

No hearings are scheduled.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

2 p.m., Tuesday, August 22

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

2 p.m., Tuesday, August 22

## Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Senate will meet in a pro forma session.

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Program for Tuesday: House will meet in Pro Forma session at 2 p.m.

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