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House of Representatives

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

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
November 21, 2023.

I hereby appoint the Honorable MICHAEL WALTZ to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

MIKE JOHNSON,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

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

Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices, who wondrous things has done. In You, O God, the world rejoices.

You, from our parents' arms, have blessed us on our way with countless gifts of love. You are still our God today.

O bounteous God, through all our life, be near us. With ever joyful hearts, we pray Your blessed peace to cheer us.

Keep us in Your grace, and guide us when perplexed. Free us from all ills in this world and the next.

With thanksgiving and gratitude, our spirits soar. We are bold to pray to You, the one eternal God who was, is now, and shall be evermore.

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 noon on Friday, November 24, 2023.

Thereupon (at 11 o'clock and 2 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Friday, November 24, 2023, at noon.

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. 4688. A bill to direct the Administrator of General Services to sell the property known as the Webster School (Rept. 118-276). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. SMITH of Missouri: Committee on Ways and Means. H.R. 5861. A bill to extend reemployment services and eligibility assessments to all claimants for unemployment benefits, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 118-277). 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. BERGMAN:

H.R. 6458. A bill to terminate the Office for Elementary and Secondary Education of the

Department of Education and provide block grants to States; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. BRECHEEN (for himself, Mr. KELLY of Mississippi, Mr. ROSENDALE, Mr. GOOD of Virginia, Mr. LAMALFA, Mr. DUNCAN, Mrs. MILLER of Illinois, Mrs. HINSON, Mr. MOOLENAAR, Mr. LAMBORN, Mr. WEBER of Texas, and Mr. CRENSHAW):

H.R. 6459. A bill to amend title XI of the Social Security Act to limit demonstration projects related to abortion under Medicaid and CHIP; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. BRECHEEN (for himself, Mr. KELLY of Mississippi, Mr. ROSENDALE, Mr. GOOD of Virginia, Mr. LAMALFA, Mr. DUNCAN, Mrs. MILLER of Illinois, Mrs. HINSON, Mr. MOOLENAAR, Mr. LAMBORN, and Mr. WEBER of Texas):

H.R. 6460. A bill to prohibit the Secretary of Health and Human Services from issuing, finalizing, implementing, or enforcing any rule or guidance to facilitate abortions or access to abortions for an unaccompanied alien child; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CARTWRIGHT (for himself, Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, and Ms. ADAMS):

H.R. 6461. A bill to ensure that claims for benefits under the Black Lung Benefits Act are processed in a fair and timely manner, to better protect miners from pneumoconiosis (commonly known as "black lung disease"), 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. CROCKETT (for herself, Mr. BACON, Ms. HOULAHAN, Mr. WITTMAN, Mr. RASKIN, Mr. BERGMAN, Ms. ESCOBAR, Mr. HUDSON, Mr. PANETTA, Mr. NEWHOUSE, Ms. JACOBS, Mr. GALLAGHER, Mr. TRONE, and Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia):

H.R. 6462. A bill to retain Federal employees who are spouses of a member of the armed forces or the Foreign Service when relocating due to an involuntary transfer, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

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

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

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H.R. 6463. A bill to require the publication of the terms of service of certain social media company platforms; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Intelligence (Permanent Select), 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. GRIFFITH:

H.R. 6464. A bill to amend the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 to provide for more efficient hearings on nuclear facility construction applications, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. HUDSON (for himself, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina, and Mr. NICKEL):

H.R. 6465. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide a phase-in for plasma-derived products under the manufacturer discount program; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. KEAN of New Jersey:

H.R. 6466. A bill to require disclosures for AI-generated content, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, 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 Ms. NORTON (for herself, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Ms. CLARKE of New York, and Ms. LEE of California):

H.R. 6467. A bill to require a report on expenditures for contracts for advertising services, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Budget.

By Mr. PALLONE (for himself, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, and Ms. PETERSEN):

H.R. 6468. A bill to provide that certain water beads products shall be considered banned hazardous products under section 8 of the Consumer Product Safety Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Ms. PEREZ (for herself, Mr. MOOLENAAR, and Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota):

H.R. 6469. A bill to amend the Agricultural Foreign Investment Disclosure Act of 1978 to remove the limitation on the amount of a civil penalty, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. POCAN (for himself and Mr. TAKANO):

H.R. 6470. A bill to provide for outreach to build awareness among former members of the Armed Forces of the process established pursuant to section 527 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020 for the review of discharge characterizations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services, and in addition to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, 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. PORTER (for herself, Mr. GALLAGHER, Ms. SEWELL, Mr. CISCOMANI, Mr. KILMER, Mr. LAMALFA, Mrs. TORRES of California, Mr. DUARTE, and Mrs. KIM of California):

H.R. 6471. A bill to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to prohibit contributions and donations by foreign nationals in connection with State or local ballot initiatives or referenda and recall elections; to the Committee on House Administration.

By Mr. SMUCKER (for himself and Mr. OWENS):

H.R. 6472. A bill to amend the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act to codify a grant program to promote and assist in the reentry of justice-involved individuals into the workforce; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Ms. STANSBURY:

H.R. 6473. A bill to amend the Rural Electrification Act of 1936 to reauthorize the Community Connect Grant Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mrs. STEEL:

H.R. 6474. A bill to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to expedite geothermal exploration and development in previously studied or developed areas; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. THANEDAR:

H.R. 6475. A bill to provide for the designation of areas as Health Disparity Zones to reduce health disparities and improve health outcomes in such areas, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. THOMPSON of California (for himself and Mr. GARAMENDI):

H.R. 6476. A bill to adjust the boundary of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta National Heritage Area, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. WEBER of Texas (for himself, Mr. CARTER of Texas, Mr. SELF, Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana, and Ms. FOX):

H.R. 6477. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to reform the process for inspection of applicants for admission; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. WITTMAN (for himself and Ms. UNDERWOOD):

H. Con. Res. 78. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that public health professionals should be commended for their dedication and service to the United States on Public Health Thank You Day, November 20, 2023; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. BEYER (for himself, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mrs. DINGELL, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Mr. NADLER, Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia, Ms. DELBENE, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Mr. CONNOLLY, Ms. TITUS, Ms. STANSBURY, Mr. CARBAJAL, Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER, Mr. MAGAZINER, and Mr. SOTO):

H. Res. 881. A resolution commemorating the 50th anniversary of the passage of the Endangered Species Act of 1973; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. CORREA (for himself, Mrs. STEEL, Mr. LEVIN, Ms. PORTER, Ms. SANCHEZ, and Mrs. KIM of California):

H. Res. 882. A resolution declaring support and gratitude by the House of Representatives to food banks, food pantries, and other community-based organizations working to end food insecurity and providing other essential services in the United States; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. D'ESPOSITO (for himself, Mr. GOTTHEIMER, and Mr. MOSKOWITZ):

H. Res. 883. A resolution expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the slogan, "from the river to the sea, Palestine will be free" is antisemitic and its use

must be condemned; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. FITZGERALD (for himself, Mr. GROTHMAN, Mr. GALLAGHER, Mr. STEEL, Mr. TIFFANY, Mr. VAN ORDEN, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, and Mr. POCAN):

H. Res. 884. A resolution honoring the victims of the devastating attack that took place at the Waukesha, Wisconsin, Christmas parade on November 21, 2021; to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

By Mr. FITZPATRICK (for himself, Mr. MOSKOWITZ, Mr. GALLAGHER, and Mr. SHERMAN):

H. Res. 885. A resolution condemning Hamas' use of human shields as a transgression of international humanitarian law and a heinous violation of the rights and dignity of civilian noncombatants; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Ms. JAYAPAL (for herself, Ms. JACOBS, Ms. ADAMS, Ms. BLUNT ROCH-ESTER, Ms. BONAMICI, Mr. BOWMAN, Mr. CARDENAS, Mr. CARTER of Louisiana, Mr. CASAR, Ms. CROCKETT, Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas, Ms. DELBENE, Mr. DELUZO, Mr. DESAULNIER, Mr. DOGGETT, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Mr. EVANS, Mrs. FLETCHER, Mr. FROST, Mr. GARCIA of Illinois, Mr. ROBERT GARCIA of California, Ms. GARCIA of Texas, Mr. GOLDMAN of New York, Mr. GREEN of Texas, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. HIGGINS of New York, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE, Mr. KHANNA, Mr. KILDEE, Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY, Ms. LEE of California, Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ, Mr. LYNCH, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. MULLIN, Mr. NADLER, Ms. NORTON, Mr. PETERS, Mr. PHILLIPS, Mr. POCAN, Ms. PRESSLEY, Mr. QUIGLEY, Mrs. RAMIREZ, Mr. RUIZ, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Ms. STEVENS, Mr. SWALWELL, Mr. TAKANO, Ms. TLAIB, Mr. TONKO, Mr. TORRES of New York, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Ms. WEXTON, Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia, Ms. BALINT, and Mr. SHERMAN):

H. Res. 886. A resolution supporting the goals and principles of Transgender Day of Remembrance by recognizing the epidemic of violence toward transgender people and memorializing the lives lost this year; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LAMBORN (for himself, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, and Mr. SCHNEIDER):

H. Res. 887. A resolution calling on the people of the United States to observe a weekend of prayer and reflection for the people of Israel, for all civilians caught in the crossfires of the war, and for the safe return of the hostages; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. LAWLER (for himself, Mr. MOSKOWITZ, Ms. TENNEY, Ms. SALAZAR, Ms. MALLIOTAKIS, Mr. WALTZ, Mr. D'ESPOSITO, Mr. KUSTOFF, Mrs. KIM of California, and Mr. GOTTHEIMER):

H. Res. 888. A resolution reaffirming the State of Israel's right to exist; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. LAWLER (for himself, Mr. MOSKOWITZ, Ms. TENNEY, Ms. SALAZAR, Ms. MALLIOTAKIS, Mr. WALTZ, Mr. D'ESPOSITO, Mr. KUSTOFF, and Mr. GOTTHEIMER):

H. Res. 889. A resolution condemning the Hamas-led terrorist attack on the State of Israel on October 7, 2023, and calling for Hamas to immediately and unconditionally surrender, cease its attacks, and safely release all hostages; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. OGLES:

H. Res. 890. A resolution amending the Rules of the House of Representatives to establish the Committee on the Elimination of Nonessential Federal Programs; to the Committee on Rules.

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. BERGMAN:

H.R. 6458.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 18 of the U.S. Constitution

The single subject of this legislation is:

Education

By Mr. BRECHEEN:

H.R. 6459.

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 title XI of the Social Security Act to limit demonstration projects related to abortion under Medicaid and CHIP.

By Mr. BRECHEEN:

H.R. 6460.

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

Article I, Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is:

To prohibit the Secretary of Health and Human Services from issuing, finalizing, implementing, or enforcing any rule or guidance to facilitate abortions or access to abortions for an unaccompanied alien child.

By Mr. CARTWRIGHT:

H.R. 6461.

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

Article I, Section 8, clause 3 provides Congress with the power to "regulate commerce with foreign nations, and among the several states, and with the Indian tribes."

The single subject of this legislation is:

To ensure that claims for benefits under the Black Lung Benefits Act are processed in a fair and timely manner, to better protect miners from pneumoconiosis (commonly known as "black lung disease"), and for other purposes.

By Ms. CROCKETT:

H.R. 6462.

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 federal employment requirements.

By Mr. GOTTHEIMER:

H.R. 6463.

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

Article I, Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is:

To require the publication of the terms of service of certain social media company platforms.

By Mr. GRIFFITH:

H.R. 6464.

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

Article I, Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is:

To provide for more efficient hearings on nuclear facility construction applications under the Atomic Energy Act of 1954

By Mr. HUDSON:

H.R. 6465.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause I

The single subject of this legislation is: health

By Mr. KEAN of New Jersey:

H.R. 6466.

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:

To require disclosures for AI-generated content, and for other purposes.

By Ms. NORTON:

H.R. 6467.

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 require all federal agencies to include in their annual budget requests to Congress the amount they spend on advertising contracts with small disadvantaged businesses and businesses owned by minorities and women.

By Mr. PALLONE:

H.R. 6468.

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

Under Article 1, Section 8, Clause 3: [The Congress shall have Power] To regulate Commerce with foreign Nations, and among the several states, and with the Indian Tribes;

The single subject of this legislation is:

To provide that certain water beads products shall be considered banned hazardous products under section 8 of the Consumer Product Safety Act, and for other purposes.

By Ms. PEREZ:

H.R. 6469.

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

Article I of the US Constitution

The single subject of this legislation is:

farmland ownership

By Mr. POCAN:

H.R. 6470.

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

Article I, Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is:

Veterans Benefits

By Ms. PORTER:

H.R. 6471.

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

Section 8 of Article I of the Constitution

The single subject of this legislation is:

To amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to prohibit contributions and donations by foreign nationals in connection with State or local ballot initiatives or referenda and recall elections.

By Mr. SMUCKER:

H.R. 6472.

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

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to Article I, Section VIII of the U.S. Constitution.

The single subject of this legislation is:

This bill amends the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act to codify a grant program to promote and assist in the reentry of justice-involved individuals into the workforce.

By Ms. STANSBURY:

H.R. 6473.

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

Article I, Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is:

The bill would make improvements to the grant program, making investments available for broadband projects in tribal, low-income, and remote rural areas.

By Mrs. STEEL:

H.R. 6474.

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

Article 1, Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is: Energy

By Mr. THANEDAR:

H.R. 6475.

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

Pursuant to clause 7 of Rule XII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the following statement is submitted regarding the specific powers granted to Congress in the constitution to enact the accompanying bill or joint resolution.

The single subject of this legislation is:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 1.

The Congress shall have Power To lay and collect Taxes, Duties, Imposts and Excises, to pay the Debts and provide for the common Defence and general Welfare of the United States; but all Duties, Imposts and Excises shall be uniform throughout the United States;

By Mr. THOMPSON of California:

H.R. 6476.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 18:

[The Congress shall have Power . . .] 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:

adjusting the boundary of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta National Heritage Area

By Mr. WEBER of Texas:

H.R. 6477.

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

Article I, Section VIII

The single subject of this legislation is:

Border Security

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

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

H.R. 16: Ms. WILSON of Florida.

H.R. 39: Mr. COHEN, Mr. KILMER, and Ms. TITUS.

H.R. 41: Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina and Ms. CRAIG.

H.R. 52: Ms. PORTER, Ms. BARRAGÁN, Mr. TAKANO, and Ms. ROSS.

H.R. 309: Ms. CARAVEO.

H.R. 357: Mr. ALFORD.

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H.R. 531: Mr. GAETZ.

H.R. 537: Mr. SORESENSEN, Mr. TONKO, Mr. MFUME, Mr. LYNCH, and Mr. MOONEY.

H.R. 621: Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania.

H.R. 700: Mr. CISCOMANI and Mr. BABIN.

H.R. 768: Mr. GOTTHEIMER.

H.R. 802: Mr. SCOTT FRANKLIN of Florida.

H.R. 830: Ms. SPANBERGER.

H.R. 856: Mr. NADLER.

H.R. 953: Mr. COHEN.

H.R. 974: Mr. KIM of New Jersey and Ms. BARRAGÁN.

H.R. 1015: Ms. STEFANIK, Ms. SCHRIER, Ms. CHU, and Mr. LAWLER.

H.R. 1083: Mr. SCHIFF, Ms. CRAIG, and Mr. LYNCH.

H.R. 1111: Mr. KIM of New Jersey.

H.R. 1139: Mrs. LUNA, Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ, Mr. SCHNEIDER, Mr. DUNCAN, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. HARDER of California, Mr. BEAN of Florida, and Mr. DESAULNIER.

H.R. 1244: Mr. MCGARVEY.

H.R. 1247: Mr. RUPPERSBERGER.
 H.R. 1267: Mr. GRIJALVA.
 H.R. 1381: Ms. PORTER.
 H.R. 1385: Ms. MALLIOTAKIS.
 H.R. 1477: Mrs. BICE, Mr. POSEY, and Mr. FERGUSON.
 H.R. 1491: Mr. LEVIN and Mr. GOTTHEIMER.
 H.R. 1536: Ms. CARAVEO and Ms. JACOBS.
 H.R. 1610: Mrs. KIM of California and Mrs. MILLER of West Virginia.
 H.R. 1770: Ms. PINGREE and Mr. ALLEN.
 H.R. 1785: Mrs. FLETCHER.
 H.R. 1814: Ms. TOKUDA, Mr. MENENDEZ, and Ms. PETTERSEN.
 H.R. 2365: Mr. GARBARINO, Mr. PENCE, Mr. LAMALFA, Mr. KUSTOFF, Mr. MEEKS, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, and Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY.
 H.R. 2406: Mr. BACON and Ms. DE LA CRUZ.
 H.R. 2454: Ms. SLOTKIN.
 H.R. 2501: Ms. SCANLON.
 H.R. 2573: Ms. BONAMICI.
 H.R. 2673: Mr. HILL, Mr. POCAN, Mr. LAMALFA, Ms. PINGREE, Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania, and Mr. KIM of New Jersey.
 H.R. 2687: Mr. STAUBER.
 H.R. 2851: Mr. HORSFORD.
 H.R. 2900: Mr. LAWLER and Mr. KIM of New Jersey.
 H.R. 2901: Ms. PORTER.
 H.R. 2923: Ms. WEXTON and Mr. MAGAZINER.
 H.R. 2955: Mrs. MILLER of West Virginia, Mrs. BICE, Mr. D'ESPOSITO, Mr. PALMER, Ms. DE LA CRUZ, and Mr. TRONE.
 H.R. 3005: Mr. GOTTHEIMER.
 H.R. 3036: Mr. VASQUEZ.
 H.R. 3065: Mr. GOTTHEIMER.
 H.R. 3170: Ms. CARAVEO.
 H.R. 3179: Mr. MCGARVEY.
 H.R. 3269: Mr. VASQUEZ.
 H.R. 3376: Mr. MOLINARO.
 H.R. 3413: Mr. TONY GONZALES of Texas, Mr. IVEY, Ms. SÁNCHEZ, Mr. MILLER of Ohio, Mr. MAGAZINER, and Mrs. GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN.
 H.R. 3541: Ms. PORTER.
 H.R. 3563: Mr. HARDER of California.
 H.R. 3603: Ms. CARAVEO.
 H.R. 3850: Mr. LEVIN, Ms. WILD, Ms. ADAMS, Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, Ms. PEREZ, Ms. PORTER, and Mr. BOYLE of Pennsylvania.
 H.R. 3854: Ms. HOYLE of Oregon and Mr. GOTTHEIMER.
 H.R. 3950: Mr. FOSTER, Ms. PETTERSEN, and Ms. LOFGREN.
 H.R. 3970: Ms. CARAVEO, Mr. RYAN, and Mr. MAGAZINER.
 H.R. 4148: Mr. BISHOP of North Carolina and Ms. TOKUDA.
 H.R. 4198: Mr. TORRES of New York.
 H.R. 4224: Mr. RYAN.
 H.R. 4261: Mr. BACON.
 H.R. 4263: Ms. PORTER and Mr. VAN DREW.
 H.R. 4275: Mr. LATTA.
 H.R. 4287: Mrs. PELTOLA.
 H.R. 4333: Mr. LALOTA.

H.R. 4335: Mr. ESPAILLAT, Mr. DESAULNIER, Mr. LARSEN of Washington, and Mrs. PELTOLA.
 H.R. 4424: Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER.
 H.R. 4432: Mr. DELUZIO, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. COSTA, Mr. GARAMENDI, Mr. CARBAJAL, Ms. BUSH, Mr. GREEN of Texas, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mrs. HAYES, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Mr. MOSKOWITZ, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Ms. ROSS, Ms. PRESSLEY, Mr. NICKEL, Ms. WEXTON, Ms. SHERRILL, Ms. MCCLELLAN, Ms. ESCOBAR, Ms. BROWN, Mr. ROBERT GARCIA of California, Mr. MCGARVEY, Ms. CARAVEO, Mr. CARTWRIGHT, Ms. STRICKLAND, Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER, Mr. MOULTON, and Ms. PORTER.
 H.R. 4438: Mr. CROW.
 H.R. 4663: Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin.
 H.R. 4757: Ms. TOKUDA.
 H.R. 4858: Mr. MULLIN.
 H.R. 4878: Mr. GOLDMAN of New York.
 H.R. 4890: Mr. LAWLER.
 H.R. 4903: Mrs. MCBATH.
 H.R. 4904: Mr. BERGMAN.
 H.R. 4919: Ms. SALINAS.
 H.R. 5012: Ms. STEFANIK.
 H.R. 5077: Mr. DELUZIO and Mr. WILLIAMS of New York.
 H.R. 5141: Mr. TRONE.
 H.R. 5175: Ms. MCCOLLUM.
 H.R. 5238: Mr. MOLINARO.
 H.R. 5355: Mr. MOLINARO.
 H.R. 5399: Ms. DEGETTE and Mr. DAVIS of Illinois.
 H.R. 5400: Mrs. HARSHBARGER.
 H.R. 5443: Mr. GARBARINO.
 H.R. 5459: Ms. PETTERSEN.
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Senate

The Senate met at 10 and 5 seconds a.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, November 21, 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 FRIDAY,
NOVEMBER 24, 2023, AT 11 A.M.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate stands adjourned until 11 a.m. on Friday, November 24, 2023.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 10 and 36 seconds a.m., adjourned until 11 a.m. on Friday, November 24, 2023, at 11 a.m.

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EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING HUME G. MERRITT

HON. RASHIDA TLAI

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 21, 2023

Ms. TLAI. Mr. Speaker, today I want to recognize long-time resident and veteran Hume G. Merritt, as he is joined by his family and well-wishers as he celebrates his eightieth birthday.

A resident of Michigan since 1967 and Southfield resident since 1986, Mr. Merritt has been an active and engaged community member. He is proud of his military service. Mr. Merritt served as a drill sergeant in the United States Army in Fort Lewis in Washington and Fort Campbell in Kentucky. Mr. Merritt enjoyed a long career in finance, working for both General Motors and Bank of the Commonwealth before he retired.

Mr. Merritt remains an active member of his church, True Love Missionary Baptist Church, he also serves as treasurer of the Ravines Subdivision Homeowners Association in Southfield, and volunteers his time with the Urban Bankers of Detroit. He also enjoys spending time with his wife of fifty-seven years, Helen, and his two grown children Nicole Merritt and Hume Merritt, III.

Please join me in recognizing and wishing Hume Merritt, a happy eightieth birthday and his contributions to our communities in Michigan's 12th District.

ST. MARY GRADE SCHOOL WINS
FOURTH BLUE RIBBON AWARD

HON. BRAD R. WENSTRUP

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 21, 2023

Mr. WENSTRUP. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate St. Mary Grade School's fourth Blue Ribbon Award. Located in Southwest Ohio and serving students across the region, St. Mary Grade School was founded by the Sisters of Charity. Opening its doors in 1908 with 100 students, the school has expanded and now has well over 400 students enrolled annually.

The National Blue Ribbon Schools Program seeks to honor schools from around the country that have a vision of excellence and hold their students and faculty to a high standard, and I can't think of a more worthy school than St. Mary Grade School. For over a century, this school has pushed each and every student to be the best they can be, academically and spiritually, and they continue to serve the local community to this day.

I, like the thousands of other graduates who began their educational and spiritual journey at St. Mary Grade School, owe so much of our educational foundation to the dedicated faculty who have devoted years of their lives to ensuring that future generations of Ohioans will continue to prosper.

I am incredibly proud that the National Blue Ribbon School Program has chosen my alma mater to be one of the forty private schools honored this year as the school is so deserving of this distinction. I am looking forward to their continued success in the community.

NO STOLEN TRADEMARKS
HONORED IN AMERICA ACT OF 2023

SPEECH OF

HON. DARRELL ISSA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 13, 2023

Mr. ISSA. Mr. Speaker, recognizing and safeguarding intellectual property rights is a vital interest for the United States and a critical component of our leadership, which has historically championed strong IP rights.

Consistent and strong IP rights ensure that business will seek to innovate in the U.S. and enjoy the protections granted under our Constitution and laws.

It goes without saying that strong IP protections require that the government respect IP ownership and the right of IP owners to control who exercises their rights.

Similarly obvious is that the government should not condone IP theft.

That is exactly what has happened with the trademarks stolen by the Communist government of Cuba.

As if oppressing and brutalizing the Cuban people was not enough, the Castro regime also stole IP from legitimate owners during its vicious takeover of Cuba.

This included stealing valuable trademarks, such as "Havana Club," from the Arechabala family.

The Arechabala family for years invested their time and resources building a world-renowned brand for their rum only to have the Communists steal it along with the rest of their property, including all of their production facilities.

The Castro regime then embarked on decades of exploiting that IP, manufacturing and exporting rum using the "Havana Club" trademark they stole.

The Arechabala family never recovered from what happened to them, but they transferred their rightful interests in their trademarks to the Bacardi family and company in the U.S.

As a world leader when it comes to IP rights, it should be clear that the U.S. government would side with Bacardi in a dispute between them and the Castro regime over these trademarks.

But in 2016, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, or USPTO, recognized the Cuban regime's claim on the "Havana Club" trademark even though it was stolen by the Cuban regime.

That is why I introduced this bill, which prohibits the executive branch from recognizing, enforcing, or validating any trademark used in connection with a business or assets that

were confiscated without the consent of the original owner or successor-in-interest.

I was delighted to be joined by my Democratic colleague, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ of Florida, in introducing it, and the bill has since been cosponsored by 17 other Members from both parties on the way to being overwhelmingly approved by the Judiciary Committee on a bipartisan basis.

We all agree that the U.S. government should not reward those who would steal and exploit trademarks, or any other IP, without the consent of the legitimate owners.

Allowing Cuba to propagate its misappropriation of IP also sets a harmful precedent for international IP protections.

I urge my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to support this legislation.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF
WILLIAM "BILL" GOODMAN

HON. RASHIDA TLAI

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 21, 2023

Ms. TLAI. Mr. Speaker, Today I want to recognize my friend, William "Bill" Goodman. Bill was an iconic member of our Detroit legal community who never wavered in fighting for the working class, the most vulnerable among us. I met Bill over fifteen years ago when he was President of the Maurice and Jane Sugar Law Center for Economic and Social Justice. He was a mentor to many of us young attorneys and a hero to many who were seeking justice.

Born in 1940, Bill grew up in northwest Detroit, where he witnessed the injustices of racism and segregation. This, combined with the values instilled in him by his parents, informed the path Bill would take with his career and life's work. He earned his juris doctorate from the University of Chicago in 1964, returned to Detroit during the height of the civil rights movement, and went to work in partnership with his father, Ernie Goodman. Over the course of his career, Bill took on numerous high-profile cases. He worked as legal director for the Center for Constitutional Rights, where he represented Guantanamo Bay detainees, Vietnamese survivors of Agent Orange, and the wrongfully detained. He sought to focus his work on the protection of civil liberties. Bill eventually returned to Detroit as partner at the law firm Goodman Hurwitz, where he continued to represent families and individuals who were victims of police and government misconduct.

Bill worked with a number of legal advocacy organizations, including the National Lawyers Guild, ACLU, and Sugar Law Center, where I got to know him when we both served as board members. I knew Bill to be a fierce advocate, a brilliant legal mind, and a tenacious but kind warrior for justice.

Please join me in tribute to Bill Goodman, remembering his life and distinguished career. May he rest in power.

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PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BRAD SHERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 21, 2023

Mr. SHERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent from the Chamber on Monday, November 13, 2023 for the first votes of the week. Had I been present, I would have voted "Yea" on Roll Call No. 643; "Yea" on Roll Call No. 644; and "Yea" on Roll Call No. 645.

HONORING SENATOR NAN RICH

HON. DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 21, 2023

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Mr. Speaker, it is with great enthusiasm that I recognize my longtime friend, sister, and someone with whom we've served interchangeably as mentors to one another, Senator Nan Rich, as she assumes the office of Mayor of Broward County, Florida.

Senator Rich was first elected as Broward County Commissioner in 2016 and re-elected, unopposed, in 2020. She was recently selected by her colleagues on the County Commission to be the Vice Mayor of Broward County through November 2023 and now selected to serve as Mayor. Her top priority has been addressing the affordable housing crisis in Broward, as well as ending homelessness.

Prior to her service on the County Commission, Senator Rich was elected to the Florida State Senate in 2004 after serving two terms in the Florida House of Representatives. She was recognized as one of the most passionate and dedicated members of the Florida Legislature and was the first woman to be elected Senate Democratic Leader.

Her years of advocacy and activism on behalf of women, children, and families is admirable and inspiring. She served as the National President of the National Council of Jewish Women, the first Floridian elected to that office. She was also honored to receive an appointment by President Bill Clinton to serve as a Member of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum Council in Washington, D.C.

My friendship with Senator Rich runs deep. When I first ran for office at the age of 25, she was one of the first people I called for advice. She subsequently succeeded me in the Florida House and the Florida Senate. She is someone who paved the way for women to reach and shatter the glass ceiling—helping to break the barriers of gender-bias and discrimination. I am proud to have stood on the shoulders of my friend—Florida's friend—Nan Rich.

On behalf of the people of Florida's 25th district, we are grateful for Senator Rich's leadership and look forward to the progress she will continue to make as Broward County's next Mayor.

RECOGNIZING KENNETH MURRAY

HON. RASHIDA TLAIB

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 21, 2023

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, today I want to recognize Battalion Chief Kenneth Murray for his twenty-six years of service with the Dearborn Fire Department in Michigan's 12th District Strong.

Battalion Chief Murray started with Dearborn Fire Department in 1997 as a firefighter. He steadily rose through the ranks, serving as engineer, lieutenant, and captain before he was promoted to battalion chief in 2020. Over the course of his career, Battalion Chief Murray has garnered numerous awards and accolades for his meritorious service, including Lifesaving, Unit Award, Perfect Attendance, and Safe Driving. He was also recognized as the Dearborn Exchange Club's Fire Officer of the Year in 2016. On top of his numerous duties with the Fire Department, Battalion Chief Murray has prioritized his education and pursued specialized training in collapse, rope, and trench rescue.

In short, Battalion Chief Murray has been an outstanding public servant to the communities served by the Dearborn Fire Department. Please join me in recognizing his twenty-six years of commitment to protecting our families' safety across Michigan's 12th District Strong as we wish him well in his retirement.

INTRODUCTION OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING EQUITY ACCOUNTABILITY ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 21, 2023

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduce the Federal Government Advertising Equity Accountability Act, which would require all federal agencies to include in their annual budget requests to Congress the amount they spend on advertising contracts with small disadvantaged businesses (SDBs) and businesses owned by minorities and women. Federal agencies would be required to provide prior and projected total expenditures for such contracts. At my request, the Committee on Appropriations has been requiring such information from many agencies for the last several years, but this bill would codify this requirement and apply it to all federal agencies.

In 2007, the Government Accountability Office (GAO) examined spending on advertising contracts with minority-owned businesses by five agencies—the Department of Defense, the Department of the Treasury, the Department of Health and Human Services, the Department of the Interior and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration—and found that only five percent of the \$4.3 billion available for advertising contracts went to minority businesses. In light of these concerning findings, several Members of Congress and I sent letters to GAO in April 2016 and June 2022 requesting updated information on the amount of federal advertising dollars spent with SDBs and businesses owned by minorities and women. A GAO report released in July 2018

showed that in fiscal year 2017, only 16 percent of the federal government's advertising contract obligations went to SDBs and businesses owned by minorities and women. GAO agreed last year to issue an updated report.

The federal government is the largest advertiser in the United States, and it has an obligation to ensure equitable access to its contracts for SDBs and businesses owned by minorities and women. The GAO's findings demonstrate that there is still much progress to be made.

The regular collection of information on federal advertising contracts with SDBs and businesses owned by women and minorities is essential to bridging the gap between what current statistics show and a more inclusive advertising landscape. This bill would help achieve this goal while also promoting transparency and encouraging federal agencies to strive to reach minorities, who often receive the news from smaller media outlets that serve communities of color. The requirement that agencies submit prior and projected information on the amount of advertising dollars spent with SDBs and businesses owned by minorities and women would allow federal agencies to evaluate their progress. The regular collection of this information would also demonstrate that the promotion of equity in advertising, and in all areas of government, is a continuous effort and is important to the mission of every agency.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

HONORING THE LIFE OF GARY PETERSEN

HON. DAN NEWHOUSE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 21, 2023

Mr. NEWHOUSE. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize Gary Petersen, a dedicated leader hailing from the Tri-Cities, who tragically lost his fight to cancer this past month. It saddens me that rather than announcing his next great achievement, I am instead here to mourn his passing.

Gary was known throughout both Central Washington, the U.S. Capitol, and the Department of Energy as a fierce advocate for the interests of the Tri-Cities. His leadership in our communities proved fruitful for decades, sparking both economic development and innovation for the citizens of Central Washington.

His advocacy for the Hanford cleanup mission has been the cornerstone of the success of our region, and I am in awe of the impact he has made over the years. His immense knowledge, wisdom, and understanding of our community's priorities was matched by so few, and I have no doubt his name will go down in history with the likes of Sam Volpentest and Bob Ferguson.

Gary's legacy includes leading advocacy for the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory's campus, supporting the advancement of the Hanford cleanup mission, and advocating for growing the local economy at TRIDEC; he will also be known as a loving husband, father, grandfather, and personal friend of mine.

While he will be missed, his legacy will continue to live on in every corner of the Tri-Cities and Central Washington.

RECOGNIZING GLENN OWENS

HON. RASHIDA TLAI

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 21, 2023

Ms. TLAI. Mr. Speaker, today I want to recognize Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Coordinator Glenn Owens for his twenty-five years of service with the Dearborn Fire Department in Michigan's 12th District Strong.

EMS Coordinator Owens began his career as a firefighter with the Dearborn Fire Department in 1998. Over the past twenty-five years, he has served in numerous roles and has remained steadfast in his commitment to service and keeping our communities safe. EMS Coordinator Owens has been recognized many times over the course of his career in Dearborn for his exemplary record, including life-saving and safe driving. He has also been awarded the esteemed Gino Polidori Award for Community Service and the Meritorious Service Award. As EMS Coordinator for the department, Mr. Owens has also obtained numerous certifications in various life support and rescue techniques.

Please join me in recognizing EMS Coordinator Glenn Owens for his twenty-five years of outstanding service to the people of Dearborn in Michigan's 12th District Strong as we wish him well in his retirement.

CELEBRATING DR. DIETER
MARTIN GRUEN'S 101ST BIRTHDAY**HON. SEAN CASTEN**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 21, 2023

Mr. CASTEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 101st birthday of Dr. Dieter Martin Gruen for his dedication to science, significant contributions to new energy technologies, and devotion to fighting climate change. For over eight decades, Dr. Gruen has worked to enhance American technology development as a former Manhattan Project Scientist and as an Argonne National Laboratory Distinguished Fellow.

Dr. Gruen's story signifies the American dream. Born in Waldorf, Germany in 1922 to a Jewish family, Dr. Gruen would eventually leave his home only fourteen years later when the Nazi party solidified its power. He was sent to Little Rock, Arkansas to live with relatives to finish up his high school education while his parents were sent to concentration camps. Luckily, his mother and father escaped and Dr. Gruen was reunited with them in Chicago a few years later.

The shock of nearly losing his family did not dissuade Dr. Gruen from dedicating himself to his studies and empirical inquiry. Five years after reuniting with his family, Dr. Gruen received his bachelor's degree in chemistry from Northwestern University in 1944, his master's degree, and eventually a PhD in chemical physics from the University of Chicago. He studied at night and worked at a machine shop during the day. Shortly after graduating from Northwestern University, Dr. Gruen was recruited to work on the Manhattan Project, the U.S. government's top-secret effort to develop the atomic bomb. He worked on the

large-scale electromagnetic separation of uranium-235, and the nuclear material he helped to produce would later be fashioned into the bomb that fell on Hiroshima in 1945.

After the war, Dr. Gruen helped found the Oak Ridge Scientists and Engineers, a group dedicated to ensuring nuclear weapons were never used again in war. After returning home to Chicago, he began working at Argonne National Laboratory, one year after the establishment of the U.S. Department of Energy national laboratories and during a time when Argonne was a national center for the development of nuclear reactors. Dr. Gruen's work at Argonne focused on nuclear power and led to him serving as a delegate to the Second United Nations Conference on Peaceful Uses of Atomic Energy in 1958.

Throughout his career, Dr. Gruen has made significant contributions to new energy technologies, specifically to nuclear fission and fusion, solar energy, energy storage, and conservation. Dr. Gruen has been recognized by the international scientific community and has made key advancements such as the nuclear submarine reactor cooling design and purification of uranium used to end World War II in the Pacific theater.

For these accomplishments and his lifelong commitment to science, I had the great honor of supporting Dr. Gruen's nomination for the Presidential Medal of Freedom alongside my colleagues, Representatives BILL FOSTER, FRENCH HILL, Jerry McNeerney, and Cheri Bustos. Dr. Gruen's tireless and selfless efforts to solve future clean energy challenges presented by climate change is seldom exhibited by an individual. Humble and unpretentious, Dr. Gruen is the embodiment of a dedicated American and pure scientist.

I have had the great pleasure of learning from Dr. Gruen from his life stories and scientific endeavors in innovation and inquiry. Today, I wish Dr. Gruen a very happy 101st birthday and thank him for his decades of public service and remarkable advancements in and commitment to scientific research and discovery.

RECOGNIZING CHRIS JONES

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 21, 2023

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Chris Jones and his service to Virginia's First District, commonly called "America's First District" and the Nation. This is both a moment of reflection and a time to express our heartfelt appreciation for a job well done.

Chris began his career in public service as a District Representative for my predecessor, Rep. Jo Ann Davis, covering the regions of the Middle Peninsula and the Northern Neck. Chris' family has called the Northern Neck home for generations. Chris joined my office in 2007 and worked his way up to Deputy District Director. Chris has been the epitome of public service excellence, a dedication of over 20 years to the betterment of our community, our Commonwealth, and our nation. His journey has been one of tireless effort, navigation through the complexities of government—from the local, state, and federal—to serve citizens

with grace, resilience, and an unyielding sense of purpose.

During Chris' tenure, he has been a beacon of leadership, inspiring those around him to strive for excellence and to uphold the values that define our Congressional office and as a true Virginia gentleman. Chris' genuine concern for the well-being of America's First District citizens, has left an indelible mark on all of us.

Today is not only a farewell; it's a moment to express our deepest gratitude. Chris' tireless dedication has set a standard for excellence that will be hard to match. His infectious enthusiasm will be sorely missed, but Chris' legacy will undoubtedly endure in the continued success of America's First District constituent services.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me in recognizing the service and accomplishments of Chris Jones. May God bless Chris, and I look forward to seeing his continued success in the future.

RECOGNIZING RAY MUSCAT

HON. RASHIDA TLAI

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 21, 2023

Ms. TLAI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ray Muscat for his public service and commitment to our Dearborn Heights community. He is a lifelong resident of Dearborn Heights and served on City Council for years.

Since 1969, Councilman Muscat has been an active and engaged resident. He was drawn to public service after he retired from a 42-year career with Ford Motor Company. As a public servant, Mr. Muscat served as Council Chairman Pro Tem. He was a fixture at city council meetings for many years prior to taking office. He is appreciated for his passionate commitment to improving the quality of life for the people of Dearborn Heights and making it a more beautiful place to live. As a council member, he was appreciated for his no-nonsense approach and for never shying away from asking difficult questions. During his tenure, he made himself approachable and available to community members. No concern has ever been too small for him to address.

Please join me in showing appreciation for Ray Muscat for his service to the people of Dearborn Heights, as we wish him well in all of his future endeavors.

HONORING THE LIFE OF CAROLYN
W. JONES**HON. DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 21, 2023

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise to recognize the remarkable life of Carolyn W. Jones.

As a woman of faith, Carolyn was a leader of St. Ruth Missionary Baptist Church in Dania Beach where she served as a Trustee, Church Clerk, and as a member of the Hospitality Ministry.

Carolyn, along with other prominent church members, was instrumental in ensuring St.

Ruth was recognized with a commemorative historical marker, detailing the notable status of the church in the community. Carolyn was also one of the founders of the revered JWS-Journey of Hope Cancer Ministry at St. Ruth. As a strong compassionate, servant leader, Carolyn had a passion for supporting and working in the community to fight against cancer. Carolyn was the team leader for the Dania Beach Relay for Life fundraising walks, where she and others in the community walked to honor cancer survivors.

Carolyn's love for developing young minds led her to be a part of the Broward County Public School District for more than 38 years. Her esteemed career included Parkway Middle School, Apollo Middle School, and Attucks Middle School. The pinnacle of Carolyn's educational career was when she was honored as Attucks Middle School Teacher of the Year. She was also a member of The Charmettes, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, and the Red Hat Society.

As a supportive wife, Carolyn stood by her husband Albert as he served on both the Dania Beach and Broward County Commissions.

Truly an inspiration, Carolyn is remembered for her kind and generous spirit and legacy of service to family, church, and community. My heart is with her family in mourning the loss of this kind, generous, and compassionate soul. We were forever privileged to have shared this time with her.

May her memory be for a blessing.

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate met at 10:00:05 a.m. in pro forma session, and adjourned at 10:00:36 a.m. until 11 a.m. on Friday, November 24, 2023.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 20 public bills, H.R. 6458–6477; and 11 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 78; and H. Res. 881–890, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports filed today as follows:

H.R. 4688, to direct the Administrator of General Services to sell the property known as the Webster School (H. Rept. 118–276); and

H.R. 5861, to extend reemployment services and eligibility assessments to all claimants for unemployment benefits, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–277).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Waltz to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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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 11 a.m. and adjourned at 11:02 a.m.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2023

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

11 a.m., Friday, November 24

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12 noon, Friday, November 24

Senate Chamber

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

House Chamber

Program for Friday: House will meet in Pro Forma session at 12 p.m.

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