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House of Representatives

The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mrs. MILLER of West Virginia).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
March 26, 2024.

I hereby appoint the Honorable CAROL D. MILLER to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

MIKE JOHNSON,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

Monsignor Stephen J. Rossetti, Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C., offered the following prayer:

Good and gracious God, we are entering upon a most sacred time of the year. May we contemplate Your word as it speaks to us and follow Your holy will in all that we do. As the season of spring witnesses to Your resurrected life, may we too rise with You to eternal life.

We pray all this in Thy holy name.
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 Repub-

lic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, March 23, 2024.

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

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on March 23, 2024, at 2:20 a.m.

That the Senate agreed to S.J. Res. 62.

That the Senate passed S. 4050.

That the Senate agrees to the House amendment to the Senate amendment to the bill H.R. 2882.

That the Senate agreed to without amendment H. Con. Res. 100.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely,

KEVIN F. MCCUMBER,
Acting Clerk.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 4 of rule I, the following enrolled bills were signed by the Speaker on Saturday, March 23, 2024:

H.R. 2882, making further consolidated appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, and for other purposes.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, March 25, 2024.

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

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on March 25, 2024, at 1:03 p.m.

That the Senate passed S. 1258.

That the Senate passed S. 3613.

Appointment:

United States Semiquincentennial Commission.

Afghanistan War Commission.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely,

KEVIN F. MCCUMBER,
Acting Clerk.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under clause 5(d) of rule XX, the Chair announces to the House that, in light of the resignation of the gentleman from Colorado (Mr. BUCK), the whole number of the House is 431.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Kevin F. McCumber, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly an enrolled bill of the House of the following title, which was thereupon signed by the Speaker on Saturday, March 23, 2024:

H.R. 2882. An act making further consolidation appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, and for other purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 3(z) of House Resolution 5, the House stands adjourned until noon on Friday, March 29, 2024.

Thereupon (at 9 o'clock and 4 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the

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

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House adjourned until Friday, March 29, 2024, at noon.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

EC-3550. A letter from the Chief, Legislative and Regulatory Staff, OBPA, Rural Utilities Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Revision to Electric Program Operating Policies and Procedures [Docket No.: RUS-23-ELECTRIC-0024] (RIN: 0572-AC64) received March 15, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Agriculture.

EC-3551. A letter from the President, transmitting Designation Of Funding As An Emergency Requirement in accordance with Sec. 6 of the Further Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2024, pursuant to Public Law 118-47, Sec. 6 (H. Doc. No. 118—120); to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

EC-3552. A letter from the Assistant to the Board, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting the Board's final rule — Financial Market Utilities [Regulation HH; Docket No.: R-1782] (RIN: 7100-AG40) received March 15, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Financial Services.

EC-3553. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting a report titled, "Preschool Development Grant Birth Through Five (PDG B-5) Report to Congress with Grantee Highlights Covering 2019-2021"; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

EC-3554. A letter from the Director, Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances, Mine Safety and Health Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting the Department's final rule — Safety Program for Surface Mobile Equipment [Docket No.: MSHA-2018-0016] (RIN: 1219-AB91) received March 19, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

EC-3555. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Employee Benefits Security Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting the Department's final rule — Procedures Governing the Filing and Processing of Prohibited Transaction Exemption Applications (RIN: 1210-AC05) received March 13, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

EC-3556. A letter from the Director, Rule-making Operations, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Improvements for Heavy-Duty Engine and Vehicle Fuel Efficiency Test Procedures, and Other Technical Amendments [NHTSA-2020-0079] (RIN: 2127-AM28) received March 18, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-3557. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Somalia that was declared in Executive Order 13536 of April 12, 2010, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1641(c); Public Law 94-412, Sec. 401(c); (90 Stat. 1257) and 50 U.S.C. 1703(c); Public Law 95-223, Sec. 204(c); (91 Stat. 1627); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-3558. A letter from the President, transmitting notification that the national emergency with respect to South Sudan, declared in Executive Order 13664 of April 3, 2014, is to continue in effect beyond April 3, 2024, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1622(d); Public Law 94-412, Sec. 202(d); (90 Stat. 1257) (H. Doc. No. 118—121); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed.

EC-3559. A letter from the President, transmitting notification that the national emergency with respect to significant malicious cyber-enabled activities, declared in Executive Order 13694 of April 1, 2015, is to continue in effect beyond April 1, 2024, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1622(d); Public Law 94-412, Sec. 202(d); (90 Stat. 1257) (H. Doc. No. 118—122); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed.

EC-3560. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting the Department's final rule — International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Addition to List of Proscribed Countries [Public Notice: 12306] (RIN: 1400-AF80) received March 15, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-3561. A letter from the Chair, National Transportation Safety Board, transmitting the Board's annual report for fiscal year 2023, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 2301 note; Public Law 107-174, Sec. 203(a) (as amended by Public Law 109-435, Sec. 604(f)); (120 Stat. 3242); to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

EC-3562. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Government Ethics, transmitting the Office's Fiscal Year 2025 Congressional Budget Justification and Annual Performance Plan and Fiscal Year 2023 Annual Performance Report, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1115(b); Public Law 111-352, Sec. 3; (124 Stat. 3867) and 5 U.S.C. 306(a); Public Law 103-62, Sec. 3 (as amended by Public Law 111-352, Sec. 2); (124 Stat. 3866); to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

EC-3563. A letter from the Director, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Geospatial Data Act Report for 2023, pursuant to 43 U.S.C. 2802(c)(11)(C); Public Law 115-254, Sec. 753(c)(11)(C); (132 Stat. 3417) and 43 U.S.C. 2802(c)(12)(B); Public Law 115-254, Sec. 753(c)(12)(B); (132 Stat. 3417); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

EC-3564. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Office of Sustainable Fisheries — HMS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Removal of Billfish Certificate of Eligibility Requirements [Docket No.: 191011-0060] (RIN: 0648-BJ29) received March 15, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

EC-3565. A letter from the Branch Chief, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Atlantic Bluefin Tuna Fisheries; Pelagic Longline Fishery Management [Docket No.: 200330-0091] (RIN: 0648-BJ51) received March 15, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

EC-3566. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, NMFS, Office of Sustainable Fisheries — Atlantic HMS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Atlantic Bluefin Tuna

and Northern Albacore Tuna Quotas; Atlantic Bigeye and Yellowfin Tuna Size Limit Regulations [Docket No.: 180117042-8884-02] (RIN: 0648-BH54) received March 15, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

EC-3567. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, NMFS, Office of Sustainable Fisheries — HMS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; 2019 Atlantic Shark Commercial Fishing Year [Docket No.: 180517486-8999-02] (RIN: 0648-XG263) received March 15, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

EC-3568. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, Office of Sustainable Fisheries — HMS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's temporary rule — Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Atlantic Bluefin Tuna Fisheries [Docket No.: 180117042-8884-02] (RTID: 0648-XT035) received March 15, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

EC-3569. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, NMFS, Office of Sustainable Fisheries — HMS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Atlantic Highly Migratory Species [Docket No.: 180205129-8129-01] (RIN: 0648-BH50) received March 15, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

EC-3570. A letter from the Branch Chief, Office of Sustainable Fisheries — HMS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Atlantic Bluefin Tuna Fisheries Management [Docket No.: 220919-0193] (RIN: 0648-BI08) received March 15, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

EC-3571. A letter from the Director, Administrative Office of the United States Courts, transmitting the Office's 2023 Annual Report of the Director of the Administrative Office of the United States Courts and Judicial Business of the United States Courts pursuant to 28 U.S.C. Sec. 604(a)(4); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3572. A letter from the Management Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Establishment and Amendment of United States Area Navigation (RNAV) Routes; Eastern United States [Docket No.: FAA-2023-1835; Airspace Docket No.: 23-AEA-10] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received March 18, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-3573. A letter from the Management Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Amendment of Class E Airspace; Danville, IL [Docket No.: FAA-2023-2340; Airspace Docket No.: 23-AGL-38] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received March 18, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-3574. A letter from the Management Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Amendment of Very High Frequency Omnidirectional Range (VOR) Federal Airway V-9; Arkansas [Docket No.: FAA-2023-

1829; Airspace Docket No.: 23-ASO-5] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received March 18, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-3575. A letter from the Management Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Amendment of Alaskan Very High Frequency Omnidirectional Range (VOR) Federal Airway V-333 in the Vicinity of Shishmaref, AK, and Revocation of Alaskan VOR Federal Airway V-401 in the Vicinity of Ambler, AK [Docket No.: FAA-2023-1147; Airspace Docket No.: 22-AAL-55] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received March 18, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-3576. A letter from the Management Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Establishment of Multiple Air Traffic Service (ATS) Routes; Hawaiian Islands [Docket No.: FAA-2019-0900; Airspace Docket No.: 19-AWP-80] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received March 18, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-3577. A letter from the Management Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Bell Textron Canada Limited Helicopters [Docket No.: FAA-2024-0226; Project Identifier MCAI-2024-00069-R; Amendment 39-22674; AD 2024-02-55] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received March 18, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-3578. A letter from the Management Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Robinson Helicopter Company Helicopters [Docket No.: FAA-2023-2232; Project Identifier AD-2023-00943-R; Amendment 39-22681; AD 2024-02-02] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received March 18, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-3579. A letter from the Management Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Revocation of Colored Federal Airway Blue 12(B-12) in the Vicinity of Kodiak Island, AK [Docket No.: FAA-2023-1441; Airspace Docket No.: 22-AAL-25] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received March 18, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-3580. A letter from the Management Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; GE Aviation Czech s.r.o. (Type Certificate Previously Held by WALTER Engines a.s., Walter a.s., and MOTORLET a.s.) Engines [Docket No.: FAA-2023-2002; Project Identifier MCAI-2023-00176-E; Amendment 39-22668; AD 2024-02-04] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received March 18, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-3581. A letter from the Management Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Modification of Class E Airspace; Spanish Fork Municipal Airport/Woodhouse Field, Spanish Fork, UT [Docket No.: FAA-2023-1757; Airspace Docket No.: 23-ANM-9] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received March 18, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-3582. A letter from the Management Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Pratt & Whitney Canada Corp. Engines [Docket No.: FAA-2023-2147; Project Identifier MCAI-2023-00663-E; Amendment 39-22670; AD 2024-03-01] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received March 18, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-3583. A letter from the Management Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Revocation of Colored Federal Airway Green 4 (G-4) in the Vicinity of Dillingham, AK [Docket No.: FAA-2023-1464; Airspace Docket No.: 22-AAL-28] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received March 18, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-3584. A letter from the Management Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Amendment of Class E Airspace; Maple Lake, MN [Docket No.: FAA-2024-0274; Airspace Docket No.: 24-AGL-5] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received March 18, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-3585. A letter from the Management Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Amendment of United States Area Navigation (RNAV) Route Q-97; Maine [Docket No.: FAA-2024-0368; Airspace Docket No.: 23-AEA-16] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received March 18, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-3586. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's IRB only rule — Public Utility Storm Remediation (Rev. Proc. 2024-15) received March 15, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

EC-3587. A letter from the Senior Attorney, Office of the Chief Counsel, Regulatory Affairs, Pipeline and Hazardous Material Safety Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Hazardous Materials: Adoption of Miscellaneous Petitions and Updating Regulatory Requirements [Docket No.: PHMSA-2020-0102 (HM-219D)] (RIN: 2137-AF49) received March 20, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-3588. A letter from the Director, Congressional, Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs, Federal Election Commission, transmitting the Commission's Fiscal Year 2025 Congressional Budget Justification, pursuant to 52 U.S.C. 30107(d)(1); Public Law 92-225, Sec. 307 (as added by Public Law 93-443, Sec. 208(a)); (88 Stat. 1283); jointly to the Committees on House Administration, Appropriations, and Oversight and Accountability.

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:

Mrs. Rodgers of Washington: Committee on Energy and Commerce. H.R. 4167. A bill to prohibit the Secretary of Energy from changing energy conservation standards for

distribution transformers for a certain period, and for other purposes (Rept. 118-431). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mrs. Rodgers of Washington: Committee on Energy and Commerce. H.R. 6192. A bill to amend the Energy Policy and Conservation Act to prohibit the Secretary of Energy from prescribing any new or amended energy conservation standard for a product that is not technologically feasible and economically justified, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 118-432). 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. DUARTE (for himself, Mr. BOST, Mr. VALADAO, Ms. SALAZAR, Mr. D'ESPOSITO, and Ms. BUDZINSKI):

H.R. 7816. A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to seek to enter into an agreement with a federally funded research and development center for an assessment of notice letters that the Secretary sends to claimants for benefits under laws administered by the Secretary, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. BERGMAN (for himself and Mr. MOOLENAAR):

H.R. 7817. A bill to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to exclude certain populations of the lake sturgeon from the authority of such Act; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. BURLISON:

H.R. 7818. A bill to exempt certain structures from removal from Army Corps of Engineers property on Table Rock Lake, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. CARTWRIGHT:

H.R. 7819. A bill to ensure that the percentage increase in rates of basic pay for prevailing wage employees shall be equal to the percentage increase received by other Federal employees in the same pay locality, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

By Ms. CROCKETT (for herself and Mr. GOLDMAN of New York):

H.R. 7820. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to conduct a public health education, awareness, and outreach campaign to enhance access to abortion and related health services; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. GALLEG0:

H.R. 7821. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for a tax credit with respect to fighting retail crime, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. TONY GONZALES of Texas:

H.R. 7822. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act with respect to visa overstays; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Foreign 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 Mrs. MILLER of Illinois (for herself, Mr. BABIN, Ms. HAGEMAN, Mr. ROSENDALE, Mrs. HARSHBARGER, Mr. BANKS, and Mr. WEBSTER of Florida):

H.R. 7823. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to require a

warning label advising that the effects of mifepristone can be counteracted, to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish a hotline to provide information to women seeking to counteract the effects of mifepristone, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. OWENS (for himself and Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia):

H.R. 7824. A bill to direct the Office for Victims of Crime of the Department of Justice to implement anti-trafficking recommendations of the Government Accountability Office; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. PEREZ (for herself and Mr. DELUZIO):

H.R. 7825. A bill to direct the Federal Trade Commission to issue regulations to establish shrinkflation as an unfair or deceptive act or practice, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. SCHIFF (for himself, Mr. HUFFMAN, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Mr. RUIZ, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, Ms. SALINAS, Ms. TITUS, and Ms. BROWNLEY):

H.R. 7826. A bill to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 with respect to certain grants authorized for Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SCHWEIKERT:

H.R. 7827. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to encourage the development of vaccines to prevent, treat, or mitigate opioid, cocaine, methamphetamine, or alcohol use disorder, to establish an x-prize for the development of such a vaccine, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mrs. TORRES of California (for herself, Mrs. BEATTY, Ms. BONAMICI, Mr. BOWMAN, Ms. BROWNLEY, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Ms. CHU, Mr. CONNOLLY, Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania, Mrs. DINGELL, Ms. LOIS FRANKEL of Florida, Mr. FROST, Ms. GARCIA of Texas, Mr. GREEN of Texas, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mrs. HAYES, Mr. KHANNA, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, Ms. NORTON, Ms. OMAR, Mr. POCAN, Mrs. RAMIREZ, Mr. SCHIFF, Ms. TITUS, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, and Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN):

H.R. 7828. A bill to prohibit the pricing of consumer products and services that are substantially similar if such products or services are priced differently based on the gender of the individuals for whose use the products are intended or marketed or for whom the services are performed or offered; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. VALADAO (for himself, Mr. BUCSHON, Mr. SMITH of Nebraska, and Ms. BROWNLEY):

H.R. 7829. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve the payment method for oxygen and oxygen related equipment, supplies, and services, to increase beneficiary access to oxygen and oxygen related equipment, supplies, and services, 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. VAN DREW:

H.R. 7830. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the surviving spouse filing status to individuals whose spouses have died within the last five taxable years; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Ms. VAN DUYN:

H.R. 7831. A bill to impose a financial penalty on certain institutions of higher edu-

cation with high percentages of students who default or make insufficient payments on Federal student loans, 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 Mr. OGLES:

H.J. Res. 121. A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection relating to "Credit Card Penalty Fees (Regulation Z)"; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. D'ESPOSITO:

H. Res. 1107. A resolution expressing the sense of Congress that Israel must be in full support of any negotiation or agreement relating to the Israeli-Hamas conflict, including a two-state solution or similar long-term plan relating to Israel and Palestinians for it to move forward; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. FOSTER:

H. Res. 1108. A resolution expressing the sense of the House of Representatives in support of science diplomacy, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia (for herself, Mrs. CHAVEZ-DE REMER, Mrs. BEATTY, Ms. NORTON, Ms. LOIS FRANKEL of Florida, Mr. KIM of New Jersey, Mr. NEGUSE, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Mr. VICENTE GONZALEZ of Texas, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mr. CARTER of Louisiana, Mrs. MCBATH, Ms. CROCKETT, Ms. BUDZINSKI, Ms. SALINAS, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, Mr. MULLIN, Mr. DELUZIO, Mr. GOLDMAN of New York, Ms. LEE of California, Ms. LEE of Pennsylvania, Ms. SEWELL, Ms. JACOBS, Mr. CONNOLLY, Ms. TITUS, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Ms. BARRAGAN, Mr. CARSON, Ms. BROWN, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. SOTO, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Ms. BROWNLEY, Ms. STANSBURY, Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ, Mr. CARBAJAL, Mr. ALLRED, Mrs. DINGELL, Ms. CRAIG, Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Ms. GARCIA of Texas, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Ms. KAPTUR, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mrs. FOUSHEE, Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia, Mr. PETERS, Ms. SCHOLTEN, Ms. ADAMS, Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER, Mr. ESPAILLAT, and Mr. GOTTHEIMER):

H. Res. 1109. A resolution recognizing the historic Woman Suffrage Procession of 1913 and honoring the courageous suffragists who fought tirelessly for women's right to vote; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

MEMORIALS

Under clause 3 of rule XII,

ML-96. The SPEAKER presented a memorial of the Senate of the State of Ohio, relative to Senate Resolution No. 196, urging the United States Congress to amend the Railway Safety Act of 2023 to require rail shippers to secure all rail cars carrying solid waste to prevent littering and to create a study committee to analyze the benefits of securing rail cars carrying solid waste; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY AND SINGLE SUBJECT STATEMENTS

Pursuant to clause 7(c)(1) of rule XII and Section 3(c) of H. Res. 5 the fol-

lowing 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. SESSIONS:

H.R. 7792.

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

Article 1, Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is:

Related to jurisdiction of the Government Reform and Oversight Committee and Ways and Means Committee related coding of health care facilities

By Mr. DUARTE:

H.R. 7816.

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

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 14

The single subject of this legislation is:

To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to seek to enter into an agreement with a federally funded research and development center for an assessment of notice letters that the Secretary sends to claimants for benefits under laws administered by the Secretary.

By Mr. BERGMAN:

H.R. 7817.

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

Article 1, Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is:

To exempt Michigan from any listing of the lake sturgeon under the Endangered Species Act.

By Mr. BURLISON:

H.R. 7818.

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

Article I, Section VIII of the United States Constitution

The single subject of this legislation is:

This bill exempts certain structures from removal from Army Corps of Engineers property on Table Rock Lake, and for other purposes.

By Mr. CARTWRIGHT:

H.R. 7819.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 1 (Taxing and Spending Clause, "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")

The single subject of this legislation is:

This bill prohibits any prevailing rate employee in a federal agency from being paid an amount exceeding specified limits resulting from an applicable wage survey adjustment.

By Ms. CROCKETT:

H.R. 7820.

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 Public Health Service Act to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to conduct a public health education, awareness, and outreach campaign to enhance access to abortion and related health services.

By Mr. GALLEGO:

H.R. 7821.

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

Article I of the U.S. Constitution.

The single subject of this legislation is:

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for a tax credit with respect to fighting retail crime, and for other purposes.

By Mr. TONY GONZALES of Texas:

H.R. 7822.

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

Article 1, Section 8: "To make all laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into execution the foregoing powers, and all other powers vested by this Constitution in the government of the United States, or in any department or officer thereof."

The single subject of this legislation is:

To criminalize visa overstays, increase visa overstay civil penalties, and for other purposes.

By Mrs. MILLER of Illinois:

H.R. 7823.

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

Article I

The single subject of this legislation is: Health and Human Services.

By Mr. OWENS:

H.R. 7824.

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

Section 8 of Article I or the Constitution

The single subject of this legislation is:

To direct the Office for Victims of Crime of the Department of Justice to implement anti-trafficking recommendations of the Government Accountability Office.

By Ms. PEREZ:

H.R. 7825.

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

Article 1, Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is:

FTC enforcement of deceptive practices

By Mr. SCHIFF:

H.R. 7826.

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

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

The single subject of this legislation is:

Tribal

By Mr. SCHWEIKERT:

H.R. 7827.

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

Article 1, Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is:

To amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to encourage the development of vaccines to prevent, treat, or mitigate opioid, cocaine, methamphetamine, or alcohol use disorder, to establish an x-prize for the development of such a vaccine, and for other purposes.

By Mrs. TORRES of California:

H.R. 7828.

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

According to Article 1: Section 8: Clause 18: of the United States Constitution, seen below, this bill falls within the Constitutional Authority of the United States Congress.

Article 1: Section 8: Clause 18: To make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into execution the foregoing Powers and all other Powers vested by this Constitution in

The single subject of this legislation is:

To end discriminatory pricing.

By Mr. VALADAO:

H.R. 7829.

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

Article 1, Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is:

This legislation makes critical reforms to improve access to supplemental oxygen for Medicare beneficiaries.

By Mr. VAN DREW:

H.R. 7830.

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 Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the surviving spouse filing status to Individuals whose spouses have died within the last five taxable years.

By Ms. VAN DUYNE:

H.R. 7831.

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

Article 1, Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is:

To impose a financial penalty on certain institutions of higher education with high percentages of students who default or make insufficient payments on Federal student loans.

By Mr. OGLES:

H.J. Res. 121.

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

Article I, Section VIII of the United States Constitution

The single subject of this legislation is:

To provide for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection relating to "Credit Card Penalty Fees (Regulation Z)".

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

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

H.R. 40: Mr. SWALWELL and Mr. NADLER.
H.R. 235: Mr. MOSKOWITZ.
H.R. 544: Mr. DELUZIO.
H.R. 547: Ms. LEE of California.
H.R. 648: Mr. POCAN.
H.R. 681: Mr. SMITH of Washington, Mr. SORENSEN, and Mr. HARDER of California.
H.R. 795: Ms. SALINAS.
H.R. 830: Ms. JACOBS.
H.R. 907: Mr. BOWMAN and Mrs. TRAHAN.
H.R. 945: Ms. SCHRIER.
H.R. 1015: Mr. LATURNER, Mrs. BICE, and Mr. RASKIN.
H.R. 1083: Mr. CARTER of Louisiana.
H.R. 1293: Mr. MENENDEZ.
H.R. 1493: Ms. LEE of California.
H.R. 1668: Mr. GOTTHEIMER.
H.R. 1774: Mr. VALADAO.
H.R. 1826: Mr. TURNER.
H.R. 2708: Mr. CASE and Mr. ROBERT GARCIA of California.
H.R. 2719: Ms. PEREZ.
H.R. 2720: Mr. POCAN and Ms. PEREZ.
H.R. 2723: Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois.
H.R. 2763: Mr. NADLER.
H.R. 2845: Mr. LAWLER, Mr. D'ESPOSITO, and Ms. ROSS.
H.R. 2846: Mr. LYNCH.
H.R. 2849: Mr. DELUZIO.
H.R. 2891: Mr. TRONE and Ms. PINGREE.
H.R. 2950: Mr. KILMER.
H.R. 2955: Mr. IVEY, Mr. RUIZ, Mr. GRIJALVA, and Mr. TAKANO.
H.R. 3086: Mr. LAWLER.
H.R. 3139: Mr. ELLZEY.
H.R. 3170: Mr. DESAULNIER and Ms. LEE of Pennsylvania.
H.R. 3382: Ms. OMAR.
H.R. 3435: Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania, Mr. BOYLE of Pennsylvania, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Ms. CARAVEO, Mr. MOLINARO, Mr. GOTTHEIMER, Mr. ROGERS of Alabama, Mr. MCGARVEY, Mr. CISCOMANI, and Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY.
H.R. 3503: Ms. JACKSON LEE.

H.R. 3654: Mr. RASKIN.
H.R. 3781: Mrs. HAYES.
H.R. 4030: Mr. SMITH of Washington.
H.R. 4148: Mr. SCHIFF and Mr. ALLEN.
H.R. 4217: Mr. GARAMENDI.
H.R. 4221: Mrs. HAYES.
H.R. 4541: Mr. SORENSEN.
H.R. 4721: Mr. ROGERS of Alabama.
H.R. 4750: Ms. TENNEY.
H.R. 4771: Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY and Ms. STRICKLAND.
H.R. 4858: Ms. LEE of California.
H.R. 4987: Mr. DELUZIO.
H.R. 5086: Ms. BALINT.
H.R. 5099: Mr. WILLIAMS of New York.
H.R. 5163: Mr. GOTTHEIMER.
H.R. 5195: Mr. RESCHENTHALER.
H.R. 5220: Mr. ROBERT GARCIA of California.
H.R. 5403: Mr. CRENSHAW and Mr. NUNN of Iowa.
H.R. 5837: Mr. LUETKEMEYER.
H.R. 5907: Mr. RASKIN.
H.R. 6090: Mr. FRY.
H.R. 6175: Mr. GOOD of Virginia.
H.R. 6179: Ms. LOIS FRANKEL of Florida, Ms. TITUS, and Mr. FROST.
H.R. 6407: Mr. MFUME.
H.R. 6418: Mr. KILEY.
H.R. 6423: Ms. CROCKETT.
H.R. 6655: Mr. TAKANO, Ms. ADAMS, Ms. WILD, Mrs. HAYES, Ms. MANNING, Mr. MRVAN, and Ms. WILSON of Florida.
H.R. 6720: Mr. ROBERT GARCIA of California.
H.R. 6841: Mr. D'ESPOSITO and Mrs. PELTOLA.
H.R. 6871: Mr. FITZPATRICK.
H.R. 6872: Mr. FITZPATRICK.
H.R. 6929: Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia.
H.R. 6933: Mr. EDWARDS.
H.R. 6951: Mr. MEUSER.
H.R. 7025: Mr. LIEU.
H.R. 7056: Mr. FITZPATRICK and Mr. D'ESPOSITO.
H.R. 7082: Mr. GOTTHEIMER.
H.R. 7155: Mr. GOTTHEIMER.
H.R. 7218: Mr. GOTTHEIMER and Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania.
H.R. 7285: Mrs. PELTOLA.
H.R. 7288: Mr. CÁRDENAS.
H.R. 7384: Ms. LOFGREN.
H.R. 7481: Ms. CLARKE of New York, Ms. PINGREE, and Mr. FROST.
H.R. 7629: Mr. IVEY, Mr. LAWLER, Ms. WATERS, and Mr. SORENSEN.
H.R. 7634: Mr. MAGAZINER and Mr. MOULTON.
H.R. 7656: Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS.
H.R. 7669: Mr. VAN DREW.
H.R. 7676: Mr. RASKIN and Ms. LEE of Pennsylvania.
H.R. 7740: Ms. LEE of Pennsylvania.
H.R. 7752: Mr. FROST.
H.R. 7795: Mr. LIEU and Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts.
H.J. Res. 13: Ms. CROCKETT.
H.J. Res. 72: Ms. PINGREE and Mr. GREEN of Texas.
H.J. Res. 117: Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS, Mrs. HOUCIN, Mr. ADERHOLT, Mr. FITZGERALD, and Mrs. MILLER of Illinois.
H. Con. Res. 101: Mr. CÁRDENAS, Ms. PETERSEN, and Ms. SCHAKOWSKY.
H. Res. 561: Mrs. CHERFILUS-McCORMICK, Ms. LOFGREN, and Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania.
H. Res. 735: Mr. FOSTER.
H. Res. 934: Ms. BUSH.
H. Res. 1050: Mr. SMITH of New Jersey and Mrs. CHERFILUS-McCORMICK.
H. Res. 1053: Mrs. CHERFILUS-McCORMICK and Mr. DUNN of Florida.



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Senate

The Senate met at 5 and 1 seconds p.m. and was called to order by the Honorable LAPHONZA R. BUTLER, a Senator from the State of California.

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, March 26, 2024.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable LAPHONZA R. BUTLER, a Senator from the State of California, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATTY MURRAY,
President pro tempore.

Ms. BUTLER thereupon assumed the Chair as Acting President pro tempore.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL THURSDAY,
MARCH 28, 2024, AT 10 A.M.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate stands adjourned until 10 a.m. on Thursday, March 28, 2024.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 5 and 33 seconds p.m., adjourned until Thursday, March 28, 2024, at 10 a.m.

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EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING JOHN COLEMAN

HON. MARK DESAULNIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 26, 2024

Mr. DESAULNIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize my friend and an esteemed leader in Contra Costa County, John Coleman, as he retires from the East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD) Board of Directors after 33 years of dedicated service and is honored as the Lafayette Citizen of the Year.

Throughout his career, John has been instrumental in shaping vital water policy in our state, forging increased collaboration between a variety of California water agencies, working to protect the East Bay's water supply, and guiding the agency through multiple state-wide droughts. John was first elected to EBMUD's board in 1990 representing the communities of Alamo, Lafayette, Walnut Creek, Danville, Pleasant Hill, and San Ramon. John played a key role in the founding of the Freeport Regional Water Authority (FRWA), an agency tasked with guiding the financing, ownership, construction, and operations of the Freeport Regional Water Project. John is also the longest-serving board member in EBMUD's history.

Prior to his work with EBMUD, John served as President of the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) and the California Association of Sanitation Agencies (CASA). He also was President of the Lafayette Chamber Board and spearheaded the creation of the annual Lafayette Reservoir Run for Education. John has been a strong supporter of youth in our community, having served as Scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop 243 in Lafayette for more than 20 years and later going on to serve as an Eagle Advisor.

We are grateful for John's continued dedication to our community and wish him luck at his new post in the Calaveras County Water District. Please join me in honoring and congratulating John Coleman as he retires after more than three decades of devoted service with EBMUD.

PASSPORT SYSTEM REFORM AND
BACKLOG PREVENTION ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. DARRELL ISSA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 19, 2024

Mr. ISSA. Mr. Speaker, I would like to include in the RECORD a letter which my lead Democratic cosponsor, Mr. COSTA, and I received from the U.S. Travel Association expressing the support of the travel industry for the passage of the Passport System Reform and Backlog Prevention Act:

Hon. DARRELL ISSA,
House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

Hon. JIM COSTA,
House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR REPRESENTATIVES ISSA AND COSTA: On behalf of the U.S. Travel Association (U.S. Travel), which represents all segments of America's travel industry, I am writing to express our strong support for H.R. 6610, the Passport System Reform and Backlog Prevention Act, which is a bipartisan measure that calls for the modernization of the State Department's passport processing capabilities. H.R. 6610 provides a much-needed framework for meeting the Department's commitment to improve efficiency, security, and customer experience within the passport application process.

As you know, America's travel industry plays a vital role in our Nation's economy, contributing significantly to revenue generation and job creation across all 50 states and territories. U.S. Travel's mission is to increase travel to and within the United States, and H.R. 6610 aligns with that mission. As the travel sector continues to recover from the pandemic, there is an urgent need to modernize that travel experience, improve travel IT infrastructure, and position the Department to meet increased demand for passports. In 2022 and 2023, the Department received a record-breaking number of passport applications driven by the surge in U.S. traveler demand for international trips, thereby causing a massive and persistent backlog in average processing times.

While there has been modest improvement in passport processing times since last summer, more needs to be done to bring about sustained progress. Significant improvements in both passport and visa processing times can be readily achieved through the long-overdue modernization of the Bureau of Consular Affairs' outdated IT systems. The legacy systems relied upon by Consular Affairs have significantly hindered the agency's ability to keep pace with demand and disrupted the travel experiences of millions of Americans each year. Accordingly, the modernization of IT infrastructure should be treated as a critical priority for delivering streamlined customer experience for passport and visa applicants, while ensuring the accuracy and security of those functions.

This modernization initiative also aligns with broader efforts to promote international travel and strengthen diplomatic relations. As the world becomes increasingly interconnected, it is essential for the United States to maintain a robust and efficient passport system that facilitates the movement of people and fosters a travel sector that drives economic growth and job creation.

The U.S. Travel Association commends your bipartisan leadership in introducing H.R. 6610 and looks forward to working alongside you to advocate for its passage.

Sincerely,

TORI EMERSON BARNES,
Executive Vice President,
Public Affairs and Policy.

MARCH 18, 2024.

RECOGNIZING LISA A. WILKEN

HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 26, 2024

Mr. CARSON. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor a Hoosier whose service to country and community has endured for over three decades. Lisa Wilken is a former airman and advocate who has dedicated her career to uplifting her fellow veterans.

Lisa's service began in the United States Air Force and continues today through her work with veteran service organizations as a fierce advocate for veteran-friendly legislation at both the Indiana Statehouse and the United States Congress.

As an active member of multiple veteran organizations, Lisa has advocated for veterans at every stage. Far too often the assistance veterans require post-service is not accessible, or just nonexistent. Lisa's experience in the Air Force enabled her to become an advocate for lifechanging legislation at the Indiana Statehouse, including securing tax exemptions for disabled veterans, Veteran Service Officer accreditation, tuition coverage and free programs for dependents of disabled veterans, and the creation of the State Women Veteran Coordinator position at the Indiana Department of Veteran Affairs.

Lisa has prioritized recognizing and serving overlooked constituencies in the military community, especially women veterans. She testified before Congress to raise awareness for the lack of funding for military sexual trauma veterans. In 2017, she was honored by the State of Indiana with the Torchbearer Award, and in 2023, she was inducted into the Indiana Military Veterans Hall of Fame. Lisa Wilken has established a legacy in the Indianapolis and surrounding communities that will be felt and deeply appreciated for future generations of service women and men.

Even within the veteran community, women veterans tend to be overlooked and underrecognized. That is why I am proud to honor the many Hoosier women veterans who selflessly serve our community. Beginning with its namesake, the Sheila Corcoran Hoosier Women Hero Award was created to highlight exemplary Hoosier women veterans whose service to their community and Nation is unparalleled. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Lisa Wilken. I thank Lisa for her service and for her advocacy as she continues to be a voice of her peers, for her persistence, and for her commitment to the veteran community.

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CELEBRATING THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF THE KERRVILLE VETERANS AFFAIRS MEDICAL CENTER

HON. CHIP ROY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 26, 2024

Mr. ROY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 100th birthday of the Kerrville Veterans Affairs Medical Center in my district. This beautiful campus serves veterans from across multiple counties in the Texas Hill Country.

The Benevolent War Risk Society and the American Legion recognized the need for medical care of World War I veterans. Countless veterans contracted tuberculosis during and after that conflict. Fundraising for the hospital began in 1919. The generous Schreiner family of Kerrville donated over 700 acres of land for the hospital grounds. Unfortunately, funding ran out in early 1921. The American Legion came to the project's rescue and eventually donated the hospital to the State of Texas.

As a result, the name "American Legion Memorial Sanatorium" was bequeathed on the facility. The first patients were admitted on June 22, 1921. The federal Veterans Administration began to lease the hospital from the State of Texas two years later. The facility became the 93rd veteran hospital to open in the United States on July 12, 1923, under the name "Veterans Administration Hospital at Kerrville." There were a total of 15 buildings on campus at the time, some of which are still used today.

President Herbert Hoover created the Veterans Administration in July 1930, changing the name of the hospital yet again. Over the

years, efforts were made to expand. A two million-dollar project in 1947 resulted in 400 additional beds and a total of 8 hospital floors. January of 1960 saw the conversion of the facility to full general medical services.

On March 15, 1995, the South Texas Veterans Healthcare System was created when the Kerrville VA Medical Center merged with the Audie L. Murphy Memorial Hospital in San Antonio.

Over the years, the Veterans Administration donated most of the original land to various local entities. The current footprint of the Kerrville VA Medical Center is 70 acres, including a Veterans National Cemetery. My constituents will gather on April 12, 2024 to recognize the significant contributions of this medical facility to Texas veterans.

RECOGNIZING CHERYL HURD

HON. ERIC SWALWELL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 26, 2024

Mr. SWALWELL. Mr. Speaker, having been born and raised in Vallejo, California and graduating from California State University, East Bay, Cheryl is a true Bay Area native. With a focus on the local news impacting my constituents most, Cheryl covered a wide range of stories, from community events to breaking news. Her reporting showcased her dedication to providing accurate and impactful journalism to her viewers.

Her love for covering breaking news was known to anyone who crossed her path. Cheryl was the first to report about the BALCO steroid scandal that rocked the sports world. By shedding a light on the banned performance-enhancing substances, Cheryl was

able to hold corporations accountable and protect the integrity of our athletics. I truly admire the tenacity she showed to always follow through on her stories.

Like many journalists in California, Cheryl was tasked with covering natural disasters such as wildfires and earthquakes that devastated entire communities. I'm thankful for the compassion she showed to the victims of those events as well as her work to raise awareness of the increasing risks posed by disasters including the flooding, wildfires, heatwaves, and drought Californians now face every year.

Over her 20-year legacy, Cheryl was honored with an award from the Bay Area Black Journalist Association and four Emmy awards presented by the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences San Francisco. I'm so proud that her years of experience and commitment were met with accolades and applause.

Aside from her time in broadcast, Cheryl is also one of the founding members of Friends of Faith, a non-profit organization founded 1987, that raises money for women diagnosed with breast cancer in the East Bay. After realizing the financial hardships that East Bay cancer patients are burdened with, Cheryl, along with her peers, began fundraising to provide stipends for women in need of financial assistance during their treatment journey. This is just one of the many ways Cheryl cared for her neighbors.

Cheryl's professionalism and selflessness has made our community a better place. Now that she has more time, I hope Cheryl is able to enjoy more time with her family and adorable dog, Stripe. I'm privileged to call her a friend, and I wish her a joyful retirement. It surely is well-deserved.

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate met at 5:00:01 p.m. in pro forma session, and adjourned at 5:00:33 p.m. until 10 a.m. on Thursday, March 28, 2024.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 16 public bills, H.R. 7816–7831; and 4 resolutions, H.J. Res. 121; and H. Res. 1107–1109, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 4167, to prohibit the Secretary of Energy from changing energy conservation standards for distribution transformers for a certain period, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 118–431); and

H.R. 6192, to amend the Energy Policy and Conservation Act to prohibit the Secretary of Energy from prescribing any new or amended energy conservation standard for a product that is not technologically feasible and economically justified, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–432).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Miller (WV) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Monsignor Stephen J. Rossetti, Catholic University of America, Washington, DC.

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Senate Referrals: S. 1258 was held at the desk. S. 3613 was held at the desk. S. 4050 was held at the desk. S.J. Res. 62 was held at the desk.

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Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appear on page H2117.

Whole Number of the House: The Chair announced to the House that, in light of the resignation of the gentleman from Colorado, Mr. Buck, the whole number of the House is 431.

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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 9 a.m. and adjourned at 9:04 a.m.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 2024

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Thursday, March 28

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12 noon, Friday, March 29

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: 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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