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House of Representatives

The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. GRIFFITH).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
October 15, 2024.

I hereby appoint the Honorable H. MORGAN GRIFFITH 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:

Teach us today, O Lord, to live by faith and not by sight. There are so many issues, concerns, and worries that press us from every side. Remind us again that our faith in You will not allow us to be crushed.

Countless unknowns, the uncertainty of our future, our health, our welfare, all cause us to be perplexed. Remind us again that our faith in You will not leave us in despair.

The suffering in our world, in our Nation, in our communities, even in our homes, persecutes our sense of rightness. Remind us again that our faith in You assures us that none of Your children are abandoned, none will be separated from Your love.

When all hope seems lost, when our energies are depleted, when we are struck down with nothing left to pick us up, remind us again that our faith in You will always protect us from being destroyed.

All of what we see around us is temporary. May we fix our eyes on what is unseen: Your eternal and gracious plan for our lives today and always.

In Your sovereign name we pray.
Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 3(z) of House Resolution 5, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The SPEAKER pro tempore led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

RESIGNATION AS LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL AND APPOINTMENT AS LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following resignation as Legislative Counsel of the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
OFFICE OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL,
Washington, DC, October 1, 2024.

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

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: I hereby submit my resignation as Legislative Counsel of the United States House of Representatives, effective at the end of November 3, 2024.

It has been a great honor and privilege to serve as Legislative Counsel to the House, its members and committees, and to lead the Office of the Legislative Counsel.

Sincerely,

ERNEST WADE BALLOU, JR.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Speaker accepts the resignation of Ernest Ballou, Jr., Legislative Counsel, effective November 3, 2024.

Pursuant to section 521 of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1970 (2

U.S.C. 282), the Speaker appoints Warren Burke, Legislative Counsel, to succeed Ernest Ballou, Jr., resigned.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 3(z) of House Resolution 5, the House stands adjourned until 10:30 a.m., on Friday, October 18, 2024.

Thereupon (at 10 o'clock and 3 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Friday, October 18, 2024, at 10:30 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

EC-5653. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting DC Act 25-559, "Female Genital Mutilation Prohibition Act of 2024", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

EC-5654. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting DC Act 25-552, "Family Re-Housing Stabilization Program Protection Temporary Amendment Act of 2024", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

EC-5655. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting DC Act 25-560, "Sign Regulations Temporary Amendment Act of 2024", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

EC-5656. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting DC Act 25-561, "Buzzard Point Park and Trails National Park Service Grant Temporary Amendment Act of 2024", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

EC-5657. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting DC Act 25-562, "Transportation Improvements Temporary Amendment Act of

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