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House of Representatives

The House met at 9:30 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. BROWN of Maryland).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
November 12, 2021.

I hereby appoint the Honorable ANTHONY G. BROWN to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

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

Hear our prayers, O Lord. Day and night we call out to You. Even before the sun rises, we cry for Your help. Our evenings are overwhelmed with questions and concerns only You can answer.

If we obey Your word, will You hear us? If we abide by Your laws, will You give us an audience?

God, You are a God of love. Love us with the fulfillment of Your promises. You are a God of justice. Show Your righteousness in the midst of all that seems so wrong around us.

As we face down the unrest, the divisiveness, the cruelty that surrounds us, assure us that You have not abandoned us. When we come up against impossibilities, uncertainties, and adversities, speak Your word. Give evidence of Your power to transform and redeem even the most devastating outlook for our future.

All along, You have been with us. Today, You stand beside us. And in the days to come, You have promised to abide with us. May we trust in these assurances and in You this day and forever.

In Your enduring name we pray.
Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 11(a) of House Resolution 188, 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.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE SERGEANT AT ARMS

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Sergeant at Arms of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE SERGEANT AT ARMS,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, November 12, 2021.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: Pursuant to section 3(s) of House Resolution 8, following consultation with the Office of Attending Physician, I write to provide you further notification that the public health emergency due to the novel coronavirus SARS–CoV–2 remains in effect.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM J. WALKER,
Sergeant at Arms.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces the extension, pursuant to section 3 of House Resolution 8, and effective November 16, 2021, of the ''covered period'' designated on January 4, 2021.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 11(b) of House Resolution 188, the House stands adjourned until 2 p.m. on Monday, November 15, 2021, for legislative business.

Thereupon (at 9 o'clock and 33 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Monday, November 15, 2021, at 2 p.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

EC–2634. A letter from the Secretary, Health Resources and Services Administration, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services and the Health Resources and Services Administration, transmitting the Department's Report to Congress on Chronic Care Management Services: Barriers and Opportunities, pursuant to Public Law 114-110, Sec. 103(b)(2); (129 Stat. 132); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC–2635. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to the situation in or in relation to the Democratic Republic of the Congo that was declared in Executive Order 13413 of October 27, 2006, 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–2636. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting notice of the continuation of the National Emergency with respect to the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction that was declared in Executive Order 12938 of November 14, 1994, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1622(d); Public Law 94-412, Sec. 202(d); (90 Stat. 1257) (H. Doc. No. 117—73); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed.

EC–2637. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting the Annual

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Report on the Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship Program, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2462 note; Public Law 106-309, Sec. 304; (114 Stat. 1095); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC–2638. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Department Report Number: 004459; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC–2639. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a report on the United States participation in the United Nations; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC–2640. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting the Department's final rule — Visas: Documentation of Nonimmigrants under the Immigration and Nationality Act; Validity of Visa [Public Notice: 11458] (RIN: 1400-AE82) received October 21, 2021, 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–2641. A letter from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting the Department's Report to Congress on the Physicians' Comparability Allowance Program, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 5948(j); Public Law 103-114, Sec. 2(a); (107 Stat. 1116); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

EC–2642. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 24-198, ''Wilkinson School Disposition Authorization Temporary Act of 2021'', pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

EC–2643. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 24-200, ''Coronavirus Unemployment Compensation Provisions Sunset Temporary Amendment Act of 2021'', pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

EC–2644. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 24-201, ''Office of Administrative Hearings Unemployment Appeals Extension Temporary Amendment Act of 2021'', pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

EC–2645. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 24-202, ''Certified Midwife Credential Amendment Act of 2021'', pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

EC–2646. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 24-199, ''Advisory Neighborhood Commissions Humanitarian Relief Extension Temporary Amendment Act of 2021'', pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

EC–2647. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary of the Army, Civil Works, Department of the Army, transmitting a letter stating two Mississippi headwaters reservoirs are discharging minimum flows, pursuant to Public Law 100-676, Sec. 21(b) (as amended by Public Law 110-114, Sec. 3175(2); (121 Stat. 1155); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC–2648. A letter from the Director, Legal Processing Division, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Departments' IRB only rule — Funding relief for multiemployer defined benefit pension plans under the American Rescue plan (Notice 2021-57) received October 8, 2021, 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.

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. BEYER (for himself, Mr. LUCAS, and Ms. JOHNSON of Texas):

H.R. 5948. A bill to enhance safety and protect research interests and the environment in Antarctica, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, and in addition to the Committees on Foreign Affairs, and Natural Resources, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. CORREA:

H.R. 5949. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 615 North Bush Street, in Santa Ana, California, as the ''Judge James Perez Post Office''; to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

By Ms. DEAN (for herself, Mrs. SPARTZ, Ms. SCANLON, and Mr. FITZPATRICK):

H.R. 5950. A bill to amend the Controlled Substances Act to increase the number of days before which certain controlled substances for maintenance or detoxification treatment must be administered, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, 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. FISCHBACH (for herself, Mr. HAGEDORN, Ms. CRAIG, Mr. PHILLIPS, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Ms. OMAR, Mr. EMMER, and Mr. STAUBER):

H.R. 5951. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 202 2nd Avenue, in Oklee, Minnesota, as the ''Coya Knutson Post Office''; to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

By Mrs. FISCHBACH (for herself, Mr. HAGEDORN, Ms. CRAIG, Mr. PHILLIPS, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Ms. OMAR, Mr. EMMER, and Mr. STAUBER):

H.R. 5952. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 123 East Main Street, in Vergas, Minnesota, as the ''Jon Glawe Post Office''; to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

By Mr. HOLLINGSWORTH (for himself and Mr. MRVAN):

H.R. 5953. A bill to amend the Small Business Act to increase in Governmentwide goal for participation in Federal contracts by small business concerns owned and controlled by service-disabled veterans; to the Committee on Small Business.

By Mr. JACKSON:

H.R. 5954. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1304 4th Avenue in Canyon, Texas, as the ''Gary James Fletcher Post Office Building''; to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

By Mr. JACKSON:

H.R. 5955. A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit to Congress reports on the pilot program on acceptance by the Department of Veterans Affairs of donated facilities and related improvements; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. KATKO (for himself and Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi):

H.R. 5956. A bill to amend the National Security Act of 1947 to require the National Security Council's membership to include the Secretary of Homeland Security; to the Committee on Armed Services, and in addition to the Committees on Foreign Affairs, and 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. LARSEN of Washington (for himself, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. KILMER, Ms. STRICKLAND, Mr. GRIJALVA, Ms. SCHRIER, and Ms. DELBENE):

H.R. 5957. A bill to reduce risks to marine mammals, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure, and Armed Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. LIEU (for himself, Ms. BROWNLEY, Ms. PORTER, Mr. LEVIN of California, and Mr. LOWENTHAL):

H.R. 5958. A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to increase the civil and criminal penalties for oil spills, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS:

H.R. 5959. A bill to expand opportunity through greater choice in education, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and Labor, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. NEGUSE:

H.R. 5960. A bill to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to provide for engagements with State, local, Tribal, and territorial governments, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security.

By Mr. NEGUSE:

H.R. 5961. A bill to make revisions in title 5, United States Code, as necessary to keep the title current, and to make technical amendments to improve the United States Code; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. NEGUSE:

H.R. 5962. A bill to manage supply chain risk through counterintelligence training, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

By Ms. SPANBERGER (for herself, Mr. GONZALEZ of Ohio, Mrs. AXNE, Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS, and Ms. MACE):

H.R. 5963. A bill to provide for improvements in the reimbursement of eligible health care providers through the Provider Relief Fund, 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. SUOZZI:

H.R. 5964. A bill to enhance the policies, procedures, and training for the United States Merchant Marine Academy, to authorize infrastructure replacement and improvement projects at the United States Merchant Marine Academy, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services, and in addition to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. TONKO (for himself and Mr. MCKINLEY):

H.R. 5965. A bill to direct the Secretary of Energy to establish a pilot program to enter into contracts for payment of costs associated with using eligible hydrogen, and for