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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. McHENRY).

### PRAYER

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

Speak to us, O Lord. Speak to us in words we can hear and understand, for the cacophony of chaos has overwhelmed our ability to receive Your guidance and discern Your direction.

Remind us of Your servant Ezra, who when embarking on a perilous future, petitioned God and then proclaimed a fast, calling the people to humble themselves before You, that You would lead and protect them on the journey.

We often call to mind Your reluctant servant, Esther, but remind us that when she was faced with the annihilation of her people and heard Your call for personal sacrifice in the face of political uncertainty, she too urged prayer and fasting, and then placed all her dependence on Your provision.

So, O Lord, as we face times such as these, the ongoing war of atrocities in Ukraine, the tinderbox of terror that is Israel and Gaza, the divisive unrest in these very Chambers, may we in prayer rend our hearts and not our country. May we fast, abstaining from all that detracts us from our reliance on You. Then may we return to You, O Lord, appealing to You for Your guidance and protection, for You are gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Speak the word You would have us hear.

In Your sovereign name, we pray.  
Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House the approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1 of rule I, the Journal stands approved.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. BOST) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. BOST 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.

### CALL OF THE HOUSE

Mr. JOHNSON of Louisiana. Mr. Speaker pro tempore, pursuant to clause 7 of rule XX, I move a call of the House.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under clause 7(b) of rule XX, the Chair confers recognition for that purpose.

Without objection, a call of the House was ordered.

There was no objection.

The call was taken by electronic device, and the following Members responded to their names:

[Roll No. 522]

### ANSWERED "PRESENT"—432

Adams	Bera	Budzinski	Castro (TX)	Fleischmann	Jackson (NC)
Aderholt	Bergman	Burchett	Chavez-DeRemer	Fletcher	Jackson (TX)
Aguilar	Beyer	Burgess	Cherfilus-	Flood	Jackson Lee
Alford	Bice	Burlison	McCormick	Foster	Jacobs
Allen	Biggs	Bush	Chu	Foushee	James
Allred	Billirakis	Calvert	Ciscomani	Fox	Jayapal
Amodei	Bishop (GA)	Cammack	Clark (MA)	Frankel, Lois	Jeffries
Armstrong	Bishop (NC)	Caraveo	Clarke (NY)	Franklin, Scott	Johnson (GA)
Arrington	Blumenauer	Carbajal	Cleaver	Frost	Johnson (LA)
Auchincloss	Blunt Rochester	Cárdenas	Cline	Fry	Johnson (OH)
Babin	Boebert	Carey	Cloud	Fulcher	Johnson (SD)
Bacon	Bonamici	Carl	Clyburn	Gaetz	Jordan
Baird	Bost	Carson	Clyde	Gallagher	Joyce (OH)
Balderson	Bowman	Carter (GA)	Cohen	Gallego	Joyce (PA)
Balint	Boyle (PA)	Carter (LA)	Cole	Garamendi	Kamlager-Dove
Banks	Brecheen	Carter (TX)	Collins	Garbarino	Kaptur
Barr	Brown	Cartwright	Comer	Garcia (IL)	Kean (NJ)
Barragán	Brownley	Casar	Connolly	Garcia (TX)	Keating
Bean (FL)	Buchanan	Case	Correa	Garcia, Mike	Kelly (IL)
Beatty	Buck	Casten	Costa	Garcia, Robert	Kelly (MS)
Bentz	Bucshon	Castor (FL)	Courtney	Gimenez	Kelly (PA)
			Craig	Golden (ME)	Khanna
			Crane	Goldman (NY)	Kiggans (VA)
			Crawford	Gomez	Kildee
			Crenshaw	Gonzales, Tony	Kiley
			Crockett	Gonzalez,	Kilmer
			Crow	Vicente	Kim (CA)
			Cuellar	Good (VA)	Kim (NJ)
			Curtis	Gooden (TX)	Krishnamoorthi
			D'Esposito	Gosar	Kuster
			Davids (KS)	Gottheimer	Kustoff
			Davidson	Granger	LaHood
			Davis (IL)	Graves (LA)	LaLota
			Davis (NC)	Graves (MO)	LaMalfa
			De La Cruz	Green (TN)	Lamborn
			Dean (PA)	Green, Al (TX)	Landsman
			DeGette	Greene (GA)	Langworthy
			DeLauro	Griffith	Larsen (WA)
			DelBene	Grijalva	Larson (CT)
			Deluzio	Grothman	Latta
			DeSaulnier	Guest	LaTurner
			DesJarlais	Guthrie	Lawler
			Diaz-Balart	Hageman	Lee (CA)
			Dingell	Harder (CA)	Lee (FL)
			Doggett	Harris	Lee (NV)
			Donalds	Harshbarger	Lee (PA)
			Duarte	Hayes	Leger Fernandez
			Duncan	Hern	Lesko
			Dunn (FL)	Higgins (LA)	Letlow
			Edwards	Higgins (NY)	Levin
			Ellzey	Hill	Lieu
			Emmer	Himes	Lofgren
			Escobar	Hinson	Loudermilk
			Eshoo	Horsford	Lucas
			Espallat	Houchin	Luetkemeyer
			Estes	Houlahan	Luna
			Evans	Hoyer	Luttrell
			Ezell	Hoyle (OR)	Lynch
			Fallon	Hudson	Mace
			Feenstra	Huffman	Magaziner
			Ferguson	Huizenga	Malliotakis
			Finstad	Hunt	Mann
			Fischbach	Issa	Manning
			Fitzgerald	Ivey	Massie
			Fitzpatrick	Jackson (IL)	Mast

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

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McBath	Peters	Stauber
McCarthy	Petterson	Steel
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McClain	Phillips	Steil
McClellan	Pingree	Steube
McClintock	Pocan	Stevens
McCollum	Porter	Strickland
McCormick	Posey	Strong
McGarvey	Pressley	Swalwell
McGovern	Quigley	Sykes
McHenry	Ramirez	Takano
Meeks	Raskin	Tenney
Menendez	Reschenthaler	Thanedar
Meng	Rodgers (WA)	Thompson (CA)
Meuser	Rogers (AL)	Thompson (MS)
Mfume	Rogers (KY)	Thompson (PA)
Miller (IL)	Rose	Tiffany
Miller (OH)	Rosendale	Timmons
Miller (WV)	Ross	Titus
Miller-Meeks	Rouzer	Tlaib
Mills	Roy	Tokuda
Molinaro	Ruiz	Tonko
Moolenaar	Ruppersberger	Torres (CA)
Mooney	Rutherford	Torres (NY)
Moore (AL)	Ryan	Trahan
Moore (UT)	Salazar	Trone
Moore (WI)	Salinas	Turner
Moran	Sánchez	Underwood
Morelle	Santos	Valadao
Moskowitz	Sarbanes	Van Drew
Moulton	Scalise	Van Dуйne
Mrvan	Scanlon	Van Orden
Mullin	Schakowsky	Vargas
Murphy	Schiff	Vasquez
Nadler	Schneider	Veasey
Napolitano	Scholten	Velázquez
Neal	Schrier	Wagner
Neguse	Schweikert	Walberg
Nehls	Scott (VA)	Waltz
Newhouse	Scott, Austin	Wasserman
Nickel	Scott, David	Schultz
Norcross	Self	Waters
Norman	Sessions	Watson Coleman
Nunn (IA)	Sewell	Weber (TX)
Oberholte	Sherman	Webster (FL)
Ocasio-Cortez	Sherrill	Wenstrup
Ogles	Simpson	Westerman
Omar	Slotkin	Wexton
Owens	Smith (MO)	Wild
Pallone	Smith (NE)	Williams (GA)
Palmer	Smith (NJ)	Williams (NY)
Panetta	Smith (WA)	Williams (TX)
Pappas	Smucker	Wilson (FL)
Pascarell	Sorensen	Wilson (SC)
Pelosi	Soto	Wittman
Peltola	Spanberger	Womack
Pence	Spartz	Yakym
Perez	Stansbury	Zinke

## NOT VOTING—1

Payne

The SPEAKER pro tempore. On this roll call 432 Members have recorded their presence.

A quorum is present.

□ 1145

## ELECTION OF SPEAKER

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question now recurs upon the election of a Speaker. The tellers will please come forward and take their seats.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Oklahoma (Mr. COLE).

Mr. COLE. Mr. Speaker pro tempore, I rise for the purpose of placing in nomination the name of the Honorable JIM JORDAN for the position of Speaker of the House at the direction of the Republican Conference.

Mr. Speaker pro tempore, 2 weeks and 1 day ago, I was on this House floor and in this Chamber defending my very good friend and our former Speaker, Mr. MCCARTHY, from an effort to vacate the Chair.

In the course of that speech, I made the remark that those who did this, whether intentionally or unintention-

ally, were going to put the Congress in a state of chaos and the country into a state of uncertainty. I think the last 2 weeks have vindicated that observation. We have a chance today to end that chaos and to end that uncertainty.

When these races happen, there are always a lot of hard things said on both sides of the aisle. There is a lot of finger-pointing that goes on. I don't intend to be involved in any of that today. I think the decision in front of us is far, far too important for that.

I am very proud, very proud, to place in nomination the name of our good friend, my good friend, our Republican candidate for Speaker, the Honorable JIM JORDAN of Ohio.

I have had the privilege of knowing JIM JORDAN for a long time. I have been in Congress for a long time. For his entire period in the House, I have had the honor of serving with my friend.

My friend is not exactly a shrinking violet. You don't win national championships in college; you don't come to this floor with a sincere set of beliefs and a desire to make a change and be shy about it. My friend is not a shy person.

I have learned some things about him over the years. He is a person of absolute personal integrity. I have never once had to question something that he told me. He is an honorable man.

I also think we all know he is a pretty direct man, too. I don't think anybody in here on any issue of any substance would have to guess where JIM JORDAN is going to stand.

He doesn't deceive. He doesn't dissemble. He simply tells you straight up that this is what I believe; this is why I think it is the right thing to do for the country; and that is what I am going to try and accomplish, and I am going to work with you in any way that I can to do it.

The other thing I think we have found in the last couple of weeks is what it takes to be a Speaker. The one thing I know—never having been one and never having aspired to be one—is that it takes a spine of steel to do this job.

My friend has that kind of determination, has that kind of character, and has that kind of spine. I think the next Speaker is going to need that quality, and I know my friend has it in great abundance.

If you are a Republican, it ought to be a pretty easy decision, my friends. This is somebody who believes what we believe and has fought for and shown that that over and over again.

When I first got to know him, a lot of his focus was on spending. That is exactly where the focus of this House ought to be.

Now, he has laid out a plan, not just a short-term plan, as to how we deal with the appropriations process. I am an appropriator. I think I know that that is not the root of the problem.

Unlike any other Speaker we have had, he has had the courage to talk about a long-term plan and to get at

the real drivers of debt, and we all know what they are. We all know it is Social Security. We all know it is Medicare. We all know it is Medicaid.

No President of either side has been willing to deal with this. No Speaker of either side has been willing to deal with this.

My friend, our former colleague John Delaney, and I offered a plan. I still file it every year—John is not here anymore—which is to go back to 1983 and do what we did then and address Social Security. We can never get any help.

This is a guy that wants to create a debt commission, a bipartisan debt commission, and get at the roots of our spending problem. That takes courage.

□ 1200

Republicans ought to support somebody with that kind of courage. He is not only focused on one thing. I don't know anybody that has done more to highlight and talk about the border disaster that is underway right now as we speak.

I had the privilege of serving here when Jeh Johnson was Secretary of Homeland Security. I have a very high opinion for Jeh Johnson. I think he is one of the finest public servants that I ever met. He was asked on one occasion to define what was a crisis on the southern border.

He said: Any time that you have more than 1,000 illegal entries a day, you have a crisis.

We have 10 or 11 times that every single day. In that tide of humanity that is coming across, there is a boatload of fentanyl coming to kill tens of thousands of all of our constituents.

There are human traffickers who are taking advantage of young men and young women and, frankly, predators in our own country, and they are bringing them across, not by the 10s or 20s or the dozens, but by the hundreds and the thousands.

There are, amongst that flow of people, people that wish us ill. There are people who are not fleeing from oppression. There are people who are terrorists or criminals that are coming into our country for no good reason.

That is not an immigration problem. That is a border security problem. They are not the same thing. We can debate immigration. That is a worthy debate. We should never have to debate border security. Nobody has highlighted that issue like my friend JIM JORDAN. Nobody has done more as a committee chairman to move legislation that would meaningfully deal with this problem.

This, my friends on both sides of the aisle, but with all due respect, particularly this administration and my friends on the other side, need to look at this. You need to look at this seriously. Don't confuse it with immigration. You are not going to have immigration reform until we have border security. It cannot be done. He has been the number one champion of that. It is one of the number one issues that we have.

Finally, I want to talk about something that can bring us together. There are a lot of things we disagree on, legitimately so, but most of us do not disagree about the security of the State of Israel. All of us on both sides of the aisle reacted with horror and with deep sympathy and with legitimate outrage at the crimes that were perpetrated against the people of Israel in the last week. All of us know that they are within their rights to respond forcefully and swiftly to defend their people and punish those who brought that upon them.

In a moment of crisis—and we are in a moment of crisis—we should come together and act. We know we can't do that without a Speaker of the House. Now, it is a narrow majority, but my friends and I are in the majority. We need to produce a Speaker.

We have a candidate who we know where he will stand on issues that are important. We know where he is going to stand on spending because it is where he has always stood. It is not like he changed over the course of his career.

We know what he is going to do on the border. We read H.R. 2. We have seen what his committee produced. It is not just money; it is policy and change that will provide security for the American people.

Finally, and I say this on a bipartisan basis, I know he will stand up for Israel, and I know in that area we can come together. That crisis is on us now. We may get a request at almost any time to act. We need to be able to act. My friend will act on that crisis. He has shown it his whole career.

It is with a great deal of pride that I have the privilege of nominating my friend, our chairman of the Judiciary Committee, but a person whose principles you know, whose actions you can trust, and who in a time of crisis will respond with the leadership we need, JIM JORDAN.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair now recognizes the gentleman from California (Mr. AGUILAR).

Mr. AGUILAR. Mr. Speaker pro tempore, I rise today at the direction of the House Democratic Caucus to place into nomination for the position of Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Honorable HAKEEM JEFFRIES of New York.

Here we are again, Mr. Speaker pro tempore, and I promise to make these speeches shorter if we get closer to a compromise, but I am not certain that is going to happen at this moment.

While the Republican candidate for Speaker is making late-night backroom deals to secure the gavel, Leader JEFFRIES has once again extended the hand of bipartisanship for a path forward.

One thing was very clear yesterday, the vote total: 212-200. The People's House has spoken and Leader JEFFRIES has the support to be the Speaker that this country needs. Mr. Speaker pro tempore, 212-200, no amount of election

denying is going to take away from those vote totals.

Mr. Speaker pro tempore, we shouldn't be surprised at the vote count. I noted yesterday the legislative acumen of the gentleman from Ohio. Would it surprise anyone that in addition to not passing a single piece of legislation, he has never put up a piece of legislation that has made it to a committee?

The Speaker of the House must be a legislator, and the gentleman from Ohio falls short in that regard. He supports an extreme agenda and is hell-bent on banning abortion nationwide, gutting Medicare, gutting Social Security, and giving cover to January 6 attackers. Those aren't the values that we share.

If we don't see a Speaker elected in this round, there is going to be another candidate, another internal Republican Conference vote, and a secret ballot. The country can't afford more delays and more chaos. Fifteen days should be enough.

House Democrats are united on this path forward. We are united behind HAKEEM JEFFRIES. We are united to put people over politics, to lower costs, create better paying jobs, build safer communities, and defend democracy.

Once again, we are coming together to achieve this common goal, and that is to make HAKEEM JEFFRIES Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Mr. Speaker pro tempore, HAKEEM JEFFRIES has done what we haven't seen from the other side of the aisle, and that is to keep the Caucus united. When extreme MAGA Republicans vowed to send our country into a devastating default, it was Leader JEFFRIES who led House Democrats to reject the extremism and keep the government open. Mr. Speaker pro tempore, we have the vote totals to back that up.

It has been Leader JEFFRIES and House Democrats who have shown a willingness and a conviction to keep our promise to deliver for American families, and it will be HAKEEM JEFFRIES who moves our body and our country forward on a bipartisan path.

Mr. Speaker pro tempore, who on the other side of the aisle will take "yes" for an answer and work with us to achieve three common goals?

My colleague and good friend, the gentleman from Oklahoma, mentioned one of them: supporting assistance to Israel. What he left out was assistance to Ukraine and our national security objective.

Second, above all else, we must commit to keeping this government open and functioning.

Finally, Mr. Speaker pro tempore, we need to put this body on a bipartisan path to achieve real results for the American public. That is what we were sent to do. That is what we need to do. That is why HAKEEM JEFFRIES is the leader we need at this time to lead this Chamber.

Mr. Speaker pro tempore, I would like to nominate HAKEEM JEFFRIES as Speaker of the House.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. There being no further nominations, the Reading Clerk will now call the roll.

The tellers having taken their places, the House proceeded to vote for the Speaker.

The following is the result of the vote:

[Roll No. 523]  
JEFFRIES—212

Adams	Goldman (NY)	Panetta
Aguilar	Gomez	Pappas
Allred	Gonzalez,	Pascarell
Auchincloss	Vicente	Payne
Balint	Gottheimer	Pelosi
Barragan	Green, Al (TX)	Peltola
Beatty	Grijalva	Perez
Bera	Harder (CA)	Peters
Beyer	Hayes	Pettersen
Bishop (GA)	Higgins (NY)	Phillips
Blumenauer	Himes	Pingree
Blunt Rochester	Horsford	Pocan
Bonamici	Houlihan	Porter
Bowman	Hoyer	Pressley
Boyle (PA)	Hoyle (OR)	Quigley
Brown	Huffman	Ramirez
Brownley	Ivey	Raskin
Budzinski	Jackson (IL)	Ross
Bush	Jackson (NC)	Ruiz
Caraveo	Jackson Lee	Ruppersberger
Carbajal	Jacobs	Ryan
Cardenas	Jayapal	Salinas
Carson	Jeffries	Sanchez
Carter (LA)	Johnson (GA)	Sarbanes
Cartwright	Kamlager-Dove	Scanlon
Caspar	Kaptur	Schakowsky
Case	Keating	Schiff
Casten	Kelly (IL)	Schneider
Castor (FL)	Khanna	Scholten
Castro (TX)	Kildee	Schrier
Cherfilus-	Kilmer	Scott (VA)
McCormick	Kim (NJ)	Scott, David
Chu	Krishnamoorthi	Sewell
Clark (MA)	Kuster	Sherman
Clarke (NY)	Landman	Sherrill
Cleaver	Larsen (WA)	Slotkin
Clyburn	Larson (CT)	Smith (WA)
Cohen	Lee (CA)	Sorensen
Connolly	Lee (NV)	Soto
Correa	Lee (PA)	Spanberger
Costa	Leger Fernandez	Stansbury
Courtney	Levin	Stanton
Craig	Lieu	Stevens
Crockett	Lofgren	Strickland
Crow	Lynch	Swalwell
Cuellar	Magaziner	Sykes
Davids (KS)	Manning	Takano
Davis (IL)	Matsui	Thannedar
Davis (NC)	McBath	Thompson (CA)
Dean (PA)	McClellan	Thompson (MS)
DeGette	McCollum	Titus
DeLauro	McGarvey	Tlaib
DelBene	McGovern	Tonko
Deluzio	Meeks	Torres (CA)
DeSaulnier	Menendez	Torres (NY)
Dingell	Meng	Trahan
Doggett	Mfume	Trone
Escobar	Moore (WI)	Underwood
Eshoo	Morelle	Vargas
Espallat	Moskowitz	Vasquez
Evans	Moulton	Veasey
Fletcher	Mirman	Velázquez
Foster	Mullin	Wasserman
Foushee	Nadler	Schultz
Frankel, Lois	Napolitano	Waters
Frost	Neal	Watson Coleman
Galleo	Neguse	Wexton
Garamendi	Nickel	Wild
Garcia (IL)	Norcross	Williams (GA)
Garcia (TX)	Ocasio-Cortez	Wilson (FL)
Garcia, Robert	Omar	
Golden (ME)	Pallone	

JORDAN—199

Aderholt	Bentz	Burlison
Alford	Bergman	Calvert
Allen	Bice	Cammack
Amodei	Biggs	Carey
Armstrong	Bilirakis	Carl
Arrington	Bishop (NC)	Carter (GA)
Babin	Boebert	Carter (TX)
Baird	Bost	Ciscomani
Balderson	Brecheen	Cline
Banks	Bucshon	Cloud
Barr	Burchett	Clyde
Bean (FL)	Burgess	Cole

Collins	Jackson (TX)	Owens
Comer	Johnson (LA)	Palmer
Crane	Johnson (OH)	Pence
Crawford	Johnson (SD)	Perry
Crenshaw	Jordan	Pfluger
Curtis	Joyce (OH)	Posey
Davidson	Joyce (PA)	Reschenthaler
De La Cruz	Kean (NJ)	Rodgers (WA)
DesJarlais	Kelly (MS)	Rogers (AL)
Donalds	Kiley	Rogers (KY)
Duarte	Kim (CA)	Rose
Duncan	Kustoff	Rosendale
Dunn (FL)	LaHood	Rouzer
Edwards	LaMalfa	Roy
Emmer	Lamborn	Salazar
Estes	Langworthy	Santos
Ezell	Latta	Scalise
Fallon	LaTurner	Schweikert
Feenstra	Lee (FL)	Scott, Austin
Finstad	Lesko	Self
Fischbach	Letlow	Sessions
Fitzgerald	Loudermilk	Smith (MO)
Fitzpatrick	Lucas	Smith (NE)
Fleischmann	Luetkemeyer	Smith (NJ)
Flood	Luna	Smucker
Foxx	Luttrell	Spartz
Franklin, Scott	Mace	Steel
Fry	Malliotakis	Stefanik
Fulcher	Mann	Steil
Gaetz	Massie	Steube
Gallagher	Mast	Strong
Garcia, Mike	McCarthy	Tenney
Good (VA)	McCauley	Thompson (PA)
Gooden (TX)	McClain	Tiffany
Gosar	McClintock	Timmons
Graves (LA)	McCormick	Turner
Graves (MO)	McHenry	Valadao
Green (TN)	Meuser	Van Drew
Greene (GA)	Miller (IL)	Van Dwyne
Griffith	Miller (OH)	Van Orden
Grothman	Miller (WV)	Wagner
Guest	Mills	Walberg
Guthrie	Molinaro	Waltz
Hageman	Moolenaar	Weber (TX)
Harris	Mooney	Webster (FL)
Harshbarger	Moore (AL)	Wenstrup
Hern	Moore (UT)	Westerman
Higgins (LA)	Moran	Williams (NY)
Hill	Murphy	Williams (TX)
Hinson	Nehls	Wilson (SC)
Houchin	Newhouse	Wittman
Hudson	Norman	Yakym
Huizenga	Nunn (IA)	Zinke
Hunt	Obernolte	
Issa	Ogles	

## SCALISE—7

Diaz-Balart	Granger	Womack
Ferguson	Rutherford	
Gonzales, Tony	Simpson	

## MC CARTHY—5

Bacon	Jimenez	Lawler
Chavez-DeRemer	Kiggans (VA)	

## ZELDIN—3

D'Esposito	Garbarino	LaLota
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## DONALDS—1

Buchanan	
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## EMMER—1

Buck	
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## GARCIA, MIKE—1

Ellzey	
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## BOEHNER—1

Kelly (PA)	
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## GRANGER—1

Miller-Meeks	
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## WESTERMAN—1

Stauber	
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## CANDICE MILLER (MI)—1

James	
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## ANSWERED "PRESENT"—0

## NOT VOTING—0

□ 1315

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The tellers agree in their tallies that the total number of votes cast is 433, of which the Honorable JIM JORDAN of the State

of Ohio has received 199, the Honorable HAKEEM JEFFRIES of the State of New York has received 212, the Honorable KEVIN MCCARTHY of the State of California has received 5, the Honorable BYRON DONALDS of the State of Florida has received 1, the Honorable TOM EMMER of the State of Minnesota has received 1, the Honorable LEE ZELDIN of the State of New York has received 3, the Honorable STEVE SCALISE of the State of Louisiana has received 7, the Honorable MIKE GARCIA of the State of California has received 1, the Honorable Candice Miller of the State of Michigan has received 1, the Honorable John Boehner of the State of Ohio has received 1, the Honorable KAY GRANGER of the State of Texas has received 1, and the Honorable BRUCE WESTERMAN of the State of Arkansas has received 1.

No person having received a majority of the whole number of votes cast by surname, a Speaker has not been elected.

## RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 1 o'clock and 16 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

□ 1711

## AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. MCHENRY) at 5 o'clock and 11 minutes p.m.

## HOUR OF MEETING ON TOMORROW

Mr. HILL. Mr. Speaker pro tempore, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at noon tomorrow.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Arkansas?

There was no objection.

## ADJOURNMENT

Mr. HILL. Mr. Speaker pro tempore, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 5 o'clock and 11 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, October 19, 2023, 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-2183. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 25-255, "Floodplain Review Authority Temporary Amendment Act of 2023", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814).

EC-2184. A letter from the Regulatory Policy Analyst, Regulations Policy and Manage-

ment Staff, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule — Advisory Committee; Board of Tea Experts; Termination and Technical Amendment to the Citation for the Federal Advisory Committee Act [Docket No.: FDA-2023-N-3497] received October 5, 2023, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868).

EC-2185. A letter from the Administrative Assistant, Ecological Services, Fish and Wildlife Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Reclassification of the Relict Darter From Endangered to Threatened With a Section 4(d) Rule [Docket No.: FWS-R4-ES-2021-0093; F090E22000 FXES1113090FEDR 234] (RIN: 1018-BF56) received October 16, 2023, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868).

## 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. BUCSHON:

H.R. 5978. A bill to amend the Fair Packaging and Labeling Act to establish a Federal standard relating to ingredient disclosure in cleaning products, and for other purposes.

By Ms. DE LA CRUZ (for herself, Mr. GREEN of Texas, Mr. CRENSHAW, Mr. POSEY, Mr. OGLES, Mr. GOODEN of Texas, Mr. MOORE of Alabama, and Mr. SESSIONS):

H.R. 5979. A bill to require each enterprise to include on the Uniform Residential Loan Application a disclaimer to increase awareness of the direct and guaranteed home loan programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

By Mr. ESPAILLAT (for himself and Ms. NORTON):

H.R. 5980. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to authorize state of good repair grants to be used for public transportation resilience improvement, and for other purposes.

By Mr. TONY GONZALES of Texas:

H.R. 5981. A bill to prohibit the use of Federal funds to be used to support drag theater performances.

By Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE (for herself and Ms. SALAZAR):

H.R. 5982. A bill to provide visa availability for the Government Employee Immigrant Visa program, and for other purposes.

By Mr. LARSEN of Washington (for himself, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mr. BEYER, Ms. STANSBURY, Mr. AGUILAR, Mr. ALLRED, Mr. AUCHINCLOSS, Ms. BALINT, Ms. BARRAGÁN, Mrs. BEATTY, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Ms. BONAMICI, Mr. BOWMAN, Ms. BROWNLEY, Mr. CARBAJAL, Mr. CÁRDENAS, Mr. CARSON, Mr. CARTER of Louisiana, Mr. CASAR, Mr. CASE, Ms. CASTOR of Florida, Mr. CLEAVER, Mr. COHEN, Mr. CONNOLLY, Ms. CROCKETT, Mr. CROW, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Ms. DEGETTE, Mr. DESAULNIER, Mrs. DINGELL, Ms. ESCOBAR, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Mr. EVANS, Mrs. FOUSHEE, Ms. LOIS FRANKEL of Florida, Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois, Mr. ROBERT GARCIA of California, Ms. GARCIA of Texas, Mr. GOLDMAN of New York, Mr. GOMEZ, Mr. GOTTHEIMER, Mr. GRIJALVA, Ms. HOYLE of Oregon, Mr. HUFFMAN, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Ms. JACOBS, Ms. JAYAPAL, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE, Ms. KAPTUR,

Mr. KHANNA, Mr. KILMER, Mr. KIM of New Jersey, Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY, Ms. LEE of California, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. LIEU, Mr. LYNCH, Mr. MAGAZINER, Ms. MATSUI, Ms. MCCLELLAN, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Mr. MCGARVEY, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. MENG, Mr. MFUME, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, Mr. MORELLE, Mr. MOULTON, Mr. MULLIN, Mr. NADLER, Mr. NEGUSE, Mr. NORCROSS, Ms. NORTON, Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. PASCRELL, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. PETERS, Ms. PINGREE, Ms. PORTER, Ms. PRESSLEY, Mrs. RAMIREZ, Mr. RASKIN, Mr. RUPPERSBERGER, Ms. SALINAS, Ms. SANCHEZ, Mr. SARBANES, Ms. SCANLON, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. SCHNEIDER, Ms. SCHOLTEN, Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, Ms. SEWELL, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Ms. STEVENS, Ms. STRICKLAND, Mr. TAKANO, Mr. THANEDAR, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Ms. TITUS, Ms. TOKUDA, Mr. TONKO, Mr. TORRES of New York, Mrs. TRAHAN, Mr. TRONE, Mr. VARGAS, Mr. VASQUEZ, Ms. VELAZQUEZ, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Ms. WEXTON, Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia, Ms. WILSON of Florida, Mr. CASTRO of Texas, and Ms. WATERS):

H.R. 5983. A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to restore a national minimum standard of protection for the water resources of the United States while providing certainty to regulated entities.

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

H.R. 5984. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services, acting through the Administrator of the Health Resources and Services Administration, to award grants for expanding, modernizing, or streamlining emergency room operations.

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

H.R. 5985. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 517 Seagaze Drive in Oceanside, California, as the "Charlesetta Reece Allen Post Office Building".

By Mr. MAST:

H.R. 5986. A bill to prohibit funds for the Palestinian-controlled West Bank or Gaza.

By Mrs. MCBATH (for herself, Ms. MANNING, and Mr. MRVAN):

H.R. 5987. A bill to amend the Adult Education and Family Literacy Act and the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act to strengthen adult education.

By Ms. BROWNLEY (for herself, Mrs. HOUCIN, Ms. NORTON, Ms. CROCKETT, and Mr. TAKANO):

H. Res. 794. A resolution recognizing the significance of "National Learning Disabilities Awareness Month".

By Mr. GARBARINO (for himself, Mr. SWALWELL, Ms. LEE of Florida, Mr. LAWLER, Mr. D'ESPOSITO, Mr. CARTER of Louisiana, Mr. LUTTRELL, Mr. GIMENEZ, Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. JACKSON LEE, and Mr. EZELL):

H. Res. 795. A resolution expressing support for the proclamation of a "National Cybersecurity Awareness Month".

By Mr. TONY GONZALES of Texas:

H. Res. 796. A resolution condemning foreign nationals in the United States who have endorsed and espoused the actions of foreign terrorist organizations (FTO) in Gaza who, on October 7, 2023, launched attacks against the State of Israel, and killed innocent Israeli and United States citizens.

## 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. BUCSHON:

H.R. 5978.

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

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 3

The single subject of this legislation is: Commerce.

By Mr. DE LA CRUZ:

H.R. 5979.

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

Art. 1, Sec. 8, Cl. 18

The single subject of this legislation is:

Improves awareness of the VA Home Loan program for Veterans.

By Mr. ESPAILLAT:

H.R. 5980.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following: section 5 of Amendment XIV to the Constitution.

The single subject of this legislation is:

To authorize state of good repair grants to be used for public transportation resilience improvement.

By Mr. TONY GONZALES of Texas:

H.R. 5981.

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 prohibits any federal funding to be used to support drag theater performances.

By Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE:

H.R. 5982.

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

Pursuant to clause 7(c)(1) of Rule XII and Section 3(c) of H. Res. 5 the following Statement's are submitted regarding (1) the specific powers granted to Congress in the U.S. Constitution to enact the accompanying bill or joint resolution and (2) the single subject of the bill or joint resolution.

The single subject of this legislation is:

To preserve visa access for eligible U.S. embassy employees abroad to immigrate to the U.S. after 15 years of service to the United States government.

By Mr. LARSEN of Washington:

H.R. 5983.

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

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

The single subject of this legislation is:

Amends the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to restore a national minimum standard of protection for the water resources of the United States

By Mr. LAWLER:

H.R. 5984.

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

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 18 of the U.S. Constitution

The single subject of this legislation is:

To authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services, acting through the Administrator of the Health Resources and Services Administration, to award grants for expanding, modernizing, or streamlining emergency room operations.

By Mr. LEVIN:

H.R. 5985.

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

Article I, Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is:

Postal Naming

By Mr. MAST:

H.R. 5986.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 18

The single subject of this legislation is:

Would prohibit any federal funds from going to the Palestinian-controlled West Bank or Gaza Strip.

By Mrs. MCBATH:

H.R. 5987.

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

Interstate Commerce Clause

The single subject of this legislation is:

to expand and improve adult education and literacy activities provided through state and local workforce development programs

## ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

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

H.R. 16: Mr. PAPPAS.

H.R. 51: Mrs. RAMIREZ.

H.R. 105: Mr. BILIRAKIS.

H.R. 235: Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia.

H.R. 431: Mr. LAMALFA, Ms. FOXX, Mr. GROTHMAN, Mrs. CAMMACK, and Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia.

H.R. 530: Mr. SORESENSEN.

H.R. 542: Mr. TONKO.

H.R. 618: Mr. LAWLER, Mr. HUIZENGA, and Mr. HARDER of California.

H.R. 619: Ms. OMAR.

H.R. 708: Ms. TOKUDA.

H.R. 709: Ms. STANSBURY.

H.R. 724: Ms. LOFGREN, Ms. SCHRIER, and Mr. SORESENSEN.

H.R. 770: Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY.

H.R. 807: Mr. KILDEE.

H.R. 830: Ms. LOIS FRANKEL of Florida.

H.R. 895: Mr. MFUME and Mr. CASE.

H.R. 974: Mr. BLUMENAUER.

H.R. 987: Mr. MRVAN and Mr. SWALWELL.

H.R. 1092: Mr. COLE.

H.R. 1201: Mr. DUARTE.

H.R. 1240: Mrs. HINSON.

H.R. 1247: Ms. PORTER.

H.R. 1385: Mr. GOODEN of Texas.

H.R. 1398: Mr. DONALDS.

H.R. 1408: Mr. STEUBE.

H.R. 1529: Ms. CARAVEO.

H.R. 1624: Ms. WEXTON.

H.R. 1634: Ms. SALAZAR.

H.R. 1685: Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE.

H.R. 1699: Ms. JAYAPAL.

H.R. 1729: Ms. BALINT.

H.R. 1809: Ms. TITUS.

H.R. 1816: Ms. LETLOW and Mr. GOOD of Virginia.

H.R. 1831: Mrs. HOUCIN.

H.R. 2400: Ms. MCCLELLAN and Mr. QUIGLEY.

H.R. 2407: Mr. TRONE, Ms. ROSS, Mr. SWALWELL, and Mr. AMODEI.

H.R. 2413: Mr. KILDEE and Mr. CORREA.

H.R. 2534: Mr. CONNOLLY and Mr. CORREA.

H.R. 2553: Mr. DONALDS.

H.R. 2604: Ms. SCANLON and Mr. CASTRO of Texas.

H.R. 2663: Mr. HARDER of California, Ms. MANNING, and Ms. WATERS.

H.R. 2715: Ms. WEXTON and Mr. QUIGLEY.

H.R. 2891: Ms. DELBENE.

H.R. 2918: Mrs. DINGELL.

H.R. 2941: Mrs. PELTOLA.

H.R. 2949: Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY and Ms. WEXTON.

H.R. 2966: Ms. TOKUDA and Ms. CROCKETT.

- H.R. 2992: Mr. RUPPERSBERGER and Mr. DESAULNIER.  
H.R. 3032: Mr. KEAN of New Jersey.  
H.R. 3074: Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Ms. SALINAS, Mr. CASE, and Ms. MCCLELLAN.  
H.R. 3090: Ms. WEXTON.  
H.R. 3148: Mr. JACKSON of North Carolina.  
H.R. 3151: Mr. LANGWORTHY.  
H.R. 3199: Mrs. MILLER of West Virginia.  
H.R. 3209: Mr. GOODEN of Texas.  
H.R. 3382: Ms. LEE of California.  
H.R. 3409: Ms. WEXTON.  
H.R. 3419: Mr. SORENSEN.  
H.R. 3519: Mr. VAN DREW.  
H.R. 3541: Mr. SESSIONS.  
H.R. 3544: Mr. GRIJALVA, Ms. CLARKE of New York, and Mr. BOWMAN.  
H.R. 3713: Ms. WEXTON and Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY.  
H.R. 3716: Ms. CROCKETT.  
H.R. 3773: Mr. MOONEY.  
H.R. 3774: Mrs. KIM of California, Ms. VAN DUYN, and Mr. ISSA.  
H.R. 3785: Mr. SCHIFF.  
H.R. 3792: Mr. HIMES.  
H.R. 3867: Mr. CARBAJAL.  
H.R. 3885: Mr. DONALDS.  
H.R. 3904: Ms. PINGREE.  
H.R. 3970: Mr. CORREA, Mr. GOMEZ, and Mrs. FLETCHER.  
H.R. 4006: Mr. PFLUGER.  
H.R. 4031: Mr. MORELLE.  
H.R. 4068: Ms. LEE of California.  
H.R. 4155: Mr. GALLAGHER.  
H.R. 4175: Mr. SCHWEIKERT.  
H.R. 4202: Ms. STANSBURY, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia, Mr. SCHIFF, and Mr. CLEAVER.  
H.R. 4335: Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio.  
H.R. 4442: Mr. KILMER.  
H.R. 4475: Ms. JAYAPAL.  
H.R. 4499: Mr. MAGAZINER.  
H.R. 4519: Mr. CORREA, Mr. DELUZIO, and Ms. WEXTON.  
H.R. 4663: Mrs. HARSHBARGER, Mrs. TRAHAN, and Mr. DAVIS of Illinois.  
H.R. 4708: Ms. SLOTKIN.  
H.R. 4745: Mr. RESCHENTHALER and Mr. FITZPATRICK.  
H.R. 4817: Mr. SCOTT of Virginia.  
H.R. 4844: Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY.  
H.R. 4848: Mr. DONALDS.  
H.R. 4933: Ms. NORTON and Mr. NADLER.  
H.R. 4942: Ms. CROCKETT and Mr. ESPAILLAT.  
H.R. 4978: Ms. WATERS.  
H.R. 5035: Ms. DELBENE.  
H.R. 5044: Mr. BEAN of Florida.  
H.R. 5080: Mr. HARDER of California.  
H.R. 5113: Ms. TOKUDA.  
H.R. 5134: Mrs. HINSON.  
H.R. 5266: Mr. LAMALFA.  
H.R. 5344: Ms. PINGREE.  
H.R. 5354: Ms. PINGREE.  
H.R. 5371: Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania.  
H.R. 5381: Ms. TOKUDA.  
H.R. 5397: Mr. CARTER of Georgia.  
H.R. 5399: Ms. MCCLELLAN and Ms. HOYLE of Oregon.  
H.R. 5419: Mr. OWENS.  
H.R. 5455: Mr. COHEN.  
H.R. 5469: Mr. LYNCH.  
H.R. 5476: Mr. SMUCKER.  
H.R. 5487: Mr. LIEU and Mr. SMITH of Washington.  
H.R. 5502: Mr. MULLIN.  
H.R. 5601: Ms. STANSBURY, Mr. CÁRDENAS, and Mr. KILDEE.  
H.R. 5610: Ms. WATERS.  
H.R. 5623: Mr. TRONE.  
H.R. 5704: Mr. BACON.  
H.R. 5717: Mrs. BICE.  
H.R. 5738: Mr. GALLAGHER.  
H.R. 5791: Mr. BARR.  
H.R. 5793: Mr. THANEDAR.  
H.R. 5804: Ms. MCCLELLAN and Mr. PHILLIPS.  
H.R. 5817: Ms. TOKUDA.  
H.R. 5826: Mr. ARMSTRONG.  
H.R. 5846: Ms. ADAMS and Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY.  
H.R. 5886: Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Ms. BONAMICI, and Ms. TOKUDA.  
H.R. 5895: Ms. ROSS and Mr. SCHIFF.  
H.R. 5912: Mr. RESCHENTHALER and Mr. RUTHERFORD.  
H.R. 5920: Mrs. LUNA and Mr. MULLIN.  
H.R. 5932: Mr. GOODEN of Texas.  
H.R. 5934: Mr. MOYLAN.  
H.R. 5947: Mr. LAHOOD.  
H.R. 5954: Mr. MOLINARO.  
H.R. 5959: Mr. BIGGS, Ms. HAGEMAN, Mr. MCCLINTOCK, and Ms. TENNEY.  
H.R. 5968: Ms. TENNEY and Ms. STEFANIK.  
H.R. 5976: Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Mr. CORREA, and Mr. GOTTHEIMER.  
H.J. Res. 72: Ms. BALINT, Mr. KIM of New Jersey, and Mr. BOYLE of Pennsylvania.  
H.J. Res. 76: Mr. GOMEZ, Mr. BLUMENAUER, and Ms. VELÁZQUEZ.  
H. Con. Res. 71: Mr. MCCLINTOCK.  
H. Con. Res. 73: Mr. CISCOMANI.  
H. Res. 176: Ms. LEE of Florida.  
H. Res. 616: Mr. BLUMENAUER, Ms. SPANBERGER, and Mr. PHILLIPS.  
H. Res. 684: Mr. DONALDS and Mr. GREEN of Tennessee.  
H. Res. 733: Mr. SWALWELL and Ms. SALINAS.  
H. Res. 735: Ms. NORTON.  
H. Res. 754: Ms. JACKSON LEE.  
H. Res. 767: Ms. TOKUDA.  
H. Res. 774: Mr. GUEST.  
H. Res. 786: Ms. LEE of California, Ms. JAYAPAL, and Mr. CASAR.  
H. Res. 793: Ms. PINGREE, Mr. HIMES, and Mrs. SPARTZ.