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No. 212

## House of Representatives

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

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,  
December 26, 2023.

I hereby appoint the Honorable ALEXANDER X. MOONEY 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:

In the quiet conclusion of this holiday season, as we reflect on the time with family and friends, still reveling in the excitement and joy of the season, in this simple, sacred moment, we join with the great company of the heavenly host praising You, saying, "Glory to God in the highest."

We pause in anticipation that You will grant our prayer for peace on Earth.

May we be among those with whom You are well pleased this day.

May we be among those upon whom Your favor rests throughout our journey in faith.

In Your most holy name, we offer our prayers to You.  
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.

### BILL AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Kevin F. McCumber, Acting Clerk of the House, reported that on December 19, 2023, the following bill and joint resolutions were presented to the President of the United States for approval:

H.R. 3315. To exempt for an additional 4-year period, from the application of the means-test presumption of abuse under chapter 7, qualifying members of reserve components of the Armed Forces and members of the National Guard who, after September 11, 2001, are called to active duty or to perform a homeland defense activity for not less than 90 days.

H.J. Res. 62. Providing for the reappointment of Michael Govan as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution.

H.J. Res. 63. Providing for the appointment of Antoinette Bush as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution.

H.J. Res. 64. Providing for the reappointment of Roger W. Ferguson as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution.

### 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, December 29, 2023.

Thereupon (at 9 o'clock and 32 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Friday, December 29, 2023, 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-2615. A letter from the Director, Regulations Management Division, Rural Development Innovation Center, Rural Business-Cooperative Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Guaranteed Loanmaking and Servicing Regulations [Docket No.: RBS-20-BUSINESS-0016] (RIN: 0570-AB07) received December 1, 2023, 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-2616. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Air Plan Disapproval; RACT Elements for the 2008 8-Hour Ozone Standard for the Denver Metro/North Front Range Nonattainment Area [EPA-R08-OAR-2023-0272; FRL-11237-03-R8] received December 5, 2023, 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-2617. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Air Plan Disapproval; Louisiana; Excess Emissions [EPA-R06-OAR-2019-0212; FRL-10997-02-R6] received December 5, 2023, 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-2618. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Air Plan Approval; Ohio; Volatile Organic Compounds [EPA-R05-OAR-2022-0442; FRL-10601-02-R5] received December 5, 2023, 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-2619. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Air Plan Approval; Indiana; Municipal Solid Waste Landfill State Plan Approval for Designated Facilities and Pollutants [EPA-R05-OAR-2023-0283; FRL-11127-02-R5] received December 6, 2023,

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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-2620. A letter from the Marine Resources Management Specialist, OPR, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Takes of Marine Mammals Incidental to Specified Activities; Taking Marine Mammals Incidental to the Revolution Wind Offshore Wind Farm Project Offshore Rhode Island [Docket No.: 230923-0235] (RIN: 0648-BL52) received November 29, 2023, 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-2621. A letter from the Legal Yeoman, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's temporary final rule — Safety Zone; Pacific Ocean; Santa Catalina Island, California [Docket No.: USCG-2023-0004] (RIN: 1625-AA00) received December 5, 2023, 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-2622. A letter from the Legal Yeoman, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's temporary final rule — Safety Zone; 26th Annual Key West Paddle Classic, Atlantic Ocean, Key West FL [Docket No.: USCG-2023-0661] (RIN: 1625-AA00) received December 5, 2023, 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-2623. A letter from the Legal Yeoman, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's temporary final rule — Safety Zone; Ohio

River Mile Markers 79.5-80, Wellsburg, WV [Docket No.: USCG-2023-0721] (RIN: 1625-AA00) received December 5, 2023, 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-2624. A letter from the Legal Tech, CG-LRA, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's temporary final rule — Safety Zone; Lake Erie, Buffalo, NY [Docket No.: USCG-2023-0765] (RIN: 1625-AA00) received December 5, 2023, 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-2625. A letter from the Legal Yeoman, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's temporary final rule — Safety Zone; Pacific Ocean, Catalina Island, CA [Docket No.: USCG-2023-0621] (RIN: 1625-AA00) received December 5, 2023, 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-2626. A letter from the Legal Yeoman, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's temporary final rule — Safety Zone; Pacific Ocean, Huntington Beach, California [Docket No.: USCG-2023-0622] (RIN: 1625-AA00) received December 5, 2023, 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-2627. A letter from the Legal Yeoman, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's temporary final rule — Safety Zone; Southern Command Dive Operation, Gulf of Mex-

ico, Key West, FL [Docket No.: USCG-2023-0741] (RIN: 1625-AA00) received December 5, 2023, 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-2628. A letter from the Legal Tech, CG-LRA, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — 2022 Liquid Chemical Categorization Updates [Docket No.: USCG-2023-0327] (RIN: 1625-AC73) received December 5, 2023, 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.

#### ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

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

H.R. 1173: Mr. SCHNEIDER.  
 H.R. 1533: Mr. MOLINARO.  
 H.R. 1753: Mr. WEBSTER of Florida.  
 H.R. 2535: Mr. MOLINARO.  
 H.R. 3879: Mr. MOLINARO.  
 H.R. 4152: Mr. MOLINARO.  
 H.R. 4153: Mr. MOLINARO.  
 H.R. 4579: Ms. MCCLELLAN and Mr. CONNOLLY.  
 H.R. 6161: Ms. LEE of California.  
 H.R. 6173: Mr. MOLINARO.  
 H.R. 6417: Mr. MOLINARO.  
 H.R. 6885: Mr. GOOD of Virginia, Mr. ROSENDALE, Mr. CLYDE, Mr. DONALDS, Mrs. MILLER of Illinois, Mr. CRANE, Mr. BIGGS, Mr. NORMAN, and Mr. POSEY.



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## Senate

The Senate met at 9 and 10 seconds a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable BRIAN SCHATZ, a Senator from the State of Hawaii.

### 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 Senior Assistant Parliamentarian read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,  
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,  
Washington, DC, December 26, 2023.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable BRIAN SCHATZ, a Senator from the State of Hawaii, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATTY MURRAY,  
President pro tempore.

Mr. SCHATZ thereupon assumed the Chair as Acting President pro tempore.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL FRIDAY,  
DECEMBER 29, 2023, AT 10:30 A.M.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate stands adjourned until Friday, December 29, 2023, at 10:30 a.m.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 9 and 41 seconds a.m., adjourned until Friday, December 29, 2023, at 10:30 a.m.

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## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY'S SEATTLE CAMPUS

**HON. PRAMILA JAYAPAL**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 26, 2023*

Ms. JAYAPAL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Northeastern University on the oc-

casation of the 10th anniversary of establishing a campus in the City of Seattle.

In 2013, Northeastern opened its doors in Seattle with two programs, 32 students and 500 square feet of space in South Lake Union. A decade later, the campus has nearly 1,800 graduates, a dozen graduate-degree programs, hundreds of industry and community partnerships, and is among the largest of Northeastern's 13 global locations.

Northeastern has worked to bring programs in high-growth fields to the Pacific Northwest, such as computer science, data analytics, global studies and project management. Each program is designed to help students thrive in careers through classroom learning and real-world experiences.

On the occasion of this milestone, I am proud to recognize Northeastern University as a partner and valued member of the Seattle community.

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# Daily Digest

## Senate

### *Chamber Action*

The Senate met at 9:00:10 a.m. in pro forma session, and adjourned at 9:00:41 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. on Friday, December 29.

### *Committee Meetings*

No committee meetings were held.

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## House of Representatives

### *Chamber Action*

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** There were no public bills or resolutions introduced in today's Record.

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Page H7012**

**Reports Filed:** There were no reports filed today.

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Mooney to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H7011**

**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 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 9:32 a.m.

### *Committee Meetings*

No hearings were held.

### *Joint Meetings*

No joint committee meetings were held.

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2023

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

#### Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

#### House

No hearings are scheduled.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

10:30 a.m., Friday, December 29

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

10:30 a.m., Friday, December 29

## Senate Chamber

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

## House Chamber

Program for Friday: House will meet in Pro Forma session at 10:30 a.m.

## Extensions of Remarks, as inserted in this issue

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