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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. ROUZER).

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,  
February 16, 2024.

I hereby appoint the Honorable DAVID ROUZER 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:

Merciful God, we pause in this moment to look inwardly, evaluating both who we are and whose we are. In this time of self-reflection, we pray that we do not see ourselves as better than we really are. Rather, as we reflect on our attitudes and actions and the estimation we have of our own importance, may we do so with humility and wise judgment, free of exaggeration or delusion.

You, O Lord, have made us and we are Yours. We are Your people, the sheep of Your pasture. As we consider this relationship to You, help us first to see the grace You have given us and mercy You have shown us. As far as our faith allows, help us to discover the gifts You have apportioned to us and live into the purpose You have assigned to us.

This and every day, may we commit ourselves to this meditation and self-examination, that we would grow stronger in spirit and more aware of Your steadfast love in our lives.

We pray that we glorify You. In the strength of Your most holy 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.

### ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 3(z) of House Resolution 5, the House stands adjourned until 1 p.m. on Tuesday, February 20, 2024.

Thereupon (at 10 o'clock and 2 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Tuesday, February 20, 2024, at 1 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-3198. A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Citrus Canker; Designating Alabama a Commercial Citrus-Producing Area [Docket No.: APHIS-2023-0007] received February 9, 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-3199. A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's

final rule — Importation of Fresh Beef from Paraguay [Docket No.: APHIS-2018-0007] (RIN: 0579-AE73) received February 7, 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-3200. A letter from the General Counsel, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Loan Policies and Operations (RIN: 3052-AD54) received February 9, 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-3201. A letter from the Chief of Planning and Regulatory Affairs Office, Food and Nutrition Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's Major interim final rule — Establishing the Summer EBT Program and Rural Non-Consolidate Option in the Summer Meal Programs [FNS-2023-0029] (RIN: 0584-AE96) received February 9, 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-3202. A letter from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Amendment of section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Lac du Flambeau, Wisconsin) [MB Docket No.: 23-302] [RM-11965] received February 9, 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-3203. A letter from the Division Chief, Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Resilient Networks [PS Docket No.: 21-346]; Amendments to Part 4 of the Commission's Rules Concerning Disruptions to Communications [PS Docket No.: 15-80]; New Part 4 of the Commission's Rules Concerning Disruptions to Communications [ET Docket No.: 04-35] received February 9, 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-3204. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Iran that was declared in Executive Order 12957 of March 15, 1995, 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);

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(91 Stat. 1627); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-3205. A letter from the Administrator, General Services Administration, transmitting the Administration's Inspector General Semiannual Report to Congress for the period April 1, 2023 through September 30, 2023; to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

EC-3206. A letter from the Assistant to the Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — Land Acquisitions [245A2100DD/AAK001030/A0A501010.999900] (RIN: 1076-AF71) received February 7, 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.

#### 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. 6544. A bill to advance the benefits of nuclear energy by enabling efficient, timely, and predictable licensing, regulation, and deployment of nuclear energy technologies, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 118-391, Pt. 1). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

#### DISCHARGE OF COMMITTEE

Pursuant to clause 2 of rule XIII, the Committees on Science, Space, and Technology and Foreign Affairs discharged from further consideration. H.R. 6544 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. BARR (for himself and Mr. FITZGERALD):

H.R. 7403. A bill to specify when the record is complete on certain acquisition applications related to depository institution holding companies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. CRANE (for himself, Mr. CORREA, Mr. BIGGS, Mr. DUNCAN, Mr. GOSAR, Mr. GUEST, Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana, Mr. LUTTRELL, Mr. MCCAUL, and Mr. OGLLES):

H.R. 7404. A bill to require annual reports on counter illicit cross-border tunnel operations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security.

By Mrs. RODGERS of Washington:

H.R. 7405. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to prohibit the exclusion of an individual from assignment to a medical personnel position of the Armed Forces on the basis of the amputation of the individual, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mrs. RODGERS of Washington (for herself, Ms. DEGETTE, Mr. COLE, Ms. NORTON, Ms. DELAURO, and Mr. STAUBER):

H.R. 7406. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services to carry out a program of research, training, and investigation related to Down syndrome, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. SMITH of Nebraska (for himself, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, and Mr. FEENSTRA):

H.R. 7407. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a credit to certain small employers for the startup costs of dependent care flexible spending plans; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. MOORE of Alabama (for himself, Mr. ADERHOLT, Ms. SEWELL, Mr. ROY, Mr. CARL, and Mr. PALMER):

H. Res. 1019. A resolution condemning the Nicaraguan Government's unjust imprisonment of individuals affiliated with Mountain Gateway Ministry; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. OGLLES:

H. Res. 1020. A resolution expresses steadfast resolve with the people of Texas, condemns the current administration's efforts to impose the consequences of illegal immigration on the States, and considers, pursuant to article III, section 3 of the Constitution, Joe Biden to be guilty of treason against the people of the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. OGLLES:

H. Res. 1021. A resolution providing the sense of the House of Representatives that the political persecution of President Donald J. Trump is morally unjustifiable and has damaged institutional trust to an extraordinary degree; that the Biden administration's weaponization of the Federal Government against Donald Trump, the Republican Party's nominee for President in 2024, must end; that those responsible for the persecution of Donald Trump within the Biden administration must be held accountable by Congress; and that the United States would benefit enormously from having Donald J. Trump inaugurated once again as the President of the United States on January 20, 2025; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

#### 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. BARR:

H.R. 7403.

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

Article 1, Section 8 of the United States Constitution.

The single subject of this legislation is:

To specify when the record is complete on certain acquisition applications related to depository institution holding companies, and for other purposes.

By Mr. CRANE:

H.R. 7404.

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

Article I, Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is:

National security

By Mrs. RODGERS of Washington:

H.R. 7405.

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

Article I, Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is:

Armed Forces and National Security

By Mrs. RODGERS of Washington:

H.R. 7406.

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

Article I Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is:

Reauthorizes the "Investigation of Co-occurring conditions across the Lifespan to Understand Down syndrome (INCLUDE) Program for Down syndrome research at the National Institute of Health.

By Mr. SMITH of Nebraska:

H.R. 7407.

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

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 1 and the 16th Amendment of the United States Constitution

The single subject of this legislation is:

Tax

#### ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

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

H.R. 871: Ms. TOKUDA.

H.R. 913: Mr. MEEKS.

H.R. 1088: Mr. DONALDS, Ms. MALLIOTAKIS, Mr. LAWLER, Mr. FITZPATRICK, and Mr. OWENS.

H.R. 1322: Mr. CUELLAR.

H.R. 1446: Ms. CHU.

H.R. 1555: Mr. SWALWELL, Mr. GARAMENDI, Mr. GOMEZ, and Ms. LEE of California.

H.R. 1719: Mr. BOYLE of Pennsylvania.

H.R. 1797: Mr. CARTER of Louisiana.

H.R. 2552: Mrs. HAYES and Mr. MCGOVERN.

H.R. 2802: Mr. THANEDAR.

H.R. 3433: Mr. SMUCKER.

H.R. 3882: Mrs. DINGELL.

H.R. 5408: Ms. MALLIOTAKIS and Mr. DELUZIO.

H.R. 5829: Mr. LIEU.

H.R. 5840: Mr. GARAMENDI and Ms. HOULAHAN.

H.R. 6173: Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia.

H.R. 6247: Mr. MCCORMICK.

H.R. 6302: Mr. MCGOVERN.

H.R. 6407: Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Mr. LYNCH, Ms. TLAIB, and Mr. THANEDAR.

H.R. 6433: Mr. PHILLIPS.

H.R. 6519: Ms. ROSS.

H.R. 6643: Ms. JACKSON LEE.

H.R. 6963: Mr. MULLIN.

H.R. 7059: Mr. DESAULNIER.

H.R. 7082: Ms. NORTON.

H.R. 7108: Ms. NORTON.

H.R. 7223: Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi.

H.R. 7372: Mrs. CHAVEZ-DEREMER, Mr. COSTA, Mr. LAMBORN, and Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina.

H. Res. 196: Ms. STANSBURY, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mr. BOYLE of Pennsylvania, Ms. CHU, Ms. NORTON, Mrs. DINGELL, Ms. BUSH, Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia, and Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia.

H. Res. 265: Mr. CASE.

H. Res. 901: Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania and Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE.

H. Res. 990: Ms. BROWNLEY.

H. Res. 1014: Mr. COSTA and Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania.

#### DISCHARGE PETITIONS—

#### ADDITIONS AND WITHDRAWALS

The following Members added their names to the following discharge petitions:

Petition 6 by Ms. PRESSLEY on House Joint Resolution 25: Mr. Case and Mr. Gottheimer.

Petition 8 by Ms. DEGETTE on House Resolution 916: Ms. Caraveo and Mr. Case.