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## House of Representatives

The House met at 1 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. SMITH of Nebraska).

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,  
November 22, 2024.

I hereby appoint the Honorable ADRIAN SMITH to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

MIKE JOHNSON,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

### PRAYER

Reverend Lisa Wink Schultz, U.S. Senate, Chaplain's Office, Washington, D.C., offered the following prayer:

Eternal God, the giver of every good and perfect gift, we thank You for autumn in Washington, D.C. We are grateful for the bright yellow leaves and the refreshing cool weather. Open our eyes to the beauty You have created. Thank You for the balance of labor and rest, workday and Sabbath. May this Thanksgiving holiday give all who work here much-needed rest.

Help us remember that all who are weary and heavy-laden can come to You and find rest for their souls. Your yoke is easy and Your burden is light. As seasons change, we are comforted by the truth that You are the unchangeable one.

We pray in Your mighty name.  
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.

### COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, November 22, 2024.

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

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(b) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on November 21, 2024, at 3:20 p.m.

That the Senate passed S. 1153.

That the Senate passed S. 3959.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 7218.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 8932.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely,

KEVIN F. MCCUMBER,  
*Acting Clerk.*

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, November 22, 2024.

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

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on November 21, 2024, at 3:45 p.m.

That the Senate passed S. 385.

That the Senate passed S. 1322.

That the Senate passed S. 2868.

That the Senate agreed to Relative to death of the Honorable Timothy Johnson, former United States Senator from the State of South Dakota S. Res. 902.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely,

KEVIN F. MCCUMBER,  
*Acting Clerk.*

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, November 22, 2024.

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

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on November 22, 2024, at 12:28 p.m.

That the Senate passed S. 759.

That the Senate passed S. 4708.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 2950.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 5302.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 5799.

That the Senate passed with an amendment H.R. 7213.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely,

KEVIN F. MCCUMBER,  
*Acting Clerk.*

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

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## ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 3(z) of House Resolution 5, the House stands adjourned until 9 a.m. on Tuesday, November 26, 2024.

Thereupon (at 1 o'clock and 4 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Tuesday, November 26, 2024, at 9 a.m.

## 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:

Ms. FOXX: Committee on Education and the Workforce. H.R. 7227. A bill to establish the Truth and Healing Commission on Indian Boarding School Policies in the United States, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 118-760, Pt. 1). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. JORDAN: Committee on the Judiciary. H.R. 7198. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to require greater transparency for Federal regulatory decisions that impact small businesses, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 118-761, Pt. 1). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mrs. RODGERS of Washington: Committee on Energy and Commerce. H.R. 5396. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to prohibit Medicare local coverage determinations from restricting access to care, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 118-762, Pt. 1). Ordered to be printed.

Mrs. RODGERS of Washington: Committee on Energy and Commerce. H.R. 5389. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure transparency in the national coverage determination process under the Medicare program; with an amendment (Rept. 118-763, Pt. 1). Ordered to be printed.

Mrs. RODGERS of Washington: Committee on Energy and Commerce. H.R. 133. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to clarify the use of national coverage determination process under the Medicare program; with an amendment (Rept. 118-764, Pt. 1). Ordered to be printed.

Mrs. RODGERS of Washington: Committee on Energy and Commerce. H.R. 3284. A bill to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to submit an annual report on the impact of certain Medicare regulations on provider and payer consolidation; with an amendment (Rept. 118-765, Pt. 1). Ordered to be printed.

Mrs. RODGERS of Washington: Committee on Energy and Commerce. H.R. 7188. A bill to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to conduct a national, evidence-based education campaign to increase public and health care provider awareness regarding the potential risks and benefits of human cell and tissue products transplants, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 118-766). 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 Committee on Small Business discharged from further consideration. H.R. 7198 referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Pursuant to clause 2 of rule XIII, Committees on Natural Resources and Energy and Commerce discharged from

further consideration. H.R. 7227 referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

## TIME LIMITATION OF REFERRED BILL PURSUANT TO RULE XII

Pursuant to clause 2 of rule XII, the following actions were taken by the Speaker:

H.R. 133. Referral to the Committee on Ways and Means extended for a period ending not later than December 19, 2024.

H.R. 3284. Referral to the Committee on Ways and Means extended for a period ending not later than December 19, 2024.

## 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. ARMSTRONG (for himself, Mr. TRONE, Ms. LEE of Florida, Mr. MOORE of Alabama, Mr. DUNCAN, and Mr. BACON):

H.R. 10248. A bill to create a process for the expungement of pardoned Federal offenses; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. BEATTY:

H.R. 10249. A bill to amend the Federal Housing Enterprises Financial Safety and Soundness Act of 1992 to adjust the affordable housing allocations; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. BIGGS (for himself, Ms. BOEBERT, Mr. OGLES, and Mr. MOORE of Alabama):

H.R. 10250. A bill to specify the state of mind required for conviction for criminal offenses that lack an expressly identified state of mind, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BIGGS (for himself, Ms. BOEBERT, Mr. OGLES, and Mr. MOORE of Alabama):

H.R. 10251. A bill to repeal certain unnecessary criminal offenses; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CURTIS:

H.R. 10252. A bill to direct the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to amend certain regulations for purposes of the renewable fuel program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Ms. MENG (for herself, Mr. GRIJALVA, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, and Ms. NORTON):

H.R. 10253. A bill to direct the Secretary of Labor to recognize employers with a commitment to helping employees balance workplace responsibilities and family obligations; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. SORENSEN (for himself and Mr. LAHOOD):

H.R. 10254. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 5225 Harrison Avenue in Rockford, Illinois, as the "Jay P. Larson Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

By Ms. STEVENS (for herself and Mr. HILL):

H.R. 10255. A bill to provide the United States Government with additional tools to deter state and non-state actors from wrongfully detaining United States nationals for political leverage, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committees on the Judiciary, and 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 Mrs. WAGNER (for herself, Mr. SCHNEIDER, Mr. MORAN, and Mr. MOSKOWITZ):

H.R. 10256. A bill to authorize sentencing enhancements for certain criminal offenses directed by or coordinated with foreign governments; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. WITTMAN (for himself and Ms. UNDERWOOD):

H. Con. Res. 133. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that public health professionals should be commended for their dedication and service to the United States on Public Health Thank You Day, November 25, 2024; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. BOYLE of Pennsylvania (for himself, Mr. AUCHINCLOSS, and Mr. LAWLER):

H. Res. 1595. A resolution expressing support for the designation of November 2024 as "National Lung Cancer Awareness Month" and expressing support for early detection and treatment of lung cancer; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ:

H. Res. 1596. A resolution recognizing November 30, 2024, as Yom Haplitim or Jewish Refugee Day; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on Education and the Workforce, and Foreign Affairs, 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.

## 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. ARMSTRONG:

H.R. 10248.

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

Article I

The single subject of this legislation is:

This bill creates a process for the expungement of pardoned Federal offenses.

By Mrs. BEATTY:

H.R. 10249.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 3 of the United States Constitution

The single subject of this legislation is:

Housing

By Mr. BIGGS:

H.R. 10250.

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

Article I Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is:

To specify the state of mind required for conviction for criminal offenses that lack an expressly identified state of mind.

By Mr. BIGGS:

H.R. 10251.

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

Article I Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is:

To repeal certain unnecessary criminal offenses.

By Mr. CURTIS:

H.R. 10252.

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

Article 1, Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is:

To direct the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to amend certain regulations for purposes of the renewable fuel program, and for other purposes.

By Ms. MENG:

H.R. 10253.

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

Article I, section 8 of the U.S. Constitution

The single subject of this legislation is:

Establishes the family-friendly certification program.

By Mr. SORENSEN:

H.R. 10254.

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

Article 8

The single subject of this legislation is:

Postal Issues

By Ms. STEVENS:

H.R. 10255.

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

This bill is enacted pursuant to the power granted to Congress under Article I, Section 8, Clause 18 of the United States Constitution.

The single subject of this legislation is:

Hostages

By Mrs. WAGNER:

H.R. 10256.

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

Article I, Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is:

To authorize sentencing enhancements for certain criminal offenses directed by or coordinated with foreign governments.

#### ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

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

H.R. 669: Ms. CHU.  
 H.R. 1048: Mr. MOSKOWITZ.  
 H.R. 1342: Ms. PINGREE.  
 H.R. 2952: Mr. CASAR.  
 H.R. 2961: Mr. PHILLIPS.  
 H.R. 3404: Mr. WIED.  
 H.R. 3729: Ms. PINGREE.  
 H.R. 4919: Mr. MCGOVERN.  
 H.R. 5746: Mr. BUCHANAN.  
 H.R. 6542: Ms. SPANBERGER.  
 H.R. 7165: Ms. BUDZINSKI.  
 H.R. 7257: Ms. NORTON.  
 H.R. 8147: Mr. CLOUD.  
 H.R. 8247: Mrs. MCIVER.  
 H.R. 8307: Mr. LOUDERMILK.  
 H.R. 8312: Ms. PEREZ.  
 H.R. 8370: Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER, Mr. CASAR, and Mrs. SYKES.  
 H.R. 8419: Ms. BUDZINSKI.  
 H.R. 8545: Mr. CARTWRIGHT.  
 H.R. 9060: Mr. KEAN of New Jersey.  
 H.R. 9164: Mr. BERA, Ms. SÁNCHEZ, Mr. BEYER, Mr. CARTER of Texas, and Mr. CASTEN.  
 H.R. 9553: Mr. CÁRDENAS.  
 H.R. 9625: Mr. VICENTE GONZALEZ of Texas and Mr. CALVERT.  
 H.R. 9631: Ms. JAYAPAL.  
 H.R. 9639: Mr. LEVIN.  
 H.R. 9977: Mr. DESAULNIER.  
 H.R. 10012: Mr. OWENS.  
 H.R. 10050: Mr. OWENS.  
 H.R. 10150: Ms. JAYAPAL.  
 H.R. 10165: Ms. SCHAKOWSKY.  
 H.R. 10186: Mr. MOONEY.  
 H.R. 10218: Mrs. LUNA.  
 H.J. Res. 224: Mr. HUNT, Mr. BRECHEEN, and Mr. BILIRAKIS.

H. Res. 1579: Mr. MOONEY.

H. Res. 1589: Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, and Ms. LEE of Pennsylvania.

#### DISCHARGE PETITIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XV, the following discharge petition was filed:

Petition 20, November 20, 2024, by Mr. MOULTON on House Resolution 1560, was signed by the following Members: Mr. Moulton, Mrs. Sykes, and Ms. Stansbury.

#### DISCHARGE PETITIONS

##### ADDITIONS AND WITHDRAWALS

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

Petition 18 by Mr. COHEN on House Resolution 1452: Ms. Tokuda, Ms. Crockett, Mr. Green of Texas, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Jackson of Illinois, Ms. Clarke of New York, Mrs. Foushee, Mr. Amo, Mr. Espailat, Mr. Correa, Ms. Kamlager-Dove, Ms. Strickland, Mr. Allred, Mr. Golden of Maine, Mr. Carter of Louisiana, Ms. Escobar, Mr. Cárdenas, Ms. Houlahan, Mr. Mullin, Ms. Pressley, Mr. Davis of North Carolina, Mr. Johnson of Georgia, Mr. Carson, Ms. Garcia of Texas, Mr. Veasey, Mrs. Ramirez, Mr. Trone, Mr. Goldman of New York, and Mr. Nickel.

Petition 19 by Mr. STEUBE on the bill (H.R. 1279): Mr. Posey, Mr. Moore of Alabama, and Mr. Nehls.