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Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, December 30, 2024, at 12:30 p.m.

House of Representatives

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2024

The House met at noon and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. SMITH of New Jersey).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
December 27, 2024.

I hereby appoint the Honorable CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH 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:

Joy to the world. Shout for joy all the Earth. Let us burst into jubilant song and make music to the Lord with the instruments at hand. Whether with harp or lyre, guitar or trumpet, with voices of joy, let us praise the Lord.

Let us sing a new song. Let us employ all that is within our mortal bodies to sing songs of praise. Let fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy, for God has done marvelous things.

You, O Lord, are the author of our salvation, and You reveal Your righteousness to all the nations.

Remember Your love to us and Your faithfulness to Your people, that all the ends of the Earth will know of Your deliverance.

Rule the world with Your truth and grace, that all nations will prove the glories of Your righteousness and the wonders of Your love.

In the name of the one who is the source of our joy, 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 10 a.m. on Tuesday, December 31, 2024.

Thereupon (at 12 o'clock and 2 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Tuesday, December 31, 2024, at 10 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-6550. A letter from the Alternate OSD FRLO, Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's interim final rule — DoD Discharge Appeal Review Board [Docket ID: DoD-2022-OS-0105] (RIN: 0790-AL57) received December 20, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6551. A letter from the Deputy Secretary, Division of Trading and Markets, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Electronic Submission of Certain Materials Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; Amendments Regarding the FOCUS Report [Release Nos.: 33-11342; 34-101925; IC-35420; File No. S7-08-23] (RIN: 3235-AL85) received December 20, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Financial Services.

EC-6552. A letter from the Associate General Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Office of the Secretary, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting the Department's final rule — 30-Day Notification Requirement Prior To Termination of Lease for Nonpayment of Rent [Docket No.: FR-6387-F-02] (RIN: 2501-AE09) received December 20, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Financial Services.

EC-6553. A letter from the Senior Advisor, WHD Division of Regulations, Legislation, and Interpretation (DRLI), Wage and Hour Division, Department of Labor, transmitting the Department's final rule — Tip Regulations Under the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA); Restoration of Regulatory Language

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(RIN: 1235-AA44) received December 20, 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-6554. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Uplift Climate and Environmental Community Action Grant [EPA-R-HQ-UCECA-25-01] received December 20, 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-6555. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval of State Plans for Designated Facilities and Pollutants; MO; Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Control of Emissions from Existing Municipal Solid Waste Landfills [EPA-R07-OAR-2023-0199; FRL-10830.1-01-R7] received December 12, 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-6556. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Reconsideration of the National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Particulate Matter; Correction [EPA-HQ-OAR-2015-0072; FRL-8635.1-02-OAR] (RIN: 2060-AW48) received December 21, 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-6557. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Review of the Secondary National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Oxides of Nitrogen, Oxides of Sulfur, and Particulate Matter [EPA-HQ-OAR-2014-0128; FRL-5788-05-OAR] (RIN: 2060-AS35) received December 21, 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-6558. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Updates to New Chemicals Regulations under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) [EPA-HQ-OPPT-2022-0902; FRL-7906-02-OCSPP] (RIN: 2070-AK65) received December 21, 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-6559. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Carbon Tetrachloride (CTC); Regulation under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) [EPA-HQ-OPPT-2020-0592; FRL-8206-02-OCSPP] (RIN: 2070-AK82) received December 21, 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-6560. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Trichloroethylene (TCE); Regulation under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) [EPA-HQ-OPPT-2020-0642; FRL-8317-02-OCSPP] (RIN: 2070-AK83) received December 21, 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-6561. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Perchloroethylene (PCE); Regulation under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) [EPA-HQ-OPPT-

2020-0720; FRL-8329-01-OCSPP] (RIN: 2070-AK84) received December 21, 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-6562. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Reconsideration of the Dust-Lead Hazard Standards and Dust-Lead Post-Abatement Clearance Levels [EPA-HQ-OPPT-2023-0231; FRL-8524-03-OCSPP] (RIN: 2070-AK91) received December 21, 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-6563. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Certain Existing Chemicals; Request to Submit Unpublished Health and Safety Data under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) [EPA-HQ-OPPT-2023-0360; FRL-11164-02-OCSPP] (RIN: 2070-AL15) received December 21, 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-6564. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — National Priorities List [EPA-HQ-OLEM-2000-0000; FRL-0000-00-OLEM] received December 12, 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-6565. A letter from the Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's report to Congress titled, Alternative Decentralized and Centralized Wastewater Treatment Technology, pursuant to 33 U.S.C. 1314a(b); Public Law 115-270, Sec. 4102(b); (132 Stat. 3871); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-6566. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Water Quality Standards; Establishment of a Numeric Criterion for Selenium for the State of California [EPA-HQ-OW-2018-0056; FRL-6322-03-OW] (RIN: 2040-AF79) received December 21, 2024, 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-6567. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Clean Water Act Section 404 Tribal and State Assumption Program [EPA-HQ-OW-2020-0276; FRL-6682-01-OW] (RIN: 2040-AF83) received December 21, 2024, 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-6568. A letter from the Director, Rule-making Operations, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Event Data Recorders [Docket No.: NHTSA-2024-0084] (RIN: 2127-AM12) received December 20, 2024, 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-6569. A letter from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's IRB only rule — Taxation of DISC Income to Shareholders (Rev. Rule 2024-27) received December 20, 2024, 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.

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:

[Submitted on December 26, 2024]

Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas: Committee on Small Business. Report on the Activities of the Committee on Small Business for the 118th Congress (Rept. 118-953). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

[Submitted on December 27, 2024]

Mr. SMITH of Missouri: Committee on Ways and Means. H.R. 8245. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to establish the Rural Hospital Stabilization Pilot Program to provide grants to rural hospitals for purposes of ensuring local access to services; with an amendment (Rept. 118-954). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. SMITH of Missouri: Committee on Ways and Means. H.R. 7931. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to update the fee schedule for ambulance services provided by critical access hospitals; with an amendment (Rept. 118-955, Pt. 1). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. SMITH of Missouri: Committee on Ways and Means. H.R. 8244. A bill to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to ensure appropriate approval for certain skilled nursing facility and nursing facility nursing aide training and competency evaluation programs under the Medicare and Medicaid program; with an amendment (Rept. 118-956, Pt. 1). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. SMITH of Missouri: Committee on Ways and Means. H.R. 8246. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to modify the criteria for designation of rural emergency hospitals; with an amendment (Rept. 118-957). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. SMITH of Missouri: Committee on Ways and Means. H.R. 8816. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for a cognitive impairment detection benefit under the Medicare program, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 118-958, Pt. 1). Ordered to be printed.

Mr. SMITH of Missouri: Committee on Ways and Means. H.R. 4818. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the coordination of programs to prevent and treat obesity, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 118-959, Pt. 1). Ordered to be printed.

Mr. SMITH of Missouri: Committee on Ways and Means. H.R. 8235. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to modify the distribution of certain additional graduate medical education positions under the Medicare program; with an amendment (Rept. 118-960, 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 Committee on Energy and Commerce discharged from further consideration. H.R. 7931 referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Pursuant to clause 2 of rule XIII, the Committee on Energy and Commerce discharged from further consideration. H.R. 8235 referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Pursuant to clause 2 of rule XIII, the Committee on Energy and Commerce discharged from further consideration. H.R. 8244 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. DAVIDSON:

H.R. 10561. A bill to codify the special purpose broker dealer, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia (for herself, Ms. BROWN, Ms. NORTON, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, Mr. MFUME, Ms. CROCKETT, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE, Mr. MULLIN, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Mr. IVEY, and Mrs. RAMIREZ):

H.R. 10562. A bill to require analyses of the impact of Government rules, programs, and policies on poverty and racial inequity, including the racial wealth gap, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability, 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.

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. 10559.

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:

To require United States persons to notify the Secretary of the Treasury when entering into certain transactions involving national security technology and China and to prohibit United States persons from financing certain national security-related investments involving China.

By Mr. DESAULNIER:

H.R. 10560.

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

Article 1, Section 8.

The single subject of this legislation is:

expanding access to exercise equipment, facilities, and instruction for people with disabilities.

By Mr. DAVIDSON:

H.R. 10561.

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:

Digital Assets

By Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia:

H.R. 10562.

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 of the United States Constitution and its subsequent amendments, and further clarified and interpreted by the Supreme Court of the United States.

The single subject of this legislation is:

To require analyses of the impact of Government rules, programs, and policies on poverty and racial inequity

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

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

H.R. 795: Mr. NEGUSE.

H.R. 2548: Mr. NEGUSE.

H.R. 2819: Mr. NEGUSE.

H.R. 9778: Mr. NEGUSE.

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROGER WILLIAMS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 27, 2024

Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas. Mr. Speaker, due to a family health emergency, I was unable to be in D.C. and vote on December 19, 2024 and December 20, 2024.

Friday, December 27, 2024

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate was not in session and stands adjourned until 12:30 p.m. on Monday, December 30, 2024.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 2 public bills, H.R. 10561–10562, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: A report was filed on December 26, 2024, as follows:

Committee on Small Business.

Report on the Activities of the Committee on Small Business for the 118th Congress (H. Rept. 118–953).

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H.R. 8245, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to establish the Rural Hospital Stabilization Pilot Program to provide grants to rural hospitals for purposes of ensuring local access to services, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–954);

H.R. 7931, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to update the fee schedule for ambulance services provided by critical access hospitals, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–955, Part 1);

H.R. 8244, to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act ensure appropriate approval for certain skilled nursing facility and nursing facility nursing aide training and competency evaluation programs under the Medicare and Medicaid program, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–956, Part 1);

H.R. 8246, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to modify the criteria for designation of rural emergency hospitals, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–957);

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H.R. 8816, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for a cognitive impairment detection benefit under the Medicare program, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–958, Part 1);

H.R. 4818, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the coordination of programs to prevent and treat obesity, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–959, Part 1); and

H.R. 8235, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to modify the distribution of certain additional graduate medical education positions under the Medicare program, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–960, Part 1).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Smith (NJ) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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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 12 noon and adjourned at 12:02 p.m.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR MONDAY,
DECEMBER 30, 2024**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

12:30 p.m., Monday, December 30

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Tuesday, December 31

Senate Chamber

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

House Chamber

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

Extensions of Remarks, as inserted in this issue

HOUSE

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