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Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Thursday, January 2, 2025, at 12 p.m.

House of Representatives

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2024

The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. MCHENRY).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
December 31, 2024.

I hereby appoint the Honorable PATRICK T. MCHENRY 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:

This is the day, the year, You, O Lord, have made. As we consider all that has taken place, may we find reason to rejoice and be glad, for by Your grace, You have fulfilled Your promises and guided us on the paths toward our future.

As we reflect on the year that has been 2024, we are keen to acknowledge that each moment has been a gift that You desired us to enjoy. Each challenge was an opportunity, which You strengthened us to overcome. Each disappointment was a siren to return to faith in Your mercy. Each encounter was a graced gift given that we would share the unconditional love You offer us all.

Such a graced gift was the life and witness of former President Carter, in whom we have borne testimony to what it means to be a faithful steward of Your bounty, a just arbiter of Your commandments, a compassionate witness to Your kindness, and a worthy disciple to Your Gospel of love.

We give You our gratitude for Your abiding presence in the midst of all our hopes and fears of this past year, and we offer our future to Your keeping, praying in the strength of Your 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 DEMOCRATIC LEADER

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Honorable HAKEEM JEFFRIES, Democratic Leader:

DECEMBER 19, 2024.

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

DEAR SPEAKER JOHNSON: Pursuant to section 1238(b)(3) of the Floyd D. Spence National Defense Authorization Act of Fiscal Year 2001 (22 U.S.C. 7002), as amended, I am pleased to appoint the following individual to the United States-China Economic and Security Review Commission effective January 1, 2025: Ms. Reva B. Price of Chevy Chase, Maryland.

Thank you for your attention to this appointment.

Sincerely,

HAKEEM JEFFRIES,
Democratic Leader.

RESIGNATION FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, December 30, 2024.

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

DEAR MR. SPEAKER, I hereby submit my resignation from the U.S. House of Representatives effective at 11:59 p.m. on December 31st, 2024. I will take my oath of office to serve as North Carolina Attorney General on January 1st, 2025.

It has been an honor to represent the people of North Carolina's 14th Congressional District.

Sincerely,

JEFF JACKSON,
Member of Congress.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, December 30, 2024.

Hon. ROY COOPER,
Governor of North Carolina,
Raleigh, NC.

DEAR GOVERNOR COOPER, I hereby submit my resignation from the U.S. House of Representatives effective at 11:59 p.m. on December 31st, 2024. I will take my oath of office to serve as North Carolina Attorney General on January 1st, 2025.

It has been an honor to represent the people of North Carolina's 14th Congressional District.

Sincerely,

JEFF JACKSON,
Member of Congress.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the President of the United States:

THE WHITE HOUSE,
Washington, DC, December 30, 2024.

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

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Attached is a message informing the Congress of the death of James Earl Carter, Jr., the thirty-ninth President of the United States.

Sincerely,

JOSEPH R. BIDEN, Jr.

INFORMING CONGRESS OF THE DEATH OF JAMES EARL CARTER, JR., THE 39TH PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following message from the President of the United States; which was read:

To the Congress of the United States:

By this Message, I officially inform you of the death of James Earl Carter, Jr., the thirty-ninth President of the United States.

President Carter was a man of character, courage, and compassion, whose lifetime of service defined him as one of the most influential statesmen in our history. He embodied the very best of America: A humble servant of God and the people. A heroic champion of global peace and human rights, and an honorable leader whose moral clarity and hopeful vision lifted our Nation and changed our world.

The son of a farmer and a nurse, President Carter's remarkable career in public service began in 1943 as a cadet at the United States Naval Academy. He later served in both the Atlantic and Pacific fleets before becoming a decorated lieutenant, and being selected to join the elite nuclear submarine program.

After his father died, he shifted from active duty to the Navy Reserve and returned home to Plains, Georgia, to help manage his family's peanut farm. He worked hard stewarding the land while leading his community as a church deacon, Sunday school teacher, and board member of a hospital and library. His deep faith inspired a passion for public service that led him to be elected State Senator, Georgia's 76th Governor, and ultimately President of the United States.

As President, he understood that Government must be as good as its people—and his faith in the people was boundless just as his belief in America was limitless and his hope for our common future was perennial.

With President Carter's leadership, the modern Department of Education and the Department of Energy were created. He championed conservation and his commitment to a more just world was at the heart of his foreign policy, leading on nuclear nonproliferation, signing the Panama Canal treaties, and mediating the historic 1978 Camp David Accords. His partnership with Vice President Walter Mondale is one that future administrations strived to achieve.

Following his Presidency, President Carter advanced an agenda that elevated the least among us. Guided by an unwavering belief in the power of human goodness and the God-given dignity of every human being, he worked tirelessly around the globe to broker peace; eradicate disease; house the homeless; and protect human rights, freedom, and democracy.

Through his extraordinary moral leadership, President Carter lived a noble life full of meaning and purpose. And as a trusted spiritual leader, he shepherded people through seasons of pain and joy, inspiring them through the power of his example and healing them through the power of his guidance.

As we mourn the loss of President Carter, we hold the memory of his beloved Rosalynn, his wife of over 77 Years, close in our hearts. Exemplifying hope, warmth, and service, she and her husband inspired the Nation. The love Rosalynn and President Carter shared is the definition of partnership, and their devotion to public service is the definition of patriotism.

May President Carter's memory continue to be a light pointing us forward. May we continue to be guided by his spirit in our Nation and in our world.

JOSEPH R. BIDEN, Jr.

THE WHITE HOUSE, *December 30, 2024.*

EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND REGRET AND SORROW OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON THE DEATH OF JAMES EARL CARTER, JR., THIRTY-NINTH PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following privileged resolution (H. Res. 1626).

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 1626

Resolved, That the House of Representatives has learned with profound regret and sorrow of the death of James Earl Carter, Jr., thirty-ninth President of the United States of America.

Resolved, That the House tenders its deep sympathy to the members of the family of the former President in their bereavement.

Resolved, That the Clerk communicate these resolutions to the Senate and transmit a copy of the same to the family of the former President.

Resolved, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn as a further mark of respect to the memory of the former President.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the resolution was agreed to.

There was no objection.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

BILLS PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Kevin F. McCumber, Acting Clerk of the House, reported that on December 27, 2024, the following bills were presented to the President of the United States for approval:

H.R. 82. To amend title II of the Social Security Act to repeal the Government pension offset and windfall elimination provisions.

H.R. 9487. To amend the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1970 to authorize the Legislative Counsel of the House of Representatives to designate more than one of the attorneys of the Office of the Legislative Counsel as a Deputy Legislative Counsel, and for other purposes.

H.R. 670. To amend title IV of the Public Health Service Act to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to establish a clearinghouse on intellectual disabilities, and for other purposes.

H.R. 9544. To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 340 South Loudon Avenue in Baltimore, Maryland, as the ''United States Representative Elijah E. Cummings Post Office Building''.

H.R. 1318. To authorize the location of a monument on the National Mall to commemorate and honor the women's suffrage movement and the passage of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution, and for other purposes.

H.R. 9549. To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 125 South 1st Avenue in Hillsboro, Oregon, as the ''Elizabeth Furse Post Office Building''.

H.R. 1555. To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2300 Sylvan Avenue in Modesto, California, as the ''Corporal Michael D. Anderson Jr. Post Office Building''.

H.R. 9580. To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2777 Brentwood Road in Raleigh, North Carolina, as the ''Millie Dunn Veasey Post Office''.

H.R. 1823. To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 207 East Fort Dade Avenue in Brooksville, Florida, as the ''Specialist Justin Dean Coleman Memorial Post Office Building''.

H.R. 9592. To amend title 44, United States Code, to modernize the Federal Register, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2997. To direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey to Mesa County, Colorado, certain Federal land in Colorado, and for other purposes.

H.R. 9600. To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 119 Main Street in Plains, Georgia, as the ''Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter Post Office''.

H.R. 3354. To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 220 North Hatcher Avenue in Purcellville, Virginia, as the ''Secretary of State Madeleine Albright Post Office Building''.

H.R. 9775. To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 119 North Anderson Street in Elwood, Indiana, as the ''Officer Noah Jacob Shahnavaz Post Office Building''.

H.R. 3391. To extend the Gabriella Miller Kids First Pediatric Research Program at the National Institutes of Health, and for other purposes.

H.R. 10065. To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 802 North Tancahua Street in Corpus Christi, Texas, as the ''Captain Robert E. 'Bob' Batterson Post Office''.

H.R. 4136. To name the Department of Veterans Affairs community-based outpatient clinic in Plano, Texas, as the ''U.S. Congressman Sam Johnson Memorial VA Clinic''.

H.R. 4955. To name the community-based outpatient clinic of the Department of Veterans Affairs in Monroeville, Pennsylvania, as the ''Henry Parham VA Clinic''.

H.R. 4984. To amend the District of Columbia Stadium Act of 1957 to provide for the transfer of administrative jurisdiction over the Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Stadium Campus to the Administrator of General Services and the leasing of the Campus to the District of Columbia for purposes which include commercial and residential development, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5103. To require the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to approve or deny spend plans within a certain amount of time, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5443. To establish a policy regarding appraisal and valuation services for real property for a transaction over which the Secretary of the Interior has jurisdiction, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5867. To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 109 Live Oaks Boulevard in Casselberry, Florida, as the ''Colonel Joseph William Kittinger II Post Office Building''.

H.R. 5887. To amend chapter 3 of title 5, United States Code, to improve Government service delivery, and build related capacity for the Federal Government, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6062. To restore the ability of the people of American Samoa to approve amendments to the territorial constitution based on majority rule in a democratic act of self-determination, as authorized pursuant to an Act of Congress delegating administration of Federal territorial law in the territory to the President, and to the Secretary of the Interior under Executive Order 10264, dated June 29, 1951, under which the Constitution of American Samoa was approved and may be amended without requirement for further congressional action, subject to the authority of Congress under the Territorial Clause in article IV, section 3, clause 2 of the United States Constitution.

H.R. 6116. To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 14280 South Military Trail in Delray Beach, Florida, as the ''Benjamin Berell Ferencz Post Office Building''.

H.R. 6162. To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 379 North Oates Street in Dothan, Alabama, as the ''LaBruce 'Bruce' Tidwell Post Office Building''.

H.R. 6188. To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 420 Highway 17 North in Surfside Beach, South Carolina, as the ''Nancy Yount Childs Post Office Building''.

H.R. 6244. To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1535 East Los Ebanos Boulevard in Brownsville, Texas, as the ''1st Lieutenant Andres Zermeno Post Office Building''.

H.R. 6395. To amend the Energy Act of 2020 to require the Secretary of the Interior to include the Secretary of Health and Human Services in consultations regarding designations of critical minerals, elements, substances, and materials.

H.R. 6492. To improve recreation opportunities on, and facilitate greater access to, Federal public land, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6633. To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 9355 113th Street in Seminole, Florida, as the ''Army SSG Ryan Christian Knauss Memorial Post Office Building''.

H.R. 6750. To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 501 Mercer Street Southwest in Wilson, North Carolina, as the ''Milton F. Fitch, Sr. Post Office Building''.

H.R. 6810. To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 518 North Ridgewood Drive in Sebring, Florida, as the ''U.S. Army Air Corps Major Thomas B. McGuire Post Office Building''.

H.R. 6852. To designate Holcombe Rucker Park, in Harlem, New York, as a National Commemorative Site, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6983. To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 15 South Valdosta Road in Lakeland, Georgia, as the ''Nell Patten Roquemore Post Office''.

H.R. 7158. To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 201 East Battles Road in Santa Maria, California, as the ''Larry Lavagnino Post Office Building''.

H.R. 7180. To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located 80 1st Street in Kingsland, Arkansas, as the ''Kingsland 'Johnny Cash' Post Office''.

H.R. 7365. To provide PreCheck to certain severely injured or disabled veterans, and for other purposes.

H.R. 7385. To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 29 Franklin Street in Petersburg, Virginia, as the ''John Mercer Langston Post Office Building''.

H.R. 7417. To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 135 West Spring Street in Titusville, Pennsylvania, as the ''Edwin L. Drake Post Office Building''.

H.R. 7507. To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 203 East 6th Street in Lexington, Nebraska, as the ''Bill Barrett Post Office Building''.

H.R. 7606. To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1087 Route 47 South in Rio Grande, New Jersey, as the ''Carlton H. Hand Post Office Building''.

H.R. 7607. To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at Block 1025, Lots 18 & 19, Northeast Corner of US Route 9 South and Main Street in the Township of Middle, County of Cape May, New Jersey, as the ''George Henry White Post Office Building''.

H.R. 7893. To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 306 Pickens Street in Marion, Alabama, as the ''Albert Turner, Sr. Post Office Building''.

H.R. 7938. To amend the Klamath Basin Water Supply Enhancement Act of 2000 to provide the Secretary of the Interior with certain authorities with respect to projects affecting the Klamath Basin watershed, and for other purposes.

H.R. 8012. To establish the Jackie Robinson Ballpark National Commemorative Site in the State of Florida, and for other purposes.

H.R. 8057. To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 9317 Bolsa Avenue in Westminster, California, as the ''Little Saigon Vietnam War Veterans Memorial Post Office''.

H.R. 8641. To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located 401 Main Street in Brawley, California, as the ''Walter Francis Ulloa Memorial Post Office Building''.

H.R. 8666. To amend title 28, United States Code, to authorize holding court for the Central Division of Utah in Moab and Monticello.

H.R. 8667. To rename the community-based outpatient clinic of the Department of Veterans Affairs in Cadillac, Michigan, as the ''Duane E. Dewey VA Clinic''.

H.R. 8717. To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 20 West Main Street in Santaquin, Utah, as the ''SGT Bill Hooser Post Office Building''.

H.R. 8841. To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 114 Center Street East Roseau, Minnesota, as the ''Floyd B. Olson Post Office''.

H.R. 8868. To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 609 Portsmouth Avenue in Greenland, New Hampshire, as the ''Chief Michael Maloney Post Office Building''.

H.R. 8909. To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 82–6110 Mamalahoa Highway in Captain Cook, Hawaii, as the ''Army 1st Lt. John Kuulei Kauhaihao Post Office Building''.

H.R. 8919. To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 151 Highway 74 South in Peachtree City, Georgia, as the ''SFC Shawn McCloskey Post Office''.

H.R. 8976. To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 20 West White Street in Millstadt, Illinois, as the ''Corporal Matthew A. Wyatt Post Office''.

H.R. 9076. To reauthorize and modernize part B of title IV of the Social Security Act to strengthen child welfare services, expand the availability of prevention services to better meet the needs of vulnerable families, and for other purposes.

H.R. 9124. To name the Department of Veterans Affairs community-based outpatient clinic in Auburn, California, as the ''Louis A. Conter VA Clinic''.

H.R. 9285. To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3913 Leland Avenue Northwest in Comstock Park, Michigan, as the ''Captain Miguel Justin Nava Post Office''.

H.R. 7508. To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1285 Emancipation Highway in Fredericksburg, Virginia, as the ''Gladys P. Todd Post Office''.

H.R. 9322. To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 675 Wolf Ledges Parkway in Akron, Ohio, as the ''Judge James R. Williams Post Office Building''.

H.R. 9421. To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 108 North Main Street in Bucoda, Washington, as the ''Mayor Rob Gordon Post Office''.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 3(z) of House Resolution 5 and pursuant to H. Res. 1626, the House stands adjourned until 11 a.m. on Friday, January 3, 2025, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late Honorable James Earl Carter, Jr., the 39th President of the United States.

Thereupon (at 10 o'clock and 11 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Friday, January 3, 2025, at 11 a.m., as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late Honorable James Earl Carter, Jr.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

EC–6570. A letter from the General Counsel, Government Accountability Office, transmitting the Office's Fiscal Year 2024 Antideficiency Act Reports Compilation, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1351; Public Law 97-258, Sept. 13, 1982; (96 Stat. 926) and 31 U.S.C. 1517(b); Public Law 97-258, Sept. 13, 1982 (as amended by Public Law 108-447, div. G, title I, Sec. 1401(b)); (118 Stat. 3192); to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC–6571. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting proposed legislation amending Title 5 to provide OPM authority over strategic workforce analysis and development for the Federal Human Resources (HR) workforce; to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

EC–6572. A letter from the Director, Defense Logistics Agency, Department of Defense, transmitting a letter stating that the Defense Logistics Agency anticipates providing the 2025 report by the end of July 2025; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC–6573. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Financial Stability Oversight Council 2024 annual report, pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 5322(a)(2)(N); Public Law 111-203, Sec. 112(a)(2)(N); (124 Stat. 1394); to the Committee on Financial Services.

EC–6574. A letter from the Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting the ''Annual Report to the Congress on the Presidential $1 Coin Program'', pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 5112(p)(3)(B); Public Law 97-258 (as amended by Public Law 109-145, Sec. 104); (119 Stat. 2670); to the Committee on Financial Services.

EC–6575. A letter from the Director, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, transmitting the Bureau's annual report to Congress on college banking and credit card agreements, pursuant to 15 U.S.C. 1637(r)(3); Public Law 90-321, Sec. 127 (as amended by Public Law 111-24, Sec. 305(a)); (123 Stat. 1750); to the Committee on Financial Services.

EC–6576. A letter from the Chairman, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's FY 2023 report titled ''Preservation and Promotion of Minority Depository Institutions''; to the Committee on Financial Services.

EC–6577. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Affairs, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's final rule — Allocation of Assets in Single-Employer Plans; Valuation of Benefits and Assets; Expected Retirement Age; Missing Participants Mortality Assumption, received December 23, 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–6578. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting a report on Prescription Drug Spending, Pricing Trends, and Premiums in Private Health Insurance Plans, in accordance with the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC–6579. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Redesignation of Portions of Westmoreland and Cambria Counties, Pennsylvania for the 2010 Sulfur Dioxide (SO2) National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) [EPQ-R03-OAR-2023-0419; FRL-11736-02-R3] 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–6580. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Phasedown of Hydrofluorocarbons: Restrictions on the Use of HFCs under the AIM Act in Variable Refrigerant Flow Air Conditioning Subsector [EPA-HQ-OAR-2021-0643; FRL-11739-02-OAR] (RIN: 2060-AW20) 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–6581. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Significant New Use Rules on Certain Chemical Substances (22-4.5e) [EPA-HQ-OPPT-2022-0771; FRL-11912-02-OCSPP] (RIN: 2070-AB27) 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–6582. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Disapproval of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Arizona; Regional Haze State Implementation Plan for the Second Implementation Period and Prong 4 (Visibility) for the 2015 Ozone and 2012 Particulate Matter Standards [EPA-R09-OAR-2024-0005; FRL-11919-02-R9] 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–6583. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Designation of Areas for Air Quality Planning Purposes; Redesignation Request and Associated Maintenance Plan for Whatcom County, WA 2010 SO2 Nonattainment Area [EPA-R10-OAR-2024-0371; FRL-12159-02-R10] 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–6584. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Bacillus Thuringiensis Cry1Da2 protein; Exemption From the Requirement of a Tolerance [EPA-HQ-OPP-2023-0022; FRL-12380-01-OCSPP] 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–6585. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Streptomyces Sviceus DGT-28 EPSPS (5-enolpyruvylshikimate-3-phosphate synthase) Protein; Exemption From the Requirement of a Tolerance [EPA-HQ-OPP-2022-0990; FRL-12381-01-OCSPP] 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–6586. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Brevibacillus Laterosporus Mpp75Aa1.1 and Bacillus Thuringiensis Vpb4Da2 Proteins; Exemptions From the Requirement of a Tolerance [EPA-HQ-OPP-2022-0231; FRL-12399-01-OCSPP] 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–6587. A letter from the Associate Administrator, Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's report entitled ''Water Affordability Needs Assessment: Report to Congress'', pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 300j-12(h); July 1, 1944, ch. 373, title XIV, Sec. 1452 (as amended by Public Law 104-182, Sec. 130(h)); (110 Stat. 1669); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC–6588. A letter from the Associate Administrator, Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting a report entitled, ''Compliance Evaluation of Community Water Systems in the United States using Data from the Safe Drinking Water Information System''; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC–6589. A letter from the Regulatory Team Lead, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's Major final rule — Food Labeling: Nutrient Content Claims; Definition of the Term ''Healthy'' [Docket No.: FDA-2016-D-2335] (RIN: 0910-AI13) received December 23, 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–6590. A letter from the Regulatory Team Lead, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule — Nonprescription Drug Product With an Additional Condition for Nonprescription Use [Docket No.: FDA-2021-N-0862] (RIN: 0910-AH62) received December 23, 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–6591. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to the situation in the West Bank that was declared in Executive Order 14115 of February 1, 2024, 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); (91 Stat. 1627); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC–6592. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to North Korea that was declared in Executive Order 13466 of June 26, 2008, 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); (91 Stat. 1627); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC–6593. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to the Western Balkans that was declared in Executive Order 13219 of June 26, 2001, 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); (91 Stat. 1627); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC–6594. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting an update on execution of previous drawdowns for Ukraine; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC–6595. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a determination under section 614(a)(1) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to provide assistance to Ukraine; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC–6596. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a Memorandum of Justification for the Exercise of

Authority under Section 614(a)(1) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to Provide Assistance to Ukraine; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC–6597. A letter from the Deputy Secretary, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting the Department's Inspector General's semi-annual report for April 1, 2024 through September 30, 2024, pursuant to section 5(b) of the Inspector General Act of 1978, as amended; to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

EC–6598. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting four (4) notifications of a vacancy and nominations and an additional report on departure of ambassadors; to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

EC–6599. A letter from the Chair, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, transmitting the Commission's Office of the Inspector General Semiannual Report to Congress for the period ending September 30, 2024; to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

EC–6600. A letter from the Chair, Federal Trade Commission, transmitting the Commission's Inspector General Semiannual Report to Congress for the period April 1, 2024 through September 30, 2024; to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

EC–6601. A letter from the Chair, National Endowment for the Humanities, transmitting the Performance and Accountability Report for Fiscal Year 2024, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 3515(a)(1); Public Law 101-576, Sec. 303(a)(1) (as amended by Public Law 107-289, Sec. 2(a)); (116 Stat. 2049); to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

EC–6602. A letter from the Chief Financial Officer, National Labor Relations Board, transmitting the Board's Performance and Accountability Report for Fiscal Year 2024, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 3515(a)(1); Public Law 101-576, Sec. 303(a)(1) (as amended by Public Law 107-289, Sec. 2(a)); (116 Stat. 2049); to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

EC–6603. A letter from the Senior Regulation Writer, Office of Legislation and Congressional Affairs, Social Security Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Availability of Information and Records to the Public [Docket No.: SSA-2021-0049] (RIN: 0960-AI07) received December 23, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

EC–6604. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting proposed legislation concerning reimbursement for corrections and permanent authority regarding VERA/VSIP processing costs; to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

EC–6605. A letter from the Executive Secretary, United States Agency for International Development (USAID), transmitting a notification of a discontinuation of service in acting role, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 3349(a); Public Law 105-277, Sec. 151(b); (112 Stat. 2681-614); to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

EC–6606. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Legislative Affairs, United States Agency for International Development (USAID), transmitting the Agency's Fiscal Year 2024 Agency Financial Report, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 3515(a)(1); Public Law 101-576, Sec. 303(a)(1) (as amended by Public Law 107-289, Sec. 2(a)); (116 Stat. 2049); to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

EC–6607. A letter from the Director, U.S. Geological Survey, Department of the Interior, transmitting the fourth annual report to Congress on the National Volcano Early Warning System (NVEWS), October 1, 2022 to September 30, 2023; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

EC–6608. A letter from the Deputy Chief, Division of Natural Resources and Conservation Planning, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — Permitting of Rights-of-Way Across National Wildlife Refuges and Other U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service-Administered Lands [Docket No.: FWS-HQ-NWRS-2019-0017; FF09R50000-XXX-FVRS3451900000] (RIN: 1018-BD78) received December 23, 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.

EC–6609. A letter from the Director, Administrative Office of the United States Courts, transmitting the annual report for fiscal year 2024 on compliance by the United States district courts and courts of appeals with the time limitations established for deciding habeas corpus death penalty petitions, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 2266(c)(5); Public Law 104-132, Sec. 107(a); (110 Stat. 1226) and 28 U.S.C. 2266(b)(5)(A); Added by Public Law 104-132, Sec. 107(a); (110 Stat. 1225); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC–6610. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting a report entitled ''Violence Against Women Act Reauthorization Act of 2022: Section 1307 Report —— Interagency Working Group to Study Federal Efforts to Collect Data on Sexual Violence''; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC–6611. A letter from the Secretary, Judicial Conference of the United States, transmitting the Conference's report on the continuing need for bankruptcy authorized judgeships, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 152(b)(3); Public Law 98-353, Sec. 104(a) (as amended by Public Law 102-361, Sec. 4); (106 Stat. 966); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC–6612. A letter from the Management Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's Major final rule — Integration of Powered-Lift; Pilot Certification and Operations; Miscellaneous Amendments Related to Rotocraft and Airplanes [Docket No.: FAA-2023-1275: Amdt. Nos.1-78, 11-69, 43-62, 60-8, 61-157, 91-379, 97-1840, 111-2, 135-147, 136-4, 141-26, 142-11, and 194-1] (RIN: 2120-AL72) received December 23, 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–6613. A letter from the Management Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Regulatory Updates to BasicMed [Docket No.: FAA-2024-2580; Amdt. Nos. 11-70, 61-158, 68-3, and 91-380] (RIN: 2120-AM06) received December 23, 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–6614. A letter from the Management Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier, Inc. Airplanes [Docket No.: FAA-2024-1468; Project Identifier MCAI-2023-00975-T; Amendment 39-22840; AD 2024-18-06] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received December 23, 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–6615. A letter from the Management Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments [Docket No.: 31580; Amdt. No.: 4143] received December 23, 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–6616. A letter from the Management Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Establishment of Class E Airspace; Zeeland, MI [Docket No.: FAA-2024-2084; Airspace Docket No.: 24-AGL-14] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received December 23, 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–6617. A letter from the Management Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments [Docket No.: 31581; Amdt. No.: 4144] received December 23, 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–6618. A letter from the Management Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Modification of Class D and Class E Airspace; Abbotsford Airport, Abbotsford, BC [Docket No.: FAA-2024-2440; Airspace Docket No.: 24-ANM-86] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received December 23, 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–6619. A letter from the Management Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier, Inc. Airplanes [Docket No.: FAA-2024-0228; Project Identifier MCAI-2022-00599-T; Amendment 39-22881; AD 2024-23-02] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received December 23, 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–6620. A letter from the Management Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Amendment of Class E Airspace; Ottumwa, IA [Docket No.: FAA-2024-2293; Airspace Docket No.: 24-ACE-8] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received December 23, 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–6621. A letter from the Management Analyst, FAA, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Implementing the Whistleblower Provisions of the Vehicle Safety Act [Docket No.: NHTSA-2023-0014] (RIN: 2127-AL85) received December 23, 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–6622. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, transmitting the Attorney General's Fourth Quarterly Report of FY 2024 on the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994, pursuant to 38 U.S.C. 4332(b)(2); Public Law 103-353, Sec. 2(a) (as added by Public Law 110-389, Sec. 312(c)); (122 Stat. 4165); jointly to the Committees on the Judiciary and Veterans' Affairs.

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:

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama: Committee on Armed Services. Report on the Activities of

the Committee on Armed Services for the One Hundred Eighteenth Congress (Rept. 118–961). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. ARRINGTON: Committee on the Budget. Activities and Summary Report of the Committee on the Budget House of Representatives One Hundred Eighteenth Congress (Rept. 118–962). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. JORDAN: Committee on the Judiciary. Activity Report of the Committee on the Judiciary of the United States House of Representatives (Rept. 118–963). 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 Ms. LEE of Pennsylvania:

H.R. 10563. A bill to ensure efficiency and fairness in Federal subcontracting, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability, and in addition to the Committee on Small Business, 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 Mr. MCHENRY:

H. Res. 1626. A resolution expressing the profound regret and sorrow of the House of Representatives on the death of James Earl Carter, Jr., thirty-ninth President of the United States of America; considered and agreed to.

By Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia (for herself, Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. DOGGETT, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. COSTA, Ms. NORTON, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. TONKO, Mr. THANEDAR, Ms. MENG, Ms. WILSON of Florida, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Ms. TLAIB, Ms. PORTER, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, and Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE):

H. Res. 1627. A resolution honoring the life, achievements, legacy, and public service of former President James Earl ''Jimmy'' Carter, Jr; to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY AND SINGLE SUBJECT STATEMENTS

Pursuant to clause 7(e)(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 Ms. LEE of Pennsylvania:

H.R. 10563.

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

Article I, Section 8, clause 3 provides Congress with the power to ''regulate commerce with foreign nations, and among the several states, and with the Indian tribes.''

The single subject of this legislation is:

Government Operations and Politics

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

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

H.R. 681: Mr. NEGUSE.

H.R. 2923: Mr. THOMPSON of California.

H.R. 3228: Mr. NEGUSE.

H.R. 4974: Mr. LARSEN of Washington.

H.R. 8370: Mr. MFUME.

H.R. 8635: Ms. SPANBERGER.

H.R. 10549: Mr. BURLISON, Mr. BIGGS, Mr. HARRIS, Mr. GOOD of Virginia, Mr. NORMAN, Mr. ROSENDALE, Mr. SELF, Mr. POSEY, Ms. BOEBERT, and Mr. BRECHEEN.

H. Res. 1530: Ms. PORTER.