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The House met at 2 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,
April 3, 2023.

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

KEVIN MCCARTHY,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

Monsignor Stephen J. Rossetti, Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C., offered the following prayer:

Good and gracious God, in this most holy time of the year, we pray for a spirit of gratitude in this Chamber and throughout our Nation. May we be truly grateful from the bottom of our hearts for all the good You have done for us. We give thanks for the grace of life, which we cherish, and we especially give thanks for the gift of eternal life, which You offer us as a sheer gift of Your self-sacrificing love. We thank You. We bless You. We glorify You. We pray all this in Thy sacred 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.

MOMENT OF SILENCE IN REMEMBRANCE OF UNITED STATES CAPITOL POLICE OFFICER WILLIAM F. EVANS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair asks all those present in the Chamber, as well as Members and staff throughout the Capitol, to please rise for a moment of silence in remembrance of Officer William F. Evans, United States Capitol Police Officer, who was killed in the line of duty defending our Capitol on April 2, 2021.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 3(z) of House Resolution 5, the House stands adjourned until 11 a.m. on Thursday, April 6, 2023.

Thereupon (at 2 o'clock and 2 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Thursday, April 6, 2023, at 11 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-665. A letter from the Deputy Commissioner, Office of Legislation and Congressional Affairs, Social Security Administration, transmitting the Administration's FY 2022 No FEAR Act report, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 2301 note; Public Law 107-174, Sec. 203(a) (as amended by Public Law 109-435, Sec. 604(f)); (120 Stat. 3242); to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

EC-666. A letter from the Board, Board of Trustees Of The Federal Hospital Insurance Trust Fund, transmitting notification letter from the Board of Trustees of the Federal

Hospital Insurance Trust Fund, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 1395i(b)(2); Aug. 14, 1935, ch. 531, title XVIII, Sec. 1817(b)(2) (as amended by Public Law 108-173, Sec. 801(d)(1)); (117 Stat. 2359) and 42 U.S.C. 1395t(b)(2); Aug. 14, 1935, ch. 531, title XVIII, Sec. 1841(b)(2) (as amended by Public Law 108-173, Sec. 801(d)(2)); (117 H. Doc. No. 118-23); to the Committee on Ways and Means and ordered to be printed.

EC-667. A letter from the Board Members, Board of Trustees of the Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance and Federal Disability Insurance Trust Funds, transmitting Board of Trustees of the Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance and Federal Disability Insurance Trust Funds notification letter, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 910(a); Aug. 14, 1935, ch. 531, title VII, Sec. 709 (as added by Public Law 98-21, Sec. 143); (97 Stat. 102) and 42 U.S.C. 401(c)(2); Aug. 14, 1935, ch. 531, title II, Sec. 201 (as amended by Public Law 100-647, Sec. 8005(a)); (102 Stat. 3781) (H. Doc. No. 118-17); to the Committee on Ways and Means and ordered to be printed.

EC-668. A letter from the Board of Trustees, Board of Trustees of the Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance and Federal Disability Insurance Trust Funds, transmitting The 2023 Report Of The Trustees Of The Federal Old-Age And Survivors Insurance And Federal Disability Insurance Trust Funds, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 910(a); Aug. 14, 1935, ch. 531, title VII, Sec. 709 (as added by Public Law 98-21, Sec. 143); (97 Stat. 102) and 42 U.S.C. 401(c)(2); Aug. 14, 1935, ch. 531, title II, Sec. 201 (as amended by Public Law 100-647, Sec. 8005(a)); (102 Stat. 3781) (H. Doc. No. 118-21); to the Committee on Ways and Means and ordered to be printed.

EC-669. A letter from the Board of Trustees, Boards Of Trustees Of The Federal Hospital Insurance Trust Fund And Federal Supplementary Medical Insurance Trust Funds, transmitting notification letter and 2023 Annual Report of the Boards of Trustees of the Federal Hospital Insurance Trust Fund and Federal Supplementary Medical Insurance Trust Funds, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 1395i(b)(2); Aug. 14, 1935, ch. 531, title XVIII, Sec. 1817(b)(2) (as amended by Public Law 108-173, Sec. 801(d)(1)); (117 Stat. 2359) and 42 U.S.C. 1395t(b)(2); Aug. 14, 1935, ch. 531, title XVIII, Sec. 1841(b)(2) (as amended by Public Law 108-173, Sec. 801(d)(2)); (117 H. Doc. No. 118-22); jointly to the Committees on Ways and Means and Energy and Commerce, and ordered to be printed.

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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. CARTER of Louisiana:

H.R. 2457. A bill to establish a National Science Foundation grant program to provide opportunities for and strengthen research capacity at institutions of higher education to stimulate sustainable improvement in existing research and development at such institutions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

By Mr. CARTER of Louisiana:

H.R. 2458. A bill to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to establish an emergency preparedness grant program for higher education institutions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. CASE (for himself and Ms. TOKUDA):

H.R. 2459. A bill to establish a competitive grant program to support the conservation and recovery of native plant and animal species in the State of Hawaii, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Ms. CLARKE of New York:

H.R. 2460. A bill to provide for automatic renewal protections, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. CRANE:

H.R. 2461. A bill to ratify a Treaty between the San Juan Southern Paiute Tribe and the Navajo Nation, to provide for the creation of a reservation for the San Juan Southern Paiute Tribe, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. DONALDS (for himself, Mr. POSEY, Mr. LAMALFA, Mr. DESJARLAIS, Mr. CRAWFORD, Mrs. LUNA, Mr. GOSAR, Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana, Mr. WILLIAMS of New York, Mr. NEHLS, Mr. TIFFANY, Mrs. MILLER of Illinois, and Ms. GREENE of Georgia):

H.R. 2462. A bill to prohibit the use of Federal funds for implementing or administering any provision of the memorandum of understanding reached between the Secretary of Energy and the Chinese Academy of Sciences; to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

By Mr. GALLEGO (for himself and Mr. JACKSON of North Carolina):

H.R. 2463. A bill to limit and eliminate excessive, hidden, and unnecessary fees imposed on consumers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on 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 Mr. GREEN of Tennessee:

H.R. 2464. A bill to direct the Commander of United States Army Special Operations Command to seek to carry out a training program with special operations forces of the Polish Army; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. GREEN of Texas:

H.R. 2465. A bill to amend the Consumer Financial Protection Act of 2010 to provide for whistleblower incentives and protection; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. MEUSER:

H.R. 2466. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Transportation to consider the cost of providing basic essential air service when se-

lecting applicants for the essential air service program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. MEUSER (for himself and Mr. TRONE):

H.R. 2467. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to modify the eligibility requirements for the essential air service program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. OWENS (for himself and Mr. CURTIS):

H.R. 2468. A bill to require the Secretary of the Interior to convey to the State of Utah certain Federal land under the administrative jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management within the boundaries of Camp Williams, Utah, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. RUIZ:

H.R. 2469. A bill to direct the Secretary of Defense to establish an outreach program to inform members of the Armed Forces, assigned to work near burn pits, of the risks of toxic exposure, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. RUIZ:

H.R. 2470. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to authorize additional grant activities for Hispanic-serving institutions; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. RUIZ:

H.R. 2471. A bill to prohibit the unauthorized possession of a firearm at a Federal election site; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. RUIZ:

H.R. 2472. A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to take actions necessary to ensure that certain individuals may update the burn pit registry with a registered individual's cause of death, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. RUIZ:

H.R. 2473. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to distribute additional information to Medicare beneficiaries to prevent health care fraud, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, 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. RUIZ (for himself, Mr. BUCSSON, Mr. BERA, and Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS):

H.R. 2474. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for an update to a single conversion factor under the Medicare physician fee schedule that is based on the Medicare economic index; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, 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. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia (for himself, Mr. TAKANO, Mr. FERGUSON, and Mr. FITZPATRICK):

H.R. 2475. A bill to direct the Director of the National Science Foundation to award grants for, and support research on, the development of makerspaces, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

By Mr. WEBER of Texas:

H.R. 2476. A bill to keep schools safe using unobligated Federal funds available to the Secretary of Education to respond to the coronavirus; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. WEBER of Texas:

H.R. 2477. A bill to amend the Gun-Free School Zones Act of 1990 to permit qualified law enforcement officers, qualified retired law enforcement officers, and persons not prohibited by State law from carrying a concealed firearm to carry a firearm, and to discharge a firearm in defense of self or others, in a school zone; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. WEBER of Texas:

H.R. 2478. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for an exclusion from gross income for compensation of certain school resource officers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. WEBER of Texas:

H.R. 2479. A bill to provide for safe schools and safe communities; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, and in addition to the Committees on Homeland Security, the Judiciary, Energy and Commerce, and Appropriations, 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. WILLIAMS of Texas (for himself, Mr. OGLES, and Mr. BARR):

H.J. Res. 50. A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection relating to "Small Business Lending Under the Equal Credit Opportunity Act (Regulation B)"; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. KEATING (for himself, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Ms. KAPTUR, and Mr. QUITLEY):

H. Res. 274. A resolution calling on major United States companies still operating in the Russian Federation to reconsider their continued presence given Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Ms. SCANLON (for herself, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. TONKO, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. PALLONE, and Mr. VALADAO):

H. Res. 275. A resolution supporting the designation of Vaisakhi, April 14 of each year, as "National Sikh Day"; to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

By Mr. TONKO (for himself, Mr. NORMAN, and Mr. BILIRAKIS):

H. Res. 276. A resolution expressing support for the designation of April 5, 2023, as "Barth Syndrome Awareness Day"; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

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. CARTER of Louisiana:

H.R. 2457.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 1
The single subject of this legislation is:
To establish a National Science Foundation grant program to provide opportunities for and strengthen research capacity at institutions of higher education to stimulate sustainable improvement in existing research and development at such institutions.

By Mr. CARTER of Louisiana:

H.R. 2458.