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The House met at 4:30 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. MOOLENAAR).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
September 1, 2023.

I hereby appoint the Honorable JOHN R. MOOLENAAR to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

KEVIN MCCARTHY,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

Reverend Rachel Landers Vaagenes, Capitol Hill Presbyterian Church, Washington, D.C., offered the following prayer:

Holy One, You are called by many names. We pray to You, light, and life, and love. I pray this day for our country and for our world.

I ask that You guide the elected leaders of our country as they seek the welfare not simply of their own constituencies but of all people. I pray for these Representatives as they speak for the people of the United States that they might wield their responsibility with reverence.

Though the terms in the House are short, and though the people can be fickle, I pray for patience for these leaders: patience with their opponents, patience with their staff, and patience with themselves.

Give to all who serve here an inner grace, and may this place be called a place of blessing in the world.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 3(z) of House Resolution

5, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The SPEAKER pro tempore led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 3(z) of House Resolution 5, the House stands adjourned until 1 p.m. on Tuesday, September 5, 2023.

Thereupon (at 4 o'clock and 32 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Tuesday, September 5, 2023, at 1 p.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

EC-1769. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Air Plan Approvals; California; South Coast Air Quality Management District, Imperial and Ventura County Air Pollution Control Districts; Nonattainment New Source Review; 2015 Ozone Standard [EPA-R09-OAR-2021-0754; FRL-9514-02-R9] received August 15, 2023, 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-1770. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's direct final rule — Montana: Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revisions and Incorporation by Reference [EPA-R08-RCRA-2023-0033; FRL-10606-02-R8] received August

15, 2023, 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-1771. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Fluxapyroxad; Pesticide Tolerances [EPA-HQ-OPP-2022-0234 and EPA-HQ-OPP-2022-0258; FRL-10679-01-OCSP] received August 15, 2023, 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-1772. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval of Air Quality Implementation Plans; New Jersey; New Jersey 2017 Periodic Emission Inventory SIP for the Ozone Nonattainment Area and PM_{2.5}/Regional Haze Areas, New Jersey Nonattainment Emission Inventory for 2008 Ozone NAAQS [EPA-R02-OAR-2022-0459; FRL-10785-02-R2] received August 15, 2023, 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-1773. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule; technical correction — Pesticide Tolerances; Implementing Registration Review Decisions for Certain Pesticides; Aluminum tris (O-ethylphosphonate), Carbon disulfide, et al.; Technical Correction [EPA-HQ-OPP-2017-0128; FRL-10840-02-OCSP] received August 15, 2023, 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-1774. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Pyraclostrobin; Pesticide Tolerances [EPA-HQ-OPP-2022-0235; FRL-10953-01-OCSP] received August 15, 2023, 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-1775. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's direct final rule — Air Plan Approval; Illinois; Base Year Emissions Inventory for the 2015 Ozone Standard [EPA-R05-OAR-2020-0555; FRL-11148-02-R5] received August 15, 2023, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110

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Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-1776. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's direct final rule — New Hampshire: Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revisions [EPA-R01-RCRA- 2023-0264; FRL-11231-02-R1] received August 15, 2023, 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-1777. A letter from the President of the United States, transmitting Pay Adjustments For Civilian Federal Employees Covered By The General Schedule And Certain Other Pay Systems in January 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 5304a(a); Public Law 101-509, title I, Sec. 101(a)(1); (104 Stat. 1436) and 5 U.S.C. 5303(b)(1)(A); Public Law 89-554, Sec. 5303(b)(1)(A) (as amended by Public Law 101-509, Sec. 529); (104 Stat 1430) (H. Doc. No. 118-62); to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability and ordered to be printed.

EC-1778. A letter from the Associate General Counsel for General Law, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting a notification of a nomination and designation of acting officer, 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-1779. A letter from the Associate General Counsel for General Law, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting a notification of a vacancy and designation of acting officer, 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-1780. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting a follow up letter regarding the debt limit of the United States of America and providing additional information regarding the Treasury Department's ability to continue to finance the operations of the federal government; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

EC-1781. A letter from the Branch Chief, Legal Processing Division, Associate Chief Counsel, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's final regulations and removal of temporary regulations — Recapture of Certain Excess Employment Tax Credits under COVID-19 Legislation [TD 9978] (RIN: 1545-BQ08) received August 16, 2023, 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.

EC-1782. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's IRB only rule — Fast-Track processing of Certain Letter Rulings (Rev. Proc. 2023-26) received August 16, 2023, 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:

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania: Committee on Agriculture. H.R. 1450. A bill to amend the Agricultural Act of 2014 to modify the treatment of revenue from timber sale contracts and certain payments made by counties to the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior under good neighbor agreements, and for other purposes (Rept. 118-168 Pt. 1). Ordered to be printed.

Mrs. RODGERS of Washington: Committee on Energy and Commerce. H.R. 1435. A bill to amend the Clean Air Act to prevent the elimination of the sale of internal combustion engines (Rept. 118-169). 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. 3836. A bill to facilitate direct primary care arrangements under Medicaid; with an amendment (Rept. 118-170). 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. 4468. A bill to prohibit the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency from finalizing, implementing, or enforcing a proposed rule with respect to emissions from vehicles, and for other purposes (Rept. 118-171). 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. 4469. A bill to clarify that eRINs are not authorized for purposes of satisfying the volume of renewable fuel that needs to be contained in transportation fuel for purposes of the Renewable Fuel Program, and for other purposes (Rept. 118-172). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri: Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. H.R. 1547. A bill to direct the Secretary of Transportation to conduct a study on the costs and benefits of commuter rail passenger transportation involving transfers, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 118-173). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. LUCAS: Committee on Science, Space, and Technology. H.R. 2988. A bill to provide for Department of Energy and National Aeronautics and Space Administration research and development coordination, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 118-174). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. LUCAS: Committee on Science, Space, and Technology. H.R. 4143. A bill to amend the National Construction Safety Team Act to enable the National Institute of Standards and Technology to investigate structures other than buildings to inform the development of engineering standards, best practices, and building codes related to such structures, and for other purposes (Rept. 118-175). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas: Committee on Small Business. H.R. 4671. A bill to amend the Small Business Act to standardize reporting on procurement goals for small business concerns, and for other purposes (Rept. 118-176). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. LUCAS: Committee on Science, Space, and Technology. H.R. 4090. A bill to amend the Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974 to authorize appropriations for the United States Fire Administration and firefighter assistance grant programs, and for other purposes (Rept. 118-177). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. LUCAS: Committee on Science, Space, and Technology. H.R. 369. A bill to require the National Institute of Standards and Technology to conduct research on public safety communication coordination standards among wildland firefighters and fire management response officials, with an amendment (Rept. 118-178). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas: Committee on Small Business. H.R. 4670. A bill to amend the Small Business Act to require reporting

on additional information with respect to small business concerns owned and controlled by women, qualified HUBZone small business concerns, and small business concerns owned and controlled by veterans, and for other purposes (Rept. 118-179). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas: Committee on Small Business. H.R. 3995. A bill to require the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to ensure that the small business regulatory budget for a fiscal year is not greater than zero, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 118-180). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas: Committee on Small Business. H.R. 4480. A bill to require the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to report on the veterans interagency task force, to require the Comptroller General of the United States to report on access to credit for small business concerns owned and controlled by covered individuals, and for other purposes (Rept. 118-181). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas: Committee on Small Business. H.R. 4666. A bill to require the Inspector General of the Small Business Administration to submit a quarterly report on fraud relating to certain COVID-19 loans (Rept. 118-182). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas: Committee on Small Business. H.R. 4669. A bill to provide for Department of Energy, National Laboratories, and Small Business Administration joint research and development activities, and for other purposes (Rept. 118-183 Pt. 1). Ordered to be printed.

Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas: Committee on Small Business. H.R. 4667. A bill to require the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to issue guidance and rules for lenders and the Small Business Administration on handling amounts of Paycheck Protection Loans returned by borrowers, and for other purposes (Rept. 118-184). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas: Committee on Small Business. H.R. 4668. A bill to amend the Small Business Act to require the Small Business and Agriculture Regulatory Enforcement Ombudsman to publish guidance documents for certain rules, and for other purposes (Rept. 118-185). 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. BACON:

H.R. 5320. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to modify the authority of the Secretary of Defense to carry out the defense laboratory modernization program; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. BACON:

H.R. 5321. A bill to amend the John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019 to improve the John S. McCain strategic defense fellows program; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. CARTWRIGHT (for himself, Ms.

WILLIAMS of Georgia, Mr. POCAN, Mr. BOYLE of Pennsylvania, Mr. SWALWELL, Mr. GALLEGOS, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Mr. MOULTON, Ms. PORTER, Mr. VARGAS, Mr. EVANS, Mr.