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The House met at 11 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. MCHENRY).

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

God our creator, our redeemer, and our sustainer, as we return again this week to these Chambers, we are keenly aware that we need also return to You. It is hard not to think that You have cast us off, rejecting us and our feeble attempts to lead ourselves. You no doubt are angry with us, but we pray You will restore us.

You have shaken the earth around us and torn it open. The wounds of our warring madness are painfully evident in Israel and Gaza, Ukraine, and too many other fractured places across the globe. Only You can heal the breaches of decency and democracy.

You have shown us hardship. You have allowed us to endure desperate and dire moments. You have made us drink the wine of confusion. You have let us get drunk on the fruit of our own orchard.

You alone can save us from the uncertainty that surrounds us. You alone can guide us through the disorder of these days. You alone can shed light in

the darkness that seeks to overcome our spirits.

We pray then that You would redeem us, lead us, and enrich us in Your mercy. In Your sovereign name we pray.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House the approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1 of rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. THANEDAR) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. THANEDAR 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.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair

declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 2 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess.

□ 1843

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. MCHENRY) at 6 o'clock and 43 minutes p.m.

HOUR OF MEETING ON TOMORROW

Mr. HILL. Mr. Speaker pro tempore, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at noon tomorrow.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Arkansas?

There was no objection.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. HILL. Mr. Speaker pro tempore, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 6 o'clock and 43 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, October 25, 2023, at noon.

EXPENDITURE REPORTS CONCERNING OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL

Reports concerning the foreign currencies and U.S. dollars utilized for Official Foreign Travel during the third quarter of 2023, pursuant to Public Law 95-384, are as follows:

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, DELEGATION TO JAPAN, EXPENDED BETWEEN SEPT. 6 AND 14, 2023

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem ¹		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²
Hon. Kevin McCarthy	9/6	9/10	Japan .....	.....	1,317.43	.....	10,605.25	.....	.....	.....	11,922.68
Machalagn Carr	9/6	9/10	Japan .....	.....	1,317.43	.....	4,886.55	.....	.....	.....	6,203.98
Natalie Joyce	9/6	9/10	Japan .....	.....	1,317.43	.....	7,077.55	.....	.....	.....	8,394.98
Allen Souza	9/6	9/10	Japan .....	.....	1,317.43	.....	4,851.55	.....	.....	.....	6,168.98

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

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REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, DELEGATION TO JAPAN, EXPENDED BETWEEN SEPT. 6 AND 14, 2023—Continued

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem ¹		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²
Mark Bednar	9/6	9/10	Japan		1,317.42		4,886.55				6,203.97
James Gillespie	9/6	9/10	Japan		1,317.42		1,735.25				3,052.67
Meghan McCann	9/3	9/14	Japan		2,305.50		4,886.55				7,192.05
Kate Knudson Wolters	9/4	9/10	Japan		1,976.14		4,753.40				6,729.54
Committee total					12,186.20		43,682.65				55,868.85

¹ Per diem constitutes lodging and meals.

² If foreign currency is used, enter U.S. dollar equivalent; if U.S. currency is used, enter amount expended.

HON. PATRICK T. McHENRY, Oct. 10, 2023.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, COMMITTEE ON ETHICS, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN JULY 1 AND SEPT. 30, 2023

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem ¹		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²

HOUSE COMMITTEES

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HON. MICHAEL GUEST, Oct. 13, 2023.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE, SPACE, AND TECHNOLOGY, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN JULY 1 AND SEPT. 30, 2023

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem ¹		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²

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HON. FRANK LUCAS, Oct. 12, 2023.

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. OBERNOLTE (for himself and Ms. DELBENE):

H.R. 6020. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to eliminate consideration of the income of organ recipients in providing reimbursement of expenses to donating individuals, and for other purposes.

By Mr. BEYER:

H.R. 6021. A bill to prohibit the transportation, sale, and purchase of donkeys or donkey hides for the purpose of producing ejiao, to prohibit the transportation, sale, and purchase of products containing ejiao, and for other purposes.

By Mr. BURLISON (for himself and Mr. LATTA):

H.R. 6022. A bill to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to exempt from CFATS regulations certain propane tanks, and for other purposes.

By Mr. CARBAJAL (for himself and Mr. BACON):

H.R. 6023. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the retroactive payment of benefits for veterans with covered mental health conditions based on military sexual trauma, and for other purposes.

By Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania (for herself and Mr. FITZPATRICK):

H.R. 6024. A bill to amend the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018 to extend the increased transfer authority for a certain study on per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances contamination in drinking water, and for other purposes.

By Mrs. DINGELL (for herself and Mr. MCGOVERN):

H.R. 6025. A bill to amend the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 to eliminate the repatriation loan program, and for other purposes.

By Mr. FOSTER:

H.R. 6026. A bill to amend section 262 of the Museum and Library Services Act to authorize the Director of the Institute of Museum and Library Services to award grants to institutions of higher education for courses that use only publicly available digital resources for required reading assignments, and for other purposes.

By Mr. LOUDERMILK (for himself and Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia):

H.R. 6027. A bill to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to revise the definition of a facility.

By Ms. MACE (for herself, Mr. MCCLINTOCK, Mr. PHILLIPS, Mr. TRONE, and Mr. GAETZ):

H.R. 6028. A bill to amend the Controlled Substances Act regarding marijuana, and for other purposes.

By Mr. PANETTA (for himself, Ms. TOKUDA, Ms. CROCKETT, Mr. BLUNT ROCHESTE, Ms. NORTON, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, and Mr. SOTO):

H.R. 6029. A bill to provide Medicaid assistance to individuals and families affected by a disaster or emergency, and for other purposes.

By Mr. PHILLIPS (for himself, Ms. BROWNLEY, Mr. CASTEN, Ms. LOIS FRANKEL of Florida, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. NEGUSE, Mr. SOTO, Ms. TITUS, and Mr. VEASEY):

H.R. 6030. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide an option for first responders age 50 to 64 who are separated from service due to retirement or disability to buy into Medicare.

By Ms. SANCHEZ (for herself, Mr. POCAN, Mr. PANETTA, Ms. STRICK-

LAND, Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia, Ms. GARCIA of Texas, Ms. NORTON, Mr. TAKANO, Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas, Mr. COSTA, Ms. WILD, Mr. GOMEZ, Ms. JAYAPAL, Mr. EVANS, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Ms. SEWELL, Mr. DOGGETT, Mrs. RAMIREZ, Ms. CRAIG, Mr. LYNCH, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Ms. STEVENS, Ms. BONAMICI, Mrs. MCBATH, Mr. VARGAS, Mr. PETERS, Ms. SALINAS, Mr. CLEAVER, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, Mr. TRONE, Ms. ESCOBAR, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. QUIGLEY, Mr. RUIZ, Mr. THANEDAR, Mr. BOWMAN, Mr. TORRES of New York, Mr. CASTEN, Mrs. CHERFILUS-McCORMICK, Mr. KIM of New Jersey, Ms. BUSH, Mr. MOULTON, Mr. SWALWELL, Ms. KAPTUR, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Ms. SPANBERGER, Mr. MULLIN, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina, Mr. CARTWRIGHT, Ms. BROWNLEY, Mrs. BEATY, Ms. PETERSEN, Ms. CROCKETT, Mr. SOTO, Mr. LEVIN, Ms. CARAVEO, Mr. SCHIFF, Ms. CHU, Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY, Ms. SCHRIER, Mr. NADLER, Mr. CARBAJAL, Mrs. FLETCHER, Ms. LEE of Pennsylvania, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, Ms. SLOTKIN, Mr. VEASEY, Ms. JACOBS, Ms. SCANLON, Mr. CASTRO of Texas, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Mr. FOSTER, Ms. LOIS FRANKEL of Florida, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. GRIJALVA, Ms. BARRAGÁN, Mr. RUPPERSBERGER, and Mr. CÁRDENAS):

H.R. 6031. A bill to address and take action to prevent bullying and harassment of students.

By Ms. SCHRIER (for herself and Mrs. CHAVEZ-DEREMER):