

Simpson	Thanedar	Wagner
Slotkin	Thompson (CA)	Walberg
Smith (MO)	Thompson (MS)	Waltz
Smith (NE)	Thompson (PA)	Wasserman
Smith (WA)	Timmons	Schultz
Smucker	Titus	Waters
Sorensen	Tlaib	Watson Coleman
Soto	Tokuda	Weber (TX)
Spanberger	Tonko	Webster (FL)
Stansbury	Torres (CA)	Wenstrup
Stanton	Torres (NY)	Westerman
Stauber	Trahan	Wexton
Steel	Trone	Wild
Stefanik	Turner	Williams (GA)
Steil	Underwood	Williams (NY)
Steube	Valadao	Williams (TX)
Stevens	Van Drew	Wilson (FL)
Strickland	Van Duyne	Wilson (SC)
Strong	Van Orden	Wittman
Swalwell	Vargas	Womack
Sykes	Vasquez	Yakym
Takano	Veasey	Zinke
Tenney	Velazquez	

## NAYS—9

Biggs	Burlison	Harris
Brecheen	Clyde	Rosendale
Buck	Davidson	Roy

## NOT VOTING—18

Boebert	McHenry	Norman
Buchanan	Miller-Meeke	Rogers (AL)
Cleaver	Mooney	Schneider
D'Esposito	Moore (WI)	Smith (NJ)
Eshoo	Moskowitz	Spartz
Gimenez	Nickel	Tiffany

□ 1048

So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

The title of the bill was amended so as to read: "A bill to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to carry out a national project to prevent, diagnose, treat, and cure Parkinson's, to be known as the National Parkinson's Project, and for other purposes."

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated for:

Mrs. SPARTZ. Mr. Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall No. 724.

Mr. MCHENRY. Mr. Speaker, due to an unforeseen circumstance, I was unable to cast my vote for H.R. 2365. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall No. 724.

### COMMUNICATION FROM THE REPUBLICAN LEADER

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Honorable STEVE SCALISE, Republican Leader:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, December 11, 2023.

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

DEAR SPEAKER JOHNSON: Pursuant to the Barry Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation authorizing statute (20 U.S.C. §4703), I am pleased to recommend the following appointment to the Board of Trustees:

The Honorable Glenn Grothman of Wisconsin

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

STEVE SCALISE,  
Republican Leader.

### COMMUNICATION FROM THE SPEAKER

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

WASHINGTON, DC,  
December 14, 2023.

I hereby designate the period from Thursday, December 14, 2023, through Monday, January 8, 2024, as a "district work period" under section 3(z) of House Resolution 5.

MIKE JOHNSON,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

### INFLATION AFFECTS THE HOLIDAYS

(Mr. NEWHOUSE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. NEWHOUSE. Mr. Speaker, this holiday season, many parents in Washington's Fourth Congressional District and across the Nation will struggle to afford a special holiday meal for their family or buy presents for their children.

The hard truth is that under the President's self-proclaimed Bidenomics agenda, we have seen trillions spent, causing inflation to skyrocket to a 40-year high.

Americans today are still struggling to afford everyday expenses because families are spending over \$11,000 more this year than last to purchase the same basic goods.

Mr. Speaker, this Congress, we have been working to rein in the out-of-control spending that this administration promotes and pursues. Over the summer, House Republicans successfully passed the Fiscal Responsibility Act to restore sanity, limit inflationary spending, and lift Americans out of poverty, but there is more work to be done.

As a member of the House Appropriations Committee, I am proud of our efforts in mitigating the damage done by Big Government spending and reintroducing a commonsense, conservative approach to the way we use taxpayer dollars. We must continue to foster an economy that works for the American people rather than against them.

On that note, I wish everyone a merry Christmas and a happy new year.

### WORKING TO SUPPORT AMERICA

(Mr. PAYNE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to praise President Biden and my Democratic colleagues for our work to support the American people this year.

We are building bridges and paving new roads across this country. We broke ground on the new Hudson River tunnel to boost travel and the economy.

We are lowering prices on insulin and other lifesaving medications.

We are improving education. We are protecting voting rights. We are fighting for reproductive rights for all women.

We are creating jobs and investing in new semiconductor chip technology to protect American innovations.

The American people told us that this is what they want done. We are doing them.

Republicans threw out the House Speaker for the first time in U.S. history and worked for their reckless political agenda instead of the American people.

Democrats work for America. Republicans work for themselves.

### RECOGNIZING SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

(Mr. CARTER of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to bring recognition to the city of Savannah, Georgia, as it was named among the best places to retire by Southern Living.

This travel publication considered numerous factors such as cost of living, home values, hospitality, accessibility, and others. Savannah was even nicknamed the "Hostess City of the South."

The city was highlighted for its arts and culture, as well as its historic charm. Being an important asset to the city, the Savannah College of Art and Design fills nearly 70 buildings downtown and hosts an annual sidewalk arts festival named "Chalk of the Town."

However, there is much more beyond this incredible culture. The city dates back all the way to 1733, which shines through the carefully preserved historic buildings, roads, and homes.

Savannah offers trolley rides through picturesque squares, as well as dozens of historic cemeteries. The city holds the key to the most excellent quality of life.

The city is my home. It is where I have lived all my life, and I am so very proud of the city of Savannah.

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### HONORING THE LIFE OF ADY BARKAN

(Ms. LEE of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. LEE of California. Mr. Speaker, today I rise with a heavy heart to honor the life of my friend, Ady Barkan, who passed away earlier this year due to complications of ALS.

Ady is fondly remembered by many as a brilliant strategist, communicator, and activist. He was an activist who brought our Nation closer to making healthcare in America a basic human right.

Beyond being one of the most powerful activists in America, Ady Barkan

was also a loving husband and a dedicated father. My condolences to Rachael, his partner of 18 years, and their two children.

My heart goes out to your family, Rachael, during this difficult time. While I can't imagine a world without Ady, I know that through Be A Hero, his work and legacy will live on. That is why I am so proud to partner with Be A Hero and work towards introducing the Ady Barkan Memorial Resolution, and I urge my colleagues to support this resolution when introduced.

Thank you, Ady, for advocating for a better tomorrow.

#### CONGRATULATING ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY FOOTBALL TEAM TO PARTICIPATE IN 2023 CAMELLIA BOWL

(Mr. CRAWFORD asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CRAWFORD. Mr. Speaker, today I stand to extend my heartfelt congratulations to Arkansas State University Red Wolves football team for their well-deserved selection to participate in the 2023 Camellia Bowl, where they will face Northern Illinois University.

Reflecting on the 2023 football season, there is every indication that the Red Wolves are poised for success in their upcoming clash with NIU.

Quarterback Jaylen Raynor has been a true leader on the field, helping deliver exhilarating victories that have ignited the enthusiasm of Arkansas State's devoted fans.

As an alum of Arkansas State, I eagerly await the moment when Coach Butch Jones and the entire wolf pack take the field on December 23 to proudly represent Natural State on a national stage.

Wolves up.

#### WORKING FOR AMERICA

(Ms. JACKSON LEE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to support the bipartisan NDAA, H.R. 2670, because there are men and women on the front lines across the world who are doing the work of this Nation: The civilians and men and women in the United States military that are providing logistical and operational support with equipment, training and resources needed to carry on.

Yes, and we have reaffirmed diversity, equity, and inclusion, as well as the personal rights of our soldiers to have reproductive care.

In addition, my bill, the Foreign Extortion Prevention Act, was included, which stops Americans from being extorted overseas. It will finally enable U.S. law enforcement to indict foreign kleptocrats for extorting U.S. businesses and Americans individually that

basically stops the prosperous work that we are doing.

Mr. Speaker, as well I stand here supporting the Biden-Harris administration, because inflation is going down and retail purchases are going up. We are spreading broadband across America, and, yes, we are standing together to fight against denying women their reproductive rights.

Biden and Harris are going forward with this Democratic Congress, and we are standing here working for America. We will never leave you alone. We will always stand with you.

#### THE CHRISTMAS STORY FROM THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

(Mr. GUEST asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GUEST. Mr. Speaker, the story of the birth of Jesus Christ from the Gospel of Luke:

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be taxed.

And all went to be taxed, everyone into his own city.

And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; to be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.

And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a savior, which is Christ the Lord.

#### POLITICALLY CONVENIENT CONDEMNATION

(Mr. CASTEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. CASTEN. Mr. Speaker, yesterday, my Republican colleagues voted to condemn college presidents.

I wish they were condemning anti-Semitism, but don't let the title of that resolution fool you. This was never about that.

We know that because they did not condemn anti-Semitism when the Unite the Right rally chanted: "Jews will not replace us."

They didn't condemn anti-Semitism when their former Speaker shared a cartoon suggesting that Jewish bankers controlled the world.

They didn't condemn anti-Semitism when Donald Trump said that he only wanted Jews to count his money.

In every case, they have stood by in silent cowardice and defended hate

speech as free speech. Yet, they have the gall to ask college presidents to resign for emulating their cowardice.

Donald Trump's rhetoric led to a spike in hate crimes, anti-Semitic and anti-Muslim hate crimes. Both spiked again after October 6.

If you are only calling it out when it is politically convenient, you are not helping, you are a part of the problem.

#### HONORING THE MEMORY OF FIRE CHIEF RALPH STEGBAUER AND CAPTAIN JEFF SKAGGS

(Mr. CAREY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. CAREY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the memory of two brave firefighters in my district who recently perished in a tragic accident.

Fire Chief Ralph Stegbauer and Captain Jeff Skaggs were longtime members of the Concord-Green Township Fire Department and proud sons of Fayette County.

Each man put their lives on the line daily for their community, whether it was responding to house fires at 3 a.m. or serving as first responders to roadway accidents, Chief Stegbauer and Captain Skaggs served selflessly.

Chief Stegbauer, a retired health department worker and teacher, left his mark on all those he encountered. A loving husband and proud father of two children, Chief Stegbauer always sought to build up those who were around him.

Captain Skaggs also had a long history of not only serving Fayette County, but the country as a whole. He served in the United States military as a Ranger, and later was given the rank of E5 sergeant.

Friends and family remember him as the first person to offer help to anyone who was in need. His community regarded him in the same way: never too busy to lend a helping hand.

These two men exemplified what it meant to be an Ohioan. They worked hard to support their families, but still found time to give back to their communities.

They put their lives on the line as volunteer firefighters and first responders, never asking for anything in return. Their tragic passing has left a hole in our community, and they will be missed dearly.

Their selfless public service also inspires all of us to work harder to make our communities just a little better. At Christmastime, please keep their families in your prayers.

#### CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF AMOS E. PIERCE, JR.

(Mr. CARTER of Louisiana asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CARTER of Louisiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Amos E. Pierce, Jr., a World War