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Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 3, 2024, at 12 noon.

House of Representatives

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2024

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

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
January 3, 2024.

I hereby appoint the Honorable VIRGINIA FOXX 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:

Generous God and giver of so many blessings, we pause at the final moments of the first year of the 118th Congress to acknowledge Your steadfast kindness to us. We give thanks to You, O Lord, for You have been good to us.

In Your grace, You have surrounded those who serve in office here in the House of Representatives with wise advisers, devoted counsel, and countless contributors to the daily function of this body: clerks and recorders, staffers and assistants, laborers and administrators, just to name a few. May each who has contributed so selflessly to the inner workings of this legislative process receive Your own "well done" in appreciation for their noble and faithful service throughout this past year.

Indeed, many hands have laid the foundation for this Congress, and we pray for Your continued blessing that we should see our work completed.

As we reflect on the many accomplishments, large and small, which have brought us pride and reward this year, remind us once again that it is not by might, nor by power, that we succeed, but by Your spirit. In this may we be assured that the Lord of hosts will abide with us in the work that has yet to be done.

In the strength of Your name we pray.
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.

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.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Ms. FOXX) at 11 o'clock and 55 minutes a.m.

SINE DIE ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the 20th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, the Chair declares the First Session of the 118th Congress adjourned sine die.

Thereupon (at 11 o'clock and 55 minutes a.m.), the House adjourned.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

EC-2905. A letter from the Alternate OSD FRLO, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Consolidation of DoD Government Property Clauses (DFARS Case 2020-D029) [Docket DARS-2023-0017] (RIN: 0750-AL14) received January 2, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2906. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Employee Benefits Security Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting the Department's final rule — Federal Independent Dispute Resolution (IDR) Process

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

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Administrative Fee and Certified IDR Entity Fee Ranges [CMS-9890-F] (RIN: 0938-AV39) received December 21, 2023, 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-2907. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a Memorandum of Justification for Emergency Arms Transfers to Israel Under Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-2908. A letter from the Senior Legal Advisor for Regulatory Affairs, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's final rule — Privacy Act of 1974; Exemptions (RIN: 1506-AB63) received December 21, 2023, 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-2909. A letter from the Chief, Branch of Domestic Listing, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Threatened Species Status With Section 4(d) Rule for North American Wolverine [Docket No.: FWS-R6-ES-2023-0216; FF09E21000 FXES11110900000 245] (RIN: 1018-BH27) received January 2, 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-2910. A letter from the Secretary, Federal Maritime Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Delegations to Bureau of Enforcement, Investigations, and Compliance [Docket No.: FMC-2023-0011] (RIN: 3072-AC97) received December 12, 2023, 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.

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:

Ms. FOXX: Committee on Education and the Workforce. House Joint Resolution 98. Resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the National Labor Relations Board relating to "Standard for Determining Joint Employer Status" (Rept. 118-338). 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. NORTON:

H.R. 6912. A bill to direct the Librarian of Congress to obtain a stained glass panel depicting the seal of the District of Columbia and install the panel among the stained glass panels depicting the seals of States, which overlook the Main Reading Room of the Library of Congress Thomas Jefferson Building; to the Committee on House Administration, 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. CARTER of Louisiana (for himself, Mr. JEFFRIES, Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, and Mr. IVEY):

H. Res. 945. A resolution congratulating Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., on the historic milestone of 113 years of serving local and international communities, maintaining a commitment to the betterment of mankind, and enriching the lives of collegiate men throughout the United States; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. MEUSER:

H. Res. 946. A resolution recognizing Gold Shield Families and affirming that their sacrifices and difficulties should not be forgotten; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

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 Ms. NORTON:

H.R. 6912.

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

Clause 18 of section 8 of Article I of the Constitution.

The single subject of this legislation is:

The bill would direct the Librarian of Congress to obtain a stained glass panel depicting the seal of the District of Columbia and install the panel among the stained glass panels depicting the seals of States.

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

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

H.R. 427: Mr. FLOOD, Mr. BUCK, Mr. WESTERMAN, Mr. STAUBER, Mr. SELF, Mrs. HOCHIN, and Mr. KELLY of Mississippi.

H.R. 491: Mr. SCHIFF.

H.R. 619: Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina and Mr. LANDSMAN.

H.R. 751: Mr. GOOD of Virginia.

H.R. 798: Ms. STANSBURY.

H.R. 895: Mr. ISSA.

H.R. 930: Mr. MOLINARO.

H.R. 1065: Mr. MOSKOWITZ, Mr. LYNCH, Mr. RUPPERSBERGER, Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ, Mrs. MCBATH, and Mr. MCGOVERN.

H.R. 1118: Mr. ROBERT GARCIA of California.

H.R. 1247: Mr. NEAL and Mr. PANETTA.

H.R. 1437: Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas.

H.R. 1492: Mr. BARR.

H.R. 1624: Mr. AUCHINCLOSS.

H.R. 1705: Mr. IVEY.

H.R. 1765: Mr. CASAR and Mr. KIM of New Jersey.

H.R. 1776: Ms. PORTER.

H.R. 2370: Ms. PINGREE.

H.R. 2411: Mr. VALADAO and Mr. TONKO.

H.R. 2439: Mr. RYAN and Ms. BLUNT ROCH-ESTER.

H.R. 2562: Mr. CROW.

H.R. 2666: Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania.

H.R. 2678: Mr. TONKO.

H.R. 2687: Mr. MOLINARO.

H.R. 2735: Mr. MOLINARO.

H.R. 2742: Mrs. LUNA.

H.R. 2757: Mr. CORREA.

H.R. 2766: Mr. SOTO.

H.R. 2851: Ms. CARAVEO.

H.R. 2923: Mr. IVEY.

H.R. 2965: Mrs. HAYES.

H.R. 2976: Mr. MCGOVERN.

H.R. 2987: Mr. CASAR.

H.R. 3012: Mr. GOTTHEIMER.

H.R. 3036: Ms. PINGREE.

H.R. 3269: Mr. PANETTA and Mr. FLOOD.

H.R. 3378: Ms. SLOTKIN.

H.R. 3380: Mr. RYAN.

H.R. 3382: Mr. KIM of New Jersey.

H.R. 3433: Mr. PANETTA, Ms. DELBENE, Mrs. FLETCHER, Mr. ARRINGTON, Ms. BROWNLEY, and Mr. SESSIONS.

H.R. 3519: Mr. BOWMAN and Ms. LEE of California.

H.R. 3541: Mr. SCHNEIDER.

H.R. 3566: Mr. MOLINARO.

H.R. 3658: Mr. GOTTHEIMER and Mr. MOLINARO.

H.R. 3662: Mr. MOLINARO and Ms. PORTER.

H.R. 3777: Mr. THOMPSON of California.

H.R. 3850: Mr. VASQUEZ and Ms. MANNING.

H.R. 3853: Ms. PORTER.

H.R. 3876: Ms. BONAMICI.

H.R. 3925: Mr. LANGWORTHY.

H.R. 4021: Mr. CONNOLLY, Mr. BURGESS, Ms. GARCIA of Texas, Mr. CROW, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, and Mr. NEAL.

H.R. 4053: Mr. MOLINARO.

H.R. 4117: Ms. WATERS and Mr. SOTO.

H.R. 4155: Ms. SLOTKIN.

H.R. 4166: Mr. IVEY.

H.R. 4195: Ms. KUSTER.

H.R. 4231: Mr. GALLEGO, Mr. EVANS, Mr. LIEU, Ms. LEE of California, and Mrs. RAMIREZ.

H.R. 4232: Mr. RUIZ, Mr. EVANS, Ms. LEE of California, and Mrs. RAMIREZ.

H.R. 4233: Mr. LIEU, Mr. RASKIN, Mr. EVANS, Ms. LEE of California, and Mrs. RAMIREZ.

H.R. 4274: Mr. MOLINARO.

H.R. 4293: Mr. GARBARINO.

H.R. 4326: Mr. VASQUEZ, Ms. LOFGREN, Ms. MANNING, and Ms. HOYLE of Oregon.

H.R. 4392: Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER.

H.R. 4565: Mr. MORAN.

H.R. 4581: Mr. ROSE.

H.R. 4757: Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania.

H.R. 4771: Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia and Mr. KIM of New Jersey.

H.R. 4851: Mr. HORSFORD and Ms. DELBENE.

H.R. 4867: Mr. WITTMAN and Mrs. MILLER of Illinois.

H.R. 4993: Mr. BOST.

H.R. 4995: Mr. LANDSMAN.

H.R. 5048: Mr. COURTNEY and Mr. CARTWRIGHT.

H.R. 5077: Mr. D'ESPOSITO.

H.R. 5137: Mr. TRONE.

H.R. 5163: Ms. MATSUI.

H.R. 5290: Mr. CASTEN and Mr. CASAR.

H.R. 5292: Mr. CASAR.

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H.R. 5329: Mr. SCHIFF.

H.R. 5333: Mr. GOTTHEIMER and Mr. BARR.

H.R. 5358: Ms. BALINT.

H.R. 5455: Mr. POSEY.

H.R. 5765: Mr. MOLINARO.

H.R. 5814: Ms. STANSBURY.

H.R. 5864: Ms. CARAVEO.

H.R. 5934: Mr. SCHIFF.

H.R. 6031: Ms. HOYLE of Oregon.

H.R. 6053: Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ, Ms. SCHOLTEN, Mr. MOSKOWITZ, and Mr. CASAR.

H.R. 6063: Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Mr. DESAULNIER, and Ms. PINGREE.

H.R. 6090: Mr. MANN.

H.R. 6106: Mr. GOTTHEIMER.

H.R. 6124: Mr. TRONE.

H.R. 6172: Mr. CASTEN, Mr. DESAULNIER, and Mr. CASTRO of Texas.

H.R. 6203: Mr. CASAR.

H.R. 6232: Mr. MOLINARO and Mr. SORESENSEN.

H.R. 6244: Mr. BURGESS, Mr. WEBER of Texas, and Ms. GARCIA of Texas.

H.R. 6248: Mr. DESAULNIER.