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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,

May 2, 2024.

I hereby appoint the Honorable DUSTY JOHNSON 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:

Hear our prayer, O Lord, this day, for we come to You with tired bodies and flagging spirits. Rekindle in us not just the enthusiasm for the living of these days but reawaken our zeal for You. Inspire in us anew the desire to serve You wherever You call us.

These are indeed hard times, no matter where we look. Grant rest to those who have exhausted their physical reserves and provide a renewed purpose to those who have lost their passion to serve. When all hope seems to fail us, may we pray all the harder believing that You will raise us up on the wings of Your promises.

In the strength to be had in You, may we revive our faith, and in the power found in Your 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 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. Without objection, the House stands adjourned until noon on Monday, May 6, 2024, for morning-hour debate and 2 p.m. for legislative business.

There was no objection.

Thereupon (at 10 o'clock and 2 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Monday, May 6, 2024, at noon for morning-hour debate.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

EC-4012. A letter from the Regulatory Specialist, Chief Counsel's Office, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's interim final rule — Community Reinvestment Act; Supplemental Rule [Docket ID: OCC-2022-0002] (RIN: 1557-AF26) received April 19, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Financial Services.

EC-4013. A letter from the Deputy General Counsel, Office of General Counsel, Department of Education, transmitting the Department's final rule — Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities Receiving Federal Financial Assistance [Docket ID: ED-2021-OCR-0166] (RIN: 1870-AA16) received April 23, 2024, 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-4014. A letter from the Assistant Director, Regulatory Management Division, Envi-

ronmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's request for applications (RFA) amendments — Environmental Justice Training Communities Technical Assistance Centers Program (EJ TCTAC) [EPA-I-OP-OEJ-22-02] received February 27, 2024, 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-4015. A letter from the Assistant Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's request for applications (RFA) — Solid Waste Infrastructure of Recycling (SWIFR) Grant Program for Political Subdivisions of States and Territories [EPA-I-OLEM-ORCR-23-03] received February 27, 2024, 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-4016. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's request for applications (RFA) — Solid Waste Infrastructure of Recycling (SWIFR) Grant Program for Tribes and Intertribal Consortia [EPA-I-OLEM-ORCR-23-07] received February 27, 2024, 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-4017. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's notice of funding opportunity (NOFO) — Environmental and Climate Justice Community Change Grants Program [EPA-R-OEJECCR-OCS-23-04] received March 21, 2024, 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-4018. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's request for applications (RFA) — Environmental Justice Thriving Communities Grantmaking Program (EJ TCGM) [EPA-R-OEJECCR-OCS-23-03] received March 21, 2024, 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-4019. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's request for applications (RFA) — Environmental Justice Government-to-Government Program (EJG2G) [EPA-R-OEJECCR-OCS-23-02] received March 21, 2024, pursuant

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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-4020. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's request for applications (RFA) — Environmental Justice Collaborative Problem-Solving (EJCPS) Cooperative Agreement Program [EPA-R-OEJECR-OCE-23-01] received March 21, 2024, 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-4021. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's notice of funding opportunity (NOFO) — Reducing Embodied Greenhouse Gas Emissions for Construction Materials and Products [EPA-R-OCSPP-OPPT-PY2023-001] received March 21, 2024, 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-4022. A letter from the Fisheries Regulations Specialist, NMFS, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Magnuson-Stevens Act Provisions; Fisheries Off West Coast States; Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery; Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery Management Plan; Amendment 32; Modifications to Non-Trawl Sector Area Management Measures [Docket No.: 231117-0273] (RIN: 0648-BM28) received April 24, 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-4023. A letter from the Fisheries Regulations Specialist, NMFS, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final action — Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Atlantic Bluefish Fishery; 2024 and Projected 2025 Bluefish Specifications [Docket No.: 231221-0314; RTID 0648-XD357] received April 24, 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-4024. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, NMFS, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Snapper-Groupers Fishery off the Southern Atlantic Region; Regulatory Amendment 28 [Docket No.: 180720681-8999-02] (RIN: 0648-B138) received April 24, 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-4025. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, NMFS, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Spiny Lobster Fishery of the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic Regions; Regulatory Amendment 4 [Docket No.: 170630611-8525-02] (RIN: 0648-BH01) received April 24, 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-4026. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Columbia River Basin Restoration Funding Assistance Program — Toxic Reduction Lead [EPA-I-R10-OW-CRBRP-2023-02] received February 27, 2024, 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.

EC-4027. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Columbia River Basin Restoration Funding Assistance Program — Tribal Program Implementation [EPA-I-R10-OW-CRBRP-2023-01] received February 27, 2024, 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.

EC-4028. A letter from the Regulations Writer, Office of Regulations and Reports Clearance, Social Security Administration, transmitting the Administration's Major final rule — Intermediate Improvement to the Disability Adjudication Process, Including How We Consider Past Work [Docket No.: SSA-2023-0024] (RIN: 0960-AI83) received April 29, 2024, 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-4029. A letter from the Senior Policy and Regulations Coordinator, Immediate Office of the Secretary, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Short-Term, Limited-Duration Insurance and Independent, Non-coordinated Excepted Benefits Coverage [CMS-9904-F] (RIN: 0938-AU67) received March 25, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); jointly to the Committees on Energy and Commerce and Ways and Means.

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. BARR:

H.R. 8222. A bill to amend the Securities Act of 1933 to automatically approve offering statements filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission in connection with certain securities issued under Regulation A tier 2, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER (for herself and Ms. CLARKE of New York):

H.R. 8223. A bill to improve menopause care and mid-life women's health, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. CLINE (for himself, Mr. HARRIS, Mr. D'ESPOSITO, and Mr. SELF):

H.R. 8224. A bill to establish Federal research award reimbursement limits for indirect costs for institutions of higher education, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, and in addition to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, 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 Ms. DELBENE (for herself and Ms. SANCHEZ):

H.R. 8225. A bill to require income from the first year of an apprenticeship to be disregarded in determining eligibility for assistance under the program of block grants to States for temporary assistance for needy families; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. GARBARINO:

H.R. 8226. A bill to require the Comptroller General of the United States to carry out a study regarding major rules issued by the Securities and Exchange Commission; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. HERN (for himself, Ms. LEE of Nevada, Ms. MALLIOTAKIS, and Mr. FITZPATRICK):

H.R. 8227. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to remove in-person requirements under Medicare for mental health services furnished through telehealth and telecommunications technology; 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. HUIZENGA:

H.R. 8228. A bill to amend the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 to transfer the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board to the Securities and Exchange Commission, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. JACKSON of Texas:

H.R. 8229. A bill to amend the Agricultural Act of 2014 to establish additional payments for unborn livestock under the livestock indemnity payment program; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota (for himself and Mr. BACON):

H.R. 8230. A bill to streamline the permitting process for communications infrastructure on National Forest System lands; to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, 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. LAWLER (for himself, Mr. TORRES of New York, and Mr. MOLINARO):

H.R. 8231. A bill to award a congressional gold medal to James Earl Jones, an American icon, in recognition of a remarkable life in reshaping perceptions, dismantling racial barriers, and advocating for equal opportunities for people of all backgrounds in film and theatre; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. MAST (for himself, Mr. GOTTHEIMER, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, and Mr. BAIRD):

H.R. 8232. A bill to authorize the Secretary of State to withdraw from the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East Federal funds previously made available to such organization; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. MAST (for himself, Ms. SALAZAR, Mr. BAIRD, and Mr. LAWLER):

H.R. 8233. A bill to amend the USAID Branding Modernization Act to require the sole use of United States flags and logos on articles of United States foreign assistance, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. MAST (for himself, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, and Ms. SALAZAR):

H.R. 8234. A bill to authorize the Secretary of State to designate additional persons eligible to serve as passport acceptance agents, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. MURPHY:

H.R. 8235. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to modify the distribution of certain additional graduate medical education positions under the Medicare program; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, 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. NUNN of Iowa (for himself, Ms. PEREZ, and Mrs. HINSON):