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

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, August 30, 2024.

I hereby appoint the Honorable LARRY BUCSHON to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

MIKE JOHNSON,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

Reverend John Kellogg, Christ Church, Washington Parish, Washington, D.C., offered the following prayer:

Loving God, You have made every single one of us in Your image, to serve You in freedom and in peace. Give to the people of our country a zeal for justice and the strength of forbearance, that we may use our liberty in accordance with Your gracious will.

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 11 a.m. on Tuesday, September 3, 2024.

Thereupon (at 10 o'clock and 2 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Tuesday, September 3, 2024, at 11 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

EC-5177. A letter from the Acting Under Secretary, Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense, transmitting notification authorizing six officers to wear the insignia of the grade of brigadier general, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 777(b)(3)(B); Public Law 104-106, Sec. 503(a)(1) (as added by Public Law 108-136, Sec. 509(a)(3)); (117 Stat. 1458); to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5178. A letter from the Acting Under Secretary, Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense, transmitting a letter authorizing Rear Admiral Peter A. Garvin, United States Navy, to wear the insignia of the grade of vice admiral, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 777a(b)(4); Public Law 111-383, Sec. 505(a)(1); (124 Stat. 4208); to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5179. A letter from the Acting Under Secretary, Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense, transmitting a letter authorizing Major General Paul T. Stanton, United States Army, to wear the insignia of the grade of lieutenant general, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 777a(b)(4); Public Law 111-383, Sec. 505(a)(1); (124 Stat. 4208); to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5180. A letter from the Acting Under Secretary, Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense, transmitting a letter authorizing Major General Curtis A. Buzzard, United States Army, to wear the insignia of the grade of lieutenant general, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 777a(b)(4); Public Law 111-383, Sec. 505(a)(1); (124 Stat. 4208); to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5181. A letter from the President and Chair, Board of Directors, Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting a

statement with respect to a transaction involving exports to Iraq, pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 635(b)(3); July 31, 1945, ch. 341, Sec. 2 (as added by Public Law 102-266, Sec. 102); (106 Stat. 95); to the Committee on Financial Services.

EC-5182. A letter from the President and Chair, Board of Directors, Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting a statement with respect to a transaction involving exports to Malaysia, pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 635(b)(3); July 31, 1945, ch. 341, Sec. 2 (as added by Public Law 102-266, Sec. 102); (106 Stat. 95); to the Committee on Financial Services.

EC-5183. A letter from the President, transmitting An Alternative Plan For Pay Adjustments For Civilian Federal Employees Covered By The General Schedule And Certain Other Pay Systems In January 2025, 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. 1427) (H. Doc. No. 118-162); to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability and ordered to be printed.

EC-5184. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries Off West Coast States; Coastal Pelagic Species Fisheries; Amendment 16 to the Coastal Pelagic Species Fishery Management Plan [Docket No.: 170322302-8104-02] (RIN: 0648-BG74) received August 20, 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-5185. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Framework 2 to the Tilefish Fishery Management Plan [Docket No.: 160229159-8236-02] (RIN: 0648-BF85) received August 20, 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-5186. A letter from the Branch Chief NOAA/NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries Off West Coast States; Coastal Pelagic Species Fisheries; Annual Specifications; 2022-2023

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Annual Specifications and Management Measures for Pacific Sardine [Docket No.: 220627-0142; RTID: 0648-XB877] received August 20, 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.

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. GREEN of Tennessee: Committee on Homeland Security. H.R. 8654. A bill to direct the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct a review of the Homeland Security Information Network, and for other purposes (Rept. 118-635). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. GREEN of Tennessee: Committee on Homeland Security. H.R. 8662. A bill to reduce commuting burdens on Transportation Security Administration employees, and for other purposes (Rept. 118-636). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. GREEN of Tennessee: Committee on Homeland Security. H.R. 8655. A bill to require the Federal Air Marshal Service to develop a plan to enhance the Federal law enforcement presence at airports, and for other purposes, with an amendment (Rept. 118-637). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. GREEN of Tennessee: Committee on Homeland Security. H.R. 8658. A bill to require a report by the Transportation Security Administration on digital identity ecosystems, and for other purposes (Rept. 118-638). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. GREEN of Tennessee: Committee on Homeland Security. H.R. 8664. A bill to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to direct the Under Secretary for Intelligence and Analysis of the Department of Homeland Security to conduct an annual audit of the information systems and bulk data of the Office of Intelligence and Analysis of the Department, and for other purposes (Rept. 118-639). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. GREEN of Tennessee: Committee on Homeland Security. H.R. 8671. A bill to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish the Intelligence Rotational Assignment Program, and for other purposes (Rept. 118-640). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. JORDAN: Committee on the Judiciary. H.R. 1398. A bill to establish the CCP Initiative program, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 118-641). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. GREEN of Tennessee: Committee on Homeland Security. H.R. 8675. A bill to require the Transportation Security Administration conduct a study relating to the digitization of the law enforcement officer flying armed checkpoint data collection process, and for other purposes (Rept. 118-642). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. MCCAUL: Committee on Foreign Affairs. H.R. 1425. A bill to require any convention, agreement, or other international instrument on pandemic prevention, preparedness, and response reached by the World Health Assembly to be subject to Senate ratification (Rept. 118-643). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. MCHENRY: Committee on Financial Services. H.R. 3161. A bill to amend the Riegle Community Development and Regulatory Improvement Act of 1994 to require the Director of the Community Development Financial Institutions Fund to testify on an annual basis before the Financial Services Committee of the House of Representatives and the Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Committee of the Senate, with an amendment (Rept. 118-644). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. MCHENRY: Committee on Financial Services. H.R. 3507. A bill to require certain grantees under Community Development Act of 1974 discriminatory land use policies, with an amendment (Rept. 118-645). 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. MCCLELLAN:

H.R. 9425. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to authorize tobacco user fee assessments for all regulated tobacco products, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. BOST:

H.R. 9426. A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program under which the Secretary may fill vacant shifts at medical facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs with non-Department health care providers; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. BOST:

H.R. 9427. A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program to provide grants to outpatient mental health facilities for the provision of culturally competent, evidence-based mental health care for veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. ARRINGTON:

H.R. 9428. A bill to increase the penalties for breach of a military base; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. ARRINGTON:

H.R. 9429. A bill to prohibit the implementation of a Land Protection Plan for Muleshoe National Wildlife Refuge; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. ARRINGTON:

H.R. 9430. A bill to amend title 54, United States Code, to prohibit the acquisition of land, water, or an interest in land or water from a private landowner using amounts made available under the Land and Water Conservation Fund; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

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

H.R. 9431. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude from gross income the discharge of indebtedness of certain individuals who are unlawfully or wrongfully detained abroad; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. BOYLE of Pennsylvania (for himself, Mr. EVANS, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Mr. ADERHOLT, and Ms. SALAZAR):

H.R. 9432. A bill to amend the United States Semiquincentennial Commission Act of 2016 to modify the requirements for the time capsule required by such Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

By Mr. GALLEGO:

H.R. 9433. A bill to direct the Secretary of Defense to conduct a threat analysis of any potential threats the illicit fentanyl drug trade poses to the defense interests of the United States; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. GALLEGO:

H.R. 9434. A bill to direct the heads of certain agencies to review and submit to Congress a report on public-private partnerships for combating the illicit fentanyl trade, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. GALLEGO:

H.R. 9435. A bill to establish a National Security Council Fentanyl Disruption Steering Group, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services, and in addition to the Committees on Foreign Affairs, Intelligence (Permanent Select), the Judiciary, and Homeland Security, 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. KHANNA (for himself, Ms. TENNEY, and Mr. FITZPATRICK):

H.R. 9436. A bill to establish a National Science Foundation grant program to provide and strengthen opportunities for peer-reviewed research regarding autism spectrum disorder and its characteristics in women, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

By Mr. LAWLER (for himself and Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania):

H.R. 9437. A bill to authorize co-location abroad with United States strategic partner countries; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS (for herself, Mr. BERGMAN, and Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia):

H.R. 9438. A bill to amend and reauthorize the Staff Sergeant Parker Gordon Fox Suicide Prevention Grant Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. MOLINARO (for himself and Ms. TITUS):

H.R. 9439. A bill to authorize proceeds from any sale or any moneys forfeited under the Controlled Substances Act to be used for the Substance Use Prevention, Treatment, and Recovery Services Block Grant, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary, 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. MORAN (for himself and Mr. AMO):

H.R. 9440. A bill to require a strategy to increase United States interagency cooperation with partner African countries to counter illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committees on Foreign Affairs, and 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. MOSKOWITZ (for himself and Mrs. LUNA):

H.R. 9441. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to reduce the maximum interest rates for Federal Direct student loans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. NEWHOUSE:

H.R. 9442. A bill to amend the Defense Production Act of 1950 and the Agricultural Foreign Investment Disclosure Act of 1978 with