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The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). There are 2 minutes remaining.

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So the resolution was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

CENSURING OF REPRESENTATIVE CLAY HIGGINS

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

Mr. CLYDE. Mr. Speaker, objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Objection is heard. The gentleman will suspend.

Mr. CLYDE. Withdrawn.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman has withdrawn the objection. The gentleman will continue.

Mr. HORSFORD. Mr. Speaker, earlier today a gentleman from Louisiana posted on his official X account: "LOL. These Haitians are wild. Eating pets, vudu, nastiest country in the Western Hemisphere, cults, slapstick gangsters, but damned if they don't feel all sophisticated now, filing charges against our President and VP. All these thugs

better get their mind right and their ass out of our country before January 20th."

Mr. Speaker, under rule XXIII, the Code of Official Conduct for the 118th Congress states that a Member shall behave at all times in a manner that reflects credibly on the House.

These words on an official post do not reflect credibly on the House.

In fact, they are inciting hate. They are inciting fear. Because of that, it is time for this body to stand with one voice and to ensure that there is accountability.

Mr. Speaker, I move to refer this matter to the Committee on Ethics and that we bring this Member up for censure.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Does the gentleman yield back?

Mr. HORSFORD. Mr. Speaker, I made a motion.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. There is no motion pending before the House.

Mr. HORSFORD. Mr. Speaker, I made a motion based on rule XXIII—point of parliamentary inquiry.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman is not stating a proper motion at this time.

Mr. HORSFORD. Mr. Speaker, may I inquire under rule XXIII whether this is a violation of the official Code of Conduct before the House.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman has not made an inquiry relevant to any pending proceedings.

Mr. HORSFORD. Mr. Speaker, may I ask of the Parliamentarian whether these—the rule XXIII Code of Conduct applies against the gentleman from Louisiana.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will not provide an advisory opinion on this matter.

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

Mr. HORSFORD. Mr. Speaker, point of inquiry.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will state his parliamentary inquiry.

Mr. HORSFORD. Mr. Speaker, is it appropriate for a Member to use their official equipment in violation of rule XXIII?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. That is not a proper parliamentary inquiry. Does the gentleman have a parliamentary inquiry?

Mr. HORSFORD. Yes.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will state his parliamentary inquiry.

Mr. HORSFORD. My parliamentary inquiry is: Is a Member allowed to use their official equipment of the House of Representatives and platform in violation of rule XXIII?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Sir, this is not an issue that the Chair is prepared to advise on at this time. This is a matter for the House to determine.

Mr. HORSFORD. Mr. Speaker, that is why I made the motion to refer this matter to the Committee on Ethics so that they can fully deliberate and determine whether the gentleman from

Louisiana violated rule XXIII of the Code of Conduct of the House of Representatives.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Sir, that is not a proper motion.

POINT OF ORDER

Mr. HORSFORD. Mr. Speaker, I make a point of order.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will state his point of order.

Mr. HORSFORD. Mr. Speaker, what is the proper motion for me to refer this matter to the Committee on Ethics?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Sir, the Chair will not issue an advisory opinion, and the gentleman is not stating a point of order.

Mr. HORSFORD. Mr. Speaker, I am not asking for you to make a determination of an advisory opinion. I am asking for the matter to be referred to the Committee on Ethics based on the violation of rule XXIII Code of Conduct before the House of Representatives.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Sir, the Chair has advised that the motion is not in order at this time.

Mr. HORSFORD. Mr. Speaker, at what time would it be in order? After someone—there are children who are feeling threatened in this moment, based on the actions of the Member from Louisiana.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair advises the Member to pursue this matter through the proper channels under rule IX.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. For what purpose does the gentlewoman seek recognition?

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Mr. Speaker, I make a motion to overrule the ruling of the Chair.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has not issued a ruling, and the gentlewoman is not stating a proper motion.

POINT OF ORDER

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Mr. Speaker, I make a point of order.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentlewoman will state her point of order.

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Mr. Speaker, you have made a ruling that the gentleman's motion is not in order, and I object and disagree with that ruling. I would like to make a motion to overrule the decision of the Chair.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair advises the gentlewoman that there was no valid motion made and, therefore, no ruling made that can be appealed.

The Chair again advises Members of the availability of rule IX.

Mr. HORSFORD. Mr. Speaker, I make a motion that this gentleman's words be stricken from the official record that he used by using official property and platform of the U.S. House of Representatives.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Sir, that is not a valid motion under the House rules

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

Mr. HORSFORD. Mr. Speaker, point of inquiry.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will state his point of inquiry.

Mr. HORSFORD. Mr. Speaker, so the gentleman from Louisiana, had he stood on the floor of the House of Representatives and said these words on the House floor, the body would have been able to remove his words from the RECORD? Is that not correct, Mr. Speaker?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Sir, the Chair cannot respond to a hypothetical inquiry.

Does the gentleman yield back?

Mr. HORSFORD. Mr. Speaker, it is unfortunate that on the last day of this body's work on behalf of the people, after we came together just last week in a bipartisan way to protect and to provide dignitary protection for our national party candidates, that we have a Member who is choosing to use an official platform, and therefore, it is my intention to bring to this body a motion of censure.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will suspend.

Mr. HORSFORD. Mr. Speaker, therefore, I move to censure Representative CLAY HIGGINS for violating rule IX by bringing discredit and disgrace to the House of Representatives, and I am submitting this motion.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman has not made a proper motion.

Mr. HORSFORD. Mr. Speaker, I move to censure—I am entering this as a resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Again, the Chair reminds Members of rule IX.

Mr. HORSFORD. Mr. Speaker, I am submitting by resolution a motion to censure Representative CLAY HIGGINS for violating rule IX by bringing discredit and disgrace to the House of Representatives.

There is an official motion, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is the gentleman attempting to give notice under rule IX?

Mr. HORSFORD, Mr. Speaker, I am attempting to give notice that I intend to bring a censure resolution upon return to this House of Representatives, and I would hope that every Member of this body understands that no person, particularly those who contribute to communities, who are entrepreneurial. who give to our communities by being nurses and first responders and teachers, that those individuals, those children, no longer have to live in fear or intimidation because of any words or posts that come from Members of this body, that it is time to end hate and the rhetoric of hate, and that it is not becoming of any Member to continue to push this type of rhetoric on any platform, let alone from the House of Representatives.

Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to accept my motion to censure Representative CLAY HIGGINS for violating rule IX by bringing discredit and disgrace to the House of Representatives

Mr. SCALISE. I object.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. An objection is heard.

Mr. SCALISE. Mr. Speaker, first of all, the tweet has been deleted already and removed, but I object to the motion.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will suspend.

Mr. SCALISE. Mr. Speaker, if we want to go through every comment and tweet from the other side, we will be happy to do it.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman is not recognized.

Does the gentleman seek recogni-

Mr. SCALISE. Mr. Speaker, I object to the motion.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The objection has been heard.

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 5 o'clock and 24 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

□ 1752

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. OBERNOLTE) at 5 o'clock and 52 minutes p.m.

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, September 25, 2024.

I hereby designate the period from Wednesday, September 25, 2024, through Monday, November 11, 2024, as a "district work period" under section 3(z) of House Resolution

MIKE JOHNSON,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO OFFER RESOLUTION RAISING A QUESTION OF THE PRIVILEGES OF THE HOUSE

Mr. HORSFORD. Mr. Speaker, I hereby give notice of my intent to offer a question of the privileges of the House.

The form of the resolution is as follows:

H. Res. 1500, censuring Representative GLEN CLAY HIGGINS of the Third Congressional District of Louisiana.

Whereas on September 25, 2025, Representative HIGGINS used his official account on X to publicly slander, insult, and demean all Haitians and Haitian Americans in an overtly racist post, referring to Haiti as the "nastiest country in the Western Hemisphere," falsely accusing Haitians of "eating pets," denigrating Haitians as "slap-

stick gangsters" and "thugs" and threatening Haitians to "get their mind right and their ass out of our country before January 20."

Resolved, that-

The House of Representatives censures GLEN CLAY HIGGINS, Representative from the Third Congressional District of Louisiana:

Representative GLEN CLAY HIGGINS will forthwith present himself in the well of the House of Representatives for the pronouncement of censure; and

Representative GLEN CLAY HIGGINS will be censured with the public reading of this resolution by the Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under rule IX, a resolution offered from the floor by a Member other than the majority leader or the minority leader as a question of the privileges of the House has immediate precedence only at a time within 2 legislative days after the resolution is properly noticed.

Pending that designation, the form of the resolution noticed by the gentleman from Nevada will appear in the RECORD at this point.

The Chair will not at this point determine whether the resolution constitutes a question of privilege. That determination will be made at the time designated for consideration of the resolution.

KEEPING VIOLENT OFFENDERS OFF OUR STREETS ACT

AMENDMENT OFFERED BY MR. FITZGERALD

Mr. FITZGERALD. Mr. Speaker, I have an amendment to the title of H.R. 8205 at the desk.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will designate the amendment.

The text of the amendment is as follows:

Amend the title so as to read: "A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit fraud in connection with posting bail.".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the amendment to the title is agreed to.

There was no objection.

PERMISSION FOR MEMBER TO BE CONSIDERED AS FIRST SPONSOR OF H.R. 1719

Mr. GIMENEZ. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that I may hereafter be considered to be the first sponsor of H.R. 1719, a bill originally introduced by Representative PASCRELL of New Jersey, for the purpose of adding cosponsors and requesting reprintings pursuant to clause 7 of rule XII.

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

There was no objection.

HONORING EDWARD ROSS NEWTON

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