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The House met at 3:30 p.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:

WASHINGTON, DC,
October 4, 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

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

Spirit of the living God, make Your presence known to us this day. For it is Your spirit that guides and directs us throughout the course of our comings and goings. It is Your spirit that counsels and advises us when we are faced with challenges and dilemmas. It is Your spirit that comforts us in the uncertainty and anxieties of our lives.

Knowing that You are in our midst in all that we do and endure, may we reflect Your spirit of gentleness when we encounter those who are, as we often are, ensnared by their own bad decisions, trapped in their own bad attitudes.

Without ourselves falling into our natural inclinations to shun and deride and having been ministered to by the power of Your spirit and our wrongdoing and set right by Your own endless mercy, may we serve as Your agents of grace to those who have strayed from the right.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on us, break our willfulness, melt our coldness, mold our kindness, and fill us with Your peace.

In Your eternal 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.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 3(z) of House Resolution 5, the House stands adjourned until 9 a.m. on Tuesday, October 8, 2024.

Thereupon (at 3 o'clock and 32 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Tuesday, October 8, 2024, at 9 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-5535. A letter from the Program Analyst, OBPA/USDA, National Resources Conservation Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Tribe or Tribal Organization Sponsor Option for Watershed Projects [Docket ID: NRCS-2023-0020] (RIN: 0578-AA72) received August 28, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Agriculture.

EC-5536. A letter from the Counsel, Bank Activities, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury,

transmitting the Department's final rule — Business Combinations Under the Bank Merger Act [Docket ID: OCC-2023-0017] (RIN: 1557-AF24) received September 25, 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-5537. A letter from the Secretary, Division of Trading and Markets, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting the Commission's Major final rule — Regulation NMS: Minimum Pricing Increments, Access Fees, and Transparency of Better Priced Orders [Release No.: 34-101070; File No. S7-30-22] (RIN: 3235-AN23) received September 26, 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-5538. A letter from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — In the Matter of Amendment of Section 73.622(j), Table of Allotments, Television Broadcast Stations (Cape Girardeau, Missouri) [MB Docket No.: 24-176; RM-11984; DA 24-891] received September 26, 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-5539. A letter from the Chief, Revenue and Receivables, Financial Operations, Office of Managing Director, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — In the Matter of Review of the Commission's Assessment and Collection of Regulatory Fees for Fiscal Year 2024 [MD Docket No.: 24-86]; Assessment and Collection of Space and Earth Station Regulatory Fees for Fiscal Year 2024 [MD Docket No. 24-85] received September 26, 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-5540. A letter from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — In the Matter of Amendment of Section 73.622(j), Table of Allotments, Television Broadcast Stations (Boise, Idaho) [MB Docket No.: 24-152; RM-11982; DA 24-870] received September 26, 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-5541. A letter from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — In the Matter of Amendment of

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Section 73.622(j), Table of Allotments, Television Broadcast Stations (Augusta, Georgia) [MB Docket No.: 24-153; RM-11983; DA 24-865] received September 26, 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-5542. A letter from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Office of the General Counsel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's direct final rule — Administrative Changes to Agency Rules of Practice and Procedure [NRC-2023-0210] (RIN: 3150-AL09) received September 6, 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-5543. A letter from the General Counsel, Selective Service System, transmitting the System's final rule — Freedom of Information Act Regulations (RIN: 3240-AA03) received September 26, 2024, 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-5544. A letter from the Chief Administrative Officer, U.S. House of Representatives, transmitting the Statement of Disbursements of the House of Representatives covering the period July 1, 2024 to September 30, 2024, pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 5535a (H. Doc. No. 118-170); to the Committee on House Administration and ordered to be printed.

EC-5545. A letter from the Acting Regulations Specialist, Office of Subsistence Management, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — Subsistence Management Regulations for Public Lands in Alaska—2024-25 and 2025-26 Subsistence Taking of Wildlife Regulations [Docket No.: FWS-R7-SM-2022-0105; FXFR13350700640-245-FR07J00000] (RIN: 1018-BG72) received September 26, 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-5546. A letter from the Biologist, Office of Protected Resources, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Taking of Marine Mammals Incidental to Commercial Fishing Operations; Amendment to the Atlantic Pelagic Longline Take Reduction Plan [Docket No.: 240624-0175] (RIN: 0648-BN14) received September 26, 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-5547. A letter from the Social Insurance Specialist, Regulations Writer, Office of Regulations and Reports Clearance, Social Security Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Setting the Manner of Appearance of Parties and Witnesses at Hearings [Docket No.: SSA-2022-0013] (RIN: 0960-AI71) received September 6, 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.

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. SMITH of Missouri: Committee on Ways and Means. H.R. 9462. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a credit against tax for charitable donations to nonprofit organizations providing education scholarships to qualified elementary and sec-

ondary students; with an amendment (Rept. 118-707, Pt. 1). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

DISCHARGE OF COMMITTEE

Pursuant to clause 2 of rule XIII, the Committee on Education and the Workforce discharged from further consideration. H.R. 9462 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. BONAMICI (for herself, Mr. POSEY, and Mr. BEYER):

H.R. 9912. A bill to require the Subcommittee on Ocean Science and Technology of the National Science and Technology Council to establish the Interagency Working Group on Coastal Blue Carbon, require the Interagency Working Group to produce a national map and inventory of coastal blue carbon ecosystems, require the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to carry out pilot programs to protect intact and restore degraded coastal blue carbon ecosystems, require the Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution to establish the Coastal Carbon Data Clearinghouse, require the Administrator to seek to enter into an agreement with the National Academies of Science, Engineering, and Medicine to conduct an assessment regarding geologic stores of carbon dioxide, require the Administrator to establish the Coastal Blue Carbon Inventory Program, and require the Administrator to conduct a national assessment to quantify the carbon sequestration potential of coastal blue carbon ecosystems; to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committees on Science, Space, and Technology, House Administration, and 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. CLYDE (for himself, Mr. BAIRD, Ms. HAGEMAN, Ms. TENNEY, and Mr. LAMALFA):

H.R. 9913. A bill to prohibit the Federal Communications Commission from promulgating or enforcing rules regarding disclosure of artificial intelligence-generated content in political advertisements; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. COHEN:

H.R. 9914. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax incentives for the establishment of grocery stores in certain underserved areas; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. CURTIS:

H.R. 9915. A bill to permanently extend the first right of refusal for the purchase of Tribal assets, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Ms. DE LA CRUZ (for herself, Mr. CORREA, Mr. NEHLS, and Mr. WILLIAMS of New York):

H.R. 9916. A bill to direct the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct a study relating to 1-800-MEDICARE; 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. FINSTAD (for himself, Mr. BERGMAN, and Mr. VEASEY):

H.R. 9917. A bill to modify procurement requirements relating to rare earth elements and strategic and critical materials by contractors of the Department of Defense, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. MIKE GARCIA of California:

H.R. 9918. A bill to exclude from gross income certain relief payments to the victims of the Chiquita Canyon elevated temperature landfill event; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. GOLDEN of Maine (for himself and Mr. PFLUGER):

H.R. 9919. A bill to amend title 39 of the United States Code to require the Postmaster General to be appointed by the President, subject to Senate confirmation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

By Mr. TONY GONZALES of Texas (for himself, Ms. MALLIOTAKIS, Mr. MCCAUL, Mr. OWENS, Mr. DUNCAN, Ms. MACE, Ms. VAN DUYN, Mr. BACON, Mr. SMUCKER, Mr. SCOTT FRANKLIN of Florida, Mr. STAUBER, and Mr. FEENSTRA):

H.R. 9920. A bill to include sexual assault and aggravated sexual violence in the definition of aggravated felonies under the Immigration and Nationality Act in order to expedite the removal of aliens convicted of such crimes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. GRAVES of Louisiana (for himself and Mr. SCALISE):

H.R. 9921. A bill to amend the Delta Development Act to include the parish of Terrebonne as a Delta Regional Authority area; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Financial Services, 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. ISSA (for himself and Mr. FITZGERALD):

H.R. 9922. A bill to amend title 28, United States Code, to provide for transparency and oversight of third-party beneficiaries in civil actions; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. JACKSON of Texas:

H.R. 9923. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 505 East 9th Avenue in Amarillo, Texas, as the "Mayor Jerry H. Hodge Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

By Mr. LANDSMAN (for himself, Mr. LUTTRELL, Mr. DELUZIO, Mr. VAN ORDEN, Mrs. CHERFILUS-McCORMICK, Ms. BROWNLEY, and Mr. KENNEDY):

H.R. 9924. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish standard practices for a grant or pilot program administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs through the Veterans Health Administration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans Affairs.

By Ms. LEE of Nevada (for herself and Mr. LATURNER):

H.R. 9925. A bill to establish a process to furnish to State educational agencies certain demographic data regarding members of the Armed Forces; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Ms. MACE:

H.R. 9926. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Treasury to carry out a program under which all Federal funds for elementary and secondary education are provided directly to parents of eligible children or approved by parents for distribution to schools, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, 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