

a citizen of the United States of America. I am proud to say that I salute the flag. I say the Pledge of Allegiance. I sing the national anthem. I stand for the national anthem. I stand to salute the flag. I place my hand over my heart when I salute the flag.

I am not one of those people who hates this country. I love the country. That is why I do what I do to make it a better country. I am trying to live up to the more perfect Union that we all believe this country can become.

Mr. Speaker, I want you to know that, as a person who is proud to be a citizen of the United States of America, notwithstanding all the things that have happened here and the things that it has done to me personally when I was a son of the segregated South, and I had to go to the back door and sit in the back of the bus, stand in the back of the line, get locked up in the bottom of the jail were I arrested, sit in the balcony of the movie, I want you to know that I still believe the words we have seen and read in the Constitution, the Jeffersonian Declaration of Independence, and the Madisonian Constitution. I think these words can make a difference, and I am going to fight to use these words to make a difference.

I believe, Mr. President, that you can do this. Please grant the enslaved the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to direct their remarks to the Chair.

SENATE ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The Speaker announced his signature to enrolled bills of the Senate of the following titles:

S. 50.—An act to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to give priority consideration to selecting Pensacola and Perdido Bays as an estuary of national significance, and for other purposes.

S. 310.—An act to establish an advisory group to encourage and foster collaborative efforts among individuals and entities engaged in disaster recovery relating to debris removal, and for other purposes.

S. 1478.—An act to designate United States Route 20 in the States of Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, Nebraska, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania, New York, and Massachusetts as the “National Medal of Honor Highway”, and for other purposes.

S. 2781.—An act to promote remediation of abandoned hardrock mines, and for other purposes.

S. 3475.—An act to amend title 49, United States Code, to allow the Secretary of Transportation to designate an authorized operator of the commercial driver’s license information system, and for other purposes.

S. 3613.—An act to require Facility Security Committees to respond to security recommendations issued by the Federal Protective Service relating to facility security, and for other purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 1 o’clock and 5 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Monday, December 16, 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-6305. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting the Report to Congress on Gifts Given to Foreign Individuals in Fiscal Year 2023; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

EC-6306. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting the Report to Congress on Department of State Actions in FY 2023 and FY 2024 Pursuant to the Convention on Cultural Property Implementation Act; 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. WESTERMAN: Committee on Natural Resources. H.R. 2685. A bill to require the Secretary of Energy to provide technology grants to strengthen domestic mining education, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 118-864). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. WESTERMAN: Committee on Natural Resources. H.R. 4338. A bill to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the Route 66 National Historic Trail, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 118-865). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. WESTERMAN: Committee on Natural Resources. H.R. 1584. A bill to establish Plum Island, New York, as a national monument; with an amendment (Rept. 118-866). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. WESTERMAN: Committee on Natural Resources. H.R. 2687. A bill to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act to exclude certain payments to aged, blind, or disabled Alaska Natives or descendants of Alaska Natives from being used to determine eligibility for certain programs, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 118-867). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. WESTERMAN: Committee on Natural Resources. H.R. 3047. A bill to require the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain lands within the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 118-868). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. WESTERMAN: Committee on Natural Resources. H.R. 3971. A bill to designate the Flatside-Bethune Wilderness in the Ouachita National Forest, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 118-869). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri: Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. H.R. 8995. A bill to require Amtrak to install baby changing tables in all ADA-accessible bath-

rooms on passenger rail cars (Rept. 118-870). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri: Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. H.R. 3013. A bill to direct the Secretary of Transportation to modify certain regulations relating to the requirements for commercial driver’s license testing and commercial learner’s permit holders, and for other purposes (Rept. 118-871). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri: Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. H. Res. 152. A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of “move over” laws (Rept. 118-872). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania: The Task Force on the Attempted Assassination of Donald J. Trump. Final Report of Findings and Recommendations of the Task Force on the Attempted Assassination of Donald J. Trump (Rept. 118-873). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. MCHENRY: Committee on Financial Services. H.R. 6322. A bill to evaluate and disrupt financing to Hamas, and to amend title 31, United States Code, to prohibit the exchange stabilization fund from being used to deal in Special Drawing Rights from state sponsors of terrorism, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 118-799, 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 following action was taken by the Speaker:

The Committee on Foreign Affairs discharged from further consideration. H.R. 6322 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 and Mr. ARMSTRONG):
H.R. 10379. A bill to establish a Federal Public Defender Commission, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. STEUBE (for himself, Mr. BUCHANAN, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. TIMMONS, and Mr. HUDSON):
H.R. 10380. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a portion of general business credit carryforwards to be transferred by certain taxpayers affected by Federally declared disasters; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. TAKANO (for himself and Mr. DUNN of Florida):

H.R. 10381. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize a joint scholarship program under which the Secretary of Veterans Affairs pays for medical education of an officer of the commissioned corps of the Public Health Service at the Uniformed Services University in return for a period of obligated service by such officer at a medical facility of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, and in addition to the Committees on Armed Services, 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 Ms. McCLELLAN:
H.R. 10382. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to allow Amtrak to use grant

funds to satisfy non-Federal share requirements of certain grant programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Ms. ADAMS:

H.R. 10383. A bill to authorize grants to support long-term climate resiliency for archival institutions, libraries, and museums in order to provide continuity and access to covered records; to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

By Mr. AMO (for himself, Mr. RASKIN, Mr. MULLIN, Mr. CASTEN, Ms. BONAMICI, Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia, Ms. NORTON, Mr. GOLDMAN of New York, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Mr. THANEDAR, Mr. MAGAZINER, and Mrs. FOUSHEE):

H.R. 10384. A bill to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 with respect to eligibility under the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BERA (for himself and Ms. BALINT):

H.R. 10385. A bill to provide clarification of assistance related to safeguarding and the elimination of landmines, other explosive remnants of war, and conventional arms; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. BEYER (for himself, Mr. CISCOMANI, and Mr. MCGARVEY):

H.R. 10386. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the Solid Start program of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. CASTRO of Texas:

H.R. 10387. A bill to amend the Department of State Authorization Act of 2022 to expand opportunities for certain internship programs; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. DELUZIO:

H.R. 10388. A bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 regarding the application of wage and hour provisions to minor league baseball players, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. DELUZIO:

H.R. 10389. A bill to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to adjust the limits for technical assistance, grants for small systems, and the authorization of appropriations for the Drinking Water Infrastructure Risk and Resilience Program; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mrs. DINGELL:

H.R. 10390. A bill to amend the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act to make supplemental funds available for management of fish and wildlife species of greatest conservation need as determined by State fish and wildlife agencies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on the Budget, 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. FLOOD (for himself, Mr. TIMMONS, and Mr. SMITH of Nebraska):

H.R. 10391. A bill to prohibit the continuing availability of any portion of a Federal payment to the District of Columbia for a program of District of Columbia resident tuition support for a fiscal year which remains unobligated as of the end of the fiscal year, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

By Ms. HAGEMAN:

H.R. 10392. A bill to amend the General Education Provisions Act to require parental notification and consent with respect to certain activities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. HUNT (for himself and Mr. SWALWELL):

H.R. 10393. A bill to establish a grant program for certain State and local forensic activities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. KELLY of Illinois (for herself, Ms. NORTON, Ms. CLARKE of New York, and Mr. JACKSON of Illinois):

H.R. 10394. A bill to expand reporting on subcontracts and subgrants made under Federal awards, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

By Mr. KENNEDY:

H.R. 10395. A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish and carry out a pilot program to furnish a headstone or burial marker to veterans who died on or before November 1, 1990, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. LANDSMAN (for himself and Mr. VAN ORDEN):

H.R. 10396. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to ensure that the Secretary of Veterans Affairs furnishes certain non-opioid pain medications to veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. LOUDERMILK (for himself, Mr. CRAWFORD, Mr. HILL, Mr. COLLINS, Mr. VAN DREW, Mr. MEUSER, Mrs. LUNA, Mr. STEUBE, Mr. CARTER of Georgia, Mr. BAIRD, and Mr. ALLEN):

H.R. 10397. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide for an alternative removal for performance or misconduct for Federal employees; to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

By Ms. MACE (for herself, Mr. VAN DREW, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mrs. LUNA, and Ms. BOEBERT):

H.R. 10398. A bill to prohibit certain sex offenders from entering or using the services of certain emergency shelters, to authorize the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to designate emergency shelters for such sex offenders, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, 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 Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS:

H.R. 10399. A bill to amend the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 to direct the President to end financial assistance for funeral expenses related to the COVID-19 pandemic; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin (for herself and Mr. GROTHMAN):

H.R. 10400. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify the definition of applicable educational institution for purposes of the excise tax based on the income of private colleges and universities; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Ms. PEREZ:

H.R. 10401. A bill to promote military readiness by ensuring the Department of Defense retains the right to repair equipment it acquires and owns; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. PERRY (for himself and Mr. OGLES):

H.R. 10402. A bill to recognize Somaliland of the Federal Republic of Somalia as a separate, independent country; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. SARBANES (for himself and Ms. SCANLON):

H.R. 10403. A bill to amend title 28, United States Code, with regard to counsel for persons proceeding in forma pauperis; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SCHNEIDER (for himself and Mr. SMUCKER):

H.R. 10404. A bill to amend title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 to provide program eligibility for distance education programs offered by foreign institutions of higher education; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. SCHNEIDER (for himself, Mr. BEYER, and Mr. CASTEN):

H.R. 10405. A bill to amend the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 to provide leave because of the death of a son or daughter, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, and in addition to the Committees on Oversight and Accountability, and House Administration, 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. SHERRILL:

H.R. 10406. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to authorize requiring the manufacturers of a covered device to disclose to a patient all patient-specific data that is recorded or transmitted by the device and accessible to the manufacturer, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Ms. VELAZQUEZ:

H.R. 10407. A bill to amend the Small Business Act to reauthorize and modify the Small Business Innovation Research and Small Business Technology Transfer Research programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business, and in addition to the Committees on Science, Space, and Technology, and Armed 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. WEBER of Texas (for himself and Mr. PFLUGER):

H.R. 10408. A bill to establish an inter-agency working group to assess the challenges of protecting military and commercial telecommunications networks in the United States from security threats related to the Signaling System 7 telecommunication protocol standard, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Armed 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. WESTERMAN:

H.R. 10409. A bill to address the high costs of health care services, prescription drugs, and health insurance coverage in the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, Education and the Workforce, the Judiciary, Oversight and Accountability, Rules, the Budget, Armed Services, and House Administration, 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. COHEN (for himself, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, and Ms. BROWNLEY):

H.J. Res. 227. A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to abolish the electoral college and to provide for the direct election of the President and Vice President of the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. BARRAGÁN (for herself, Mr. VEASEY, Mr. DOGGETT, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. CARSON, and Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina):

H. Res. 1615. A resolution recognizing Interscholastic Athletic Administrators' Day on December 14, 2024; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

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. BONAMICI:

H.R. 10379.

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

Article 1 Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution
The single subject of this legislation is:

To establish a Federal Public Defender Commission, and for other purposes

By Mr. STEUBE:

H.R. 10380.

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

Article I Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is:

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a portion of general business credit carryforwards to be transferred by certain taxpayers affected by Federally declared disasters.

By Mr. TAKANO:

H.R. 10381.

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

Article 1, Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is:

To authorize a scholarship program for medical students to attend the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences in exchange for a period of obligated service at VA.

By Ms. McCLELLAN:

H.R. 10382.

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

Authorized under Article I, Section 8, Clause 3 of the U.S. Constitution.

The single subject of this legislation is:
Transportation.

By Ms. ADAMS:

H.R. 10383.

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

clause 3 of section 8 of article I of the Constitution

The single subject of this legislation is:

to authorize grants to support long-term climate resiliency for archival institutions, libraries, and museums in order to provide continuity and access to covered records.

By Mr. AMO:

H.R. 10384.

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

Article 1

The single subject of this legislation is:

This act would block the flow of retired police firearms to crime scenes.

By Mr. BERA:

H.R. 10385.

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:

Demining

By Mr. BEYER:

H.R. 10386.

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

Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution of the United States.

The single subject of this legislation is:

Legislating

By Mr. CASTRO of Texas:

H.R. 10387.

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

Congressman Joaquin Castro
Constitutional Authority—Necessary and Proper Clause (Art. I, Sec. 8, Clause 18)

THE U.S. CONSTITUTION ARTICLE I,
SECTION 8: POWERS OF CONGRESS
CLAUSE 18

The Congress shall have power . . . To make all laws which shall be necessary and proper for

The single subject of this legislation is:
Foreign Affairs Administration

By Mr. DELUZIO:

H.R. 10388.

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

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 18

The single subject of this legislation is:
Labor protections

By Mr. DELUZIO:

H.R. 10389.

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

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 18

The single subject of this legislation is:
Water Authority Cybersecurity

By Mrs. DINGELL:

H.R. 10390.

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

The Constitutional authority of Congress to enact this legislation is provided by Article I, Section 8 of the United States Constitution.

The single subject of this legislation is:
To amend the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act

To make supplemental funds available for management of fish and wildlife species of greatest conservation need as determined by State fish and wildlife agencies, and

By Mr. FLOOD:

H.R. 10391.

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

Article I, Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is:

To prohibit the continuing availability of any portion of a Federal payment to the District of Columbia for a program of District of Columbia resident tuition support for a fiscal year which remains unobligated as of the end of the fiscal year, and for other purposes.

By Ms. HAGEMAN:

H.R. 10392.

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

Article 1, Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is:

To amend the General Education Provisions Act to require parental notification and consent with respect to certain activities, and for other purposes.

By Mr. HUNT:

H.R. 10393.

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

This bill is enacted pursuant to the power granted to Congress under Article I, Section 8 of the United States Constitution.

The single subject of this legislation is:
Crime and Law Enforcement

By Ms. KELLY of Illinois:

H.R. 10394.

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

Clause 18 of Section 8 of Article 1 of the Constitution

The single subject of this legislation is:
Government Oversight

By Mr. KENNEDY:

H.R. 10395.

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

Clause 3, Section 8, Article 1 of the Constitution.

The single subject of this legislation is:

To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish and carry out a pilot program to

furnish a headstone or burial marker to veterans who died on or before November 1, 1990, and for other purposes.

By Mr. LANDSMAN:

H.R. 10396.

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

Article I, Section VIII of the U.S. Constitution

The single subject of this legislation is:

To amend title 38, United States Code, to ensure that the Secretary of Veterans Affairs furnishes certain nonopioid pain medications to veterans, and for other purposes.

By Mr. LOUDERMILK:

H.R. 10397.

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

Article I, Section 8, clause 18

To make all laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers, and all other Powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United States, or in any Department or Officer thereof.

The single subject of this legislation is:

Government Operations and Politics

By Mrs. MACE:

H.R. 10398.

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

Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution.

The single subject of this legislation is:

To prohibit certain sex offenders from entering or using the services of certain emergency shelters.

By Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS:

H.R. 10399.

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

Article 1 Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is:

This bill amends the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 to direct the President to end financial assistance for funeral expenses related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

By Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin:

H.R. 10400.

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

The Congress enacts this bill pursuant to Sections 7 & 8 of Article I of the United States Constitution and Amendment XVI of the United States Constitution.

The single subject of this legislation is:

Federal taxation

By Ms. PEREZ:

H.R. 10401.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 1: Provide for the common Defence

The single subject of this legislation is:
Defense

By Mr. PERRY:

H.R. 10402.

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

Article I, Section 8 of the US Constitution

The single subject of this legislation is:

Foreign Relations.

By Mr. SARBANES:

H.R. 10403.

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

Article I Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is:

Access to Counsel

By Mr. SCHNEIDER:

H.R. 10404.

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

Article I, Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is:

To make certain distance education programs offered by foreign institutions of higher education eligible to participate in federal student-aid programs.