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The House met at 11 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. WOMACK).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
January 3, 2025.

I hereby appoint the Honorable STEVE WOMACK 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:

Our help is in the name of the Lord, the maker of Heaven and Earth. You, O God, made the Moon to mark the seasons, and the Sun knows the time of its setting.

Now, as this 118th Congress sets down its last gavel and the journals are sealed and archived, we give You thanks, that in Your eternal mercy, You have allowed Your goodness to pass over us and privileged us to call on Your name for the strength we have needed to sustain us in these years. You have been exceedingly gracious to us and have shown us Your steadfast loving-kindness time and again.

Grant, then, that all who have labored in this vineyard and who gave of their countless hours and unwavering energy would receive Your own well done: the silent champions of the Clerk's Office, the stalwart sentries of the Sergeant at Arms staff and the Capitol Police, the anonymous artisans and authors, and the unheralded men and women whose patient dedication to the people's House has kept the lamp lighted and the Nation's business principled and proper.

Receive, O Lord, the work of our hands and grant us the reward of Your blessing on the legacy of this 118th Congress.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under clause 5(d) of rule XX, the Chair announces to the House that, in light of the resignation of the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. JACKSON), the whole number of the House is 429.

RESIGNATION FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following resignation from the House of Representatives:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, January 1, 2025.

Hon. MIKE JOHNSON,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR SPEAKER JOHNSON: As I prepare to be sworn-in as Governor of Puerto Rico, I hereby make official my resignation from the

U.S. House of Representatives, effective 11:59 p.m. on Wednesday, January 1, 2025. Enclosed is the letter I transmitted to Governor Pedro R. Pierluisi of Puerto Rico.

It has been an honor to represent the people of Puerto Rico in Congress for the past eight years. It has also been a privilege to serve with you and our colleagues in the House during this time. I look forward to continuing working together in my new role as Governor.

Sincerely,
JENNIFFER GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN,
Member of Congress.

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, January 1, 2025.

Hon. PEDRO R. PIERLUISI,
Governor of Puerto Rico,
San Juan, PR.

DEAR GOVERNOR PIERLUISI: As I prepare to be sworn-in as the next Governor of Puerto Rico, I hereby submit my resignation as Resident Commissioner effective 11:59 p.m. on Wednesday, January 1, 2025.

It has been an honor and privilege to represent Puerto Rico in Congress for the past eight years. I am proud of the work and accomplishments my office and I were able to achieve during this time, including securing historic amounts of federal funding to assist with the Island's recovery process, leading negotiations to avert the Medicaid Cliff that would have threatened health care access for 1.5 million people, introducing legislation to provide our 3.2 million American citizens equal treatment under multiple federal laws and programs, and advancing efforts to resolve our political status dilemma.

It will always be grateful to the people of Puerto Rico for entrusting me to serve them in Congress and for now providing me the opportunity to continue working on their behalf as Governor.

Sincerely,
JENNIFFER GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN,
Member of Congress.

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 11 o'clock and 3 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker at 11 o'clock and 55 minutes a.m.

HOUSE BILLS APPROVED BY THE PRESIDENT

The President notified the Clerk of the House that on the following dates he had approved and signed bills of the following titles:

October 1, 2024:

H.R. 9106. An Act to direct the Director of the United States Secret Service to apply the same standards for determining the number of agents required to protect Presidents, Vice Presidents, and major Presidential and Vice Presidential candidates, and for other purposes.

October 4, 2024:

H.R. 6513. An Act to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to confirm the requirement that States allow access to designated congressional election observers to observe the election administration procedures in congressional elections.

November 21, 2024:

H.R. 7189. An Act to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize a national congenital heart disease research, surveillance, and awareness program, and for other purposes.

November 25, 2024:

H.R. 599. An Act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3500 West 6th Street, Suite 103 in Los Angeles, California as the "Dosan Ahn Chang Ho Post Office".

H.R. 807. An Act to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the invaluable service that working dogs provide to society.

H.R. 1060. An Act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1663 East Date Place in San Bernardino, California, as the "Dr. Margaret B. Hill Post Office Building".

H.R. 1098. An Act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 50 East Derry Road in East Derry, New Hampshire, as the "Chief Edward B. Garone Post Office".

H.R. 3608. An Act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 28081 Marguerite Parkway in Mission Viejo, California as the "Major Megan McClung Post Office Building".

H.R. 3728. An Act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 25 Dorchester Avenue Room 1, in Boston, Massachusetts, as the "Caroline Chang Post Office".

H.R. 4190. An Act to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to repay the estates of deceased beneficiaries for certain benefits paid by the Secretary and misused by fiduciaries of such beneficiaries.

H.R. 5464. An Act to name the Department of Veterans Affairs community-based outpatient clinic in Guntersville, Alabama, as the "Colonel Ola Lee Mize Department of Veterans Affairs Clinic".

H.R. 5476. An Act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1077 River Road, Suite 1, in Washington Crossing, Pennsylvania, as the "Susan C. Barnhart Post Office".

H.R. 5490. An Act to amend the Coastal Barrier Resources Act to expand the John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5640. An Act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located

at 12804 Chillicothe Road in Chesterland, Ohio, as the "Sgt. Wolfgang Kyle Weninger Post Office Building".

H.R. 5712. An Act, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 220 Fremont Street in Kiel, Wisconsin, as the "Trooper Trevor J. Casper Post Office Building".

H.R. 5861. An Act to extend reemployment services and eligibility assessments to all claimants for unemployment benefits, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5985. An Act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 517 Seagaze Drive in Oceanside, California, as the "Charlesetta Reece Allen Post Office Building".

H.R. 6073. An Act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 9925 Bustleton Avenue in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, as the "Sergeant Christopher David Fitzgerald Post Office Building".

H.R. 6249. An Act to provide for a review and report on the assistance and resources that the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency provides to individuals with disabilities and the families of such individuals that are impacted by major disasters, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6324. An Act to authorize major medical facility projects for the Department of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 2024 and for other purposes.

H.R. 6651. An Act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 603 West 3rd Street in Necedah, Wisconsin, as the "Sergeant Kenneth E. Murphy Post Office Building".

H.R. 7192. An Act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 333 West Broadway in Anaheim, California, as the "Dr. William I. 'Bill' Mott Post Office Building".

H.R. 7199. An Act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at S74w16860 Janesville Road, in Muskego, Wisconsin, as the "Colonel Hans Christian Heg Post Office".

H.R. 7333. An Act to name the Department of Veterans Affairs medical center in West Palm Beach, Florida as the "Thomas H. Corey VA Medical Center".

H.R. 7423. An Act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 103 Benedette Street in Rayville, Louisiana, as the "Luke Letlow Post Office Building".

H.R. 7777. An Act to increase, effective as of December 1, 2024, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans, and for other purposes.

December 1, 2024:

H.R. 1505. An Act to modify the prohibition on recognition by United States courts of certain rights relating to certain marks, trade names, or commercial names.

December 11, 2024:

H.R. 2950. An Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior, through the Coastal Program of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, to work with willing partners and provide support to efforts to assess, protect, restore, and enhance important coastal landscapes that provide fish and wildlife habitat on which certain Federal trust species depend, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5302. An Act to designate the Air and Marine Operations Marine Unit of the U.S. Customs and Border Protection located at 101 Km 18.5 in Cabo Rojo, Puerto Rico, as the "Michel O. Maceda Marine Unit".

H.R. 5536. An Act to require transparency in notices of funding opportunity, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5799. An Act to designate the checkpoint of the United States Border Patrol lo-

cated on United States Highway 90 West in Uvalde County, Texas, as the "James R. Dominguez Border Patrol Checkpoint".

H.R. 7218. An Act to amend title III of the Public Health Service Act to extend the program for promotion of public health knowledge and awareness of Alzheimer's disease and related dementias, and for other purposes.

H.R. 7438. An Act to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the FIFA World Cup 2026, and for other purposes.

H.R. 7764. An Act to establish a commission to study the potential transfer of the Weitzman National Museum of American Jewish History to the Smithsonian Institution, and for other purposes.

H.R. 8932. An Act to establish an earlier application processing cycle for the FAFSA.

December 12, 2024:

H.R. 1432. An Act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the deductibility of charitable contributions to certain organizations for members of the Armed Forces.

H.R. 3821. An Act to reauthorize the Firefighter Cancer Registry Act of 2018.

H.R. 5863. An Act to provide tax relief with respect to certain Federal disasters.

December 21, 2024:

H.R. 10545. An Act making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2025, and for other purposes.

December 23, 2024:

H.R. 663. An Act to amend the Indian Child Protection and Family Violence Prevention Act.

H.R. 1097. An Act to award a Congressional Gold Medal to Everett Alvarez, Jr., in recognition of his service to the Nation.

H.R. 1607. An Act to clarify jurisdiction with respect to certain Bureau of Reclamation pumped storage development, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1727. An Act to amend the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Development Act to extend the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park Commission.

H.R. 2468. An Act to require the Secretary of the Interior to convey to the State of Utah certain Federal land under the administrative jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management within the boundaries of Camp Williams, Utah, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3254. An Act to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish a process to review applications for certain grants to purchase equipment or systems that do not meet or exceed any applicable national voluntary consensus standards, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3324. An Act to extend the authority to collect Shasta-Trinity Marina fees through fiscal year 2029.

H.R. 3797. An Act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an alternative manner of furnishing certain health insurance coverage statements to individuals.

H.R. 3801. An Act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to streamline and improve the employer reporting process relating to health insurance coverage and to protect dependent privacy.

H.R. 4094. An Act to amend the Central Utah Project Completion Act to authorize expenditures for the conduct of certain water conservation measures in the Great Salt Lake basin, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4385. An Act to extend authorization of the Reclamation States Emergency Drought Relief Act of 1991.

H.R. 4467. An Act to direct the Under Secretary for Management of the Department of Homeland Security to assess contracts for covered services performed by contractor