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The House met at noon and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. McDOWELL).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,

April 21, 2025.

I hereby appoint the Honorable ADDISON P. McDOWELL to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

MIKE JOHNSON,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

Dr. Edrees Bridges, Chaplain, United States Capitol Police, Washington, D.C., offered the following prayer:

O merciful benefactor, merciful redeemer, ground us in this solemn moment.

Bestow clarity upon our congressional leaders. May their voices and votes strengthen the pillars of democracy.

Remain present in their hearts and minds, even when the path diverges, and allow their presence to reflect the strength of principled conviction. Grant them ears for active listening to the calls for collaboration and the voices of the people whom they serve.

Let them carry their responsibilities with humility, for within these walls resides the weight of a nation's will.

May they be a symbol of hope through triumph and trial.

Grant them strength amid uncertainty and creativity to shape a more perfect union.

O merciful, You fashioned us differently to inspire a shared purpose, so let unity be our highest pursuit.

Unite us as we humbly submit to Your eternal guidance for the good of our country and good for humanity.

We ask this with Your name.
Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 13 of rule I, 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 clause 13 of rule I, the House stands adjourned until 11 a.m. on Thursday, April 24, 2025.

Thereupon (at 12 o'clock and 2 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Thursday, April 24, 2025, at 11 a.m.

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. ANSARI (for herself, Mr. HUFFMAN, and Ms. MATSUI):

H.R. 2971. A bill to direct the Secretary of Commerce to establish a youth biodiversity monitoring grant program; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. CAREY (for himself and Mr. DAVIS of Illinois):

H.R. 2972. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the upper age limit on eligibility for the earned income tax credit; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina (for himself and Mr. BACON):

H.R. 2973. A bill to amend the Combat-Injured Veterans Tax Fairness Act of 2016 to apply to members of the Coast Guard when the Coast Guard is not operating as a service in the Department of the Navy, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, 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 such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. ESPAILLAT (for himself, Mr. BRESNAHAN, Ms. ADAMS, Mr. MILLER of Ohio, and Mr. BACON):

H.R. 2974. A bill to amend the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 to exempt workforce training dollars as income for supplemental nutrition assistance program beneficiaries; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mrs. FLETCHER:

H.R. 2975. A bill to direct the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information to establish a competitive grant program to assist local governments in providing efficient review and approval of zoning and permitting applications that facilitate the deployment of broadband infrastructure, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Ms. MCCOLLUM:

H.R. 2976. A bill to amend the Animal Welfare Act to include cold-blooded species as animals, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Ms. MCCOLLUM:

H.R. 2977. A bill to establish the Mississippi River Restoration and Resilience Initiative to carry out projects for the protection and restoration of the Mississippi River Corridor, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Natural Resources, 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. NUNN of Iowa (for himself, Mr. GOTTHEIMER, and Mr. FITZGERALD):

H.R. 2978. A bill to permit State, local, and Tribal law enforcement agencies that receive eligible Federal grant funds to use such funds for investigating elder financial fraud, pig butchering, and general financial fraud, and to clarify that Federal law enforcement agencies may assist State, local, and Tribal

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law enforcement agencies in the use of tracing tools for blockchain and related technology, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary, 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. PAPPAS (for himself, Ms. LETLOW, and Mr. KEAN):

H.R. 2979. A bill to support infrastructure investment in small law enforcement agencies and small fire departments; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure, and Science, Space, and Technology, 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. ROSS (for herself and Mr. CAREY):

H.R. 2980. A bill to direct the Secretary of Energy to establish a program to provide financial assistance to graduate students and postdoctoral researchers pursuing certain courses of study relating to cybersecurity and energy infrastructure, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

By Mr. TAYLOR:

H.R. 2981. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a deduction for qualified automobile interest; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Ms. VELÁZQUEZ (for herself, Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ, and Mrs. RAMIREZ):

H.R. 2982. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the application of the sourcing rules for digital asset income of Puerto Rican residents; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. BARR (for himself and Mr. MOORE of West Virginia):

H. Con. Res. 29. Concurrent resolution expressing support for the withdrawal of the United States from the Paris Agreement; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. COURTNEY (for himself, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mr. CISCOMANI, Mr. QUIGLEY, Mr. TAKANO, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. BELL, Mr. GARAMENDI, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Ms. KING-HINDS, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Ms. RANDALL, and Mrs. MCBATH):

H. Res. 340. A resolution recognizing the significance of "Community College Month" in April 2025 as a celebration of the more than 1,000 community colleges throughout the United States that support access to higher education, workforce training, and more, and broadly sustain and advance the economic prosperity of the United States; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Ms. MATSUI (for herself, Mr. NEGUSE, Ms. McCLELLAN, Mr. COHEN, Ms. ANSARI, Ms. BARRAGAN, Ms. BONAMICI, Ms. BROWNLEY, Mr. CASE, Mr. CARBAJAL, Mr. CASTEN, Ms. CHU, Mr. CLEAVER, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Mr. CONNOLLY, Mrs. McCLAIN DELANEY, Ms. DELBENE, Mr. DESAULNIER, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Mrs. FOUSHEE, Mr. GOMEZ, Mrs. HAYES, Mr. HUFFMAN, Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY, Mr. LEVIN, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. MIN, Mr. MULLIN, Mr. OLSZEWSKI, Mr. PANETTA, Mr. PETERS, Ms. PINGREE, Mr. QUIGLEY, Ms. SALINAS, Ms. SCANLON, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. SCHNEIDER, Ms. STANSBURY, Ms. STEVENS, Ms. TITUS, Ms. TLAIB, Ms. TOKUDA, Mr. TONKO, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia, and Ms. WILSON of Florida):

H. Res. 341. A resolution expressing support for honoring Earth Day, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, 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. MCGOVERN:

H. Res. 342. A resolution recognizing the history of the drug diethylstilbestrol and the harm it has caused, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas (for himself, Mr. BABIN, Mr. SELF, and Mr. WEBER of Texas):

H. Res. 343. A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of San Jacinto Day in recognition of April 21, 1836, the date on which General Sam Houston and the Texan Army defeated the Mexican Army winning Texas independence from Mexico; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY STATEMENT

Pursuant to clause 7 of rule XII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the following statements are submitted regarding the specific powers granted to Congress in the Constitution to enact the accompanying bill or joint resolution.

By Ms. ANSARI:

H.R. 2971.

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

Article I Section VIII

By Mr. CAREY:

H.R. 2972.

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

Article I Section 8

By Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina:

H.R. 2973.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 18.

By Mr. ESPAILLAT:

H.R. 2974.

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

The Congress shall have Power to . . . provide for the . . . general Welfare of the United States; . . .

By Mrs. FLETCHER:

H.R. 2975.

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

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

By Ms. MCCOLLUM:

H.R. 2976.

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

Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution

By Ms. MCCOLLUM:

H.R. 2977.

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

Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution

By Mr. NUNN of Iowa:

H.R. 2978.

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

Article I, Section 8 of the United States Constitution

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.

By Mr. PAPPAS:

H.R. 2979.

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

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 18 of the United States Constitution states that "Congress shall have the authority to make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers, and all other Powers vested by the Constitution in the Government of the United States, or in any Department or Officer thereof."

By Ms. ROSS:

H.R. 2980.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 1:

The Congress shall have Power To lay and collect Taxes, Duties, Imposts and Excises, to pay the Debts and provide for the common Defence and general Welfare of the United States; but all Duties, Imposts, and Excises shall be uniform throughout the United States;

By Mr. TAYLOR:

H.R. 2981.

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

Article I, Section 8 of the United States Constitution

By Ms. VELÁZQUEZ:

H.R. 2982.

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

Article IV, Section 3, Clause 2

The Congress shall have Power to dispose of and make all needful Rules and Regulations respecting the Territory or other Property belonging to the United States; . . .

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

Under clause 7 of rule XII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions, as follows:

H.R. 142: Mr. McDOWELL.

H.R. 206: Mr. ESPAILLAT.

H.R. 484: Ms. SEWELL, Mr. DOGGETT, and Mr. CLEAVER.

H.R. 599: Mr. BURCHETT.

H.R. 833: Mr. BABIN.

H.R. 911: Ms. KING-HINDS.

H.R. 929: Mr. RILEY of New York.

H.R. 945: Ms. CRAIG.

H.R. 956: Mr. VALADAO.

H.R. 970: Mr. RUIZ.

H.R. 979: Mrs. BIGGS of South Carolina and Mr. SUOZZI.

H.R. 1046: Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mr. LAWLER, Mr. CALVERT, and Mr. GROTHMAN.

H.R. 1065: Mr. RILEY of New York.

H.R. 1151: Mr. SESSIONS and Mr. RASKIN.

H.R. 1254: Mr. NUNN of Iowa.

H.R. 1423: Mr. NEGUSE.

H.R. 1440: Mr. SUOZZI.

H.R. 1479: Mr. CARSON.

H.R. 1523: Mr. NUNN of Iowa.

H.R. 1524: Mr. NUNN of Iowa.

H.R. 1540: Mr. WILSON of South Carolina and Mr. MURPHY.

H.R. 1548: Ms. SHERRILL, Mr. THANEDAR, Mr. TURNER of Ohio, Mr. RUTHERFORD, and Ms. BROWN.

H.R. 1610: Mr. FITZPATRICK and Mr. GOMEZ.

H.R. 1674: Mr. BELL.

H.R. 1733: Mr. NUNN of Iowa.

H.R. 1734: Mr. COSTA, Mr. SCHNEIDER, and Mr. CARBAJAL.

H.R. 1793: Ms. MCBRIDE.

H.R. 1827: Mr. NUNN of Iowa.

H.R. 1876: Mr. CARBAJAL, Mr. MOSKOWITZ, Ms. JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. MEEKS, Mr. TORRES of New York, Mr. EVANS of Pennsylvania, Mr. COURTNEY, and Ms. MCBRIDE.

H.R. 1877: Mr. CARBAJAL, Mr. MEEKS, Mr. TORRES of New York, Mr. EVANS of Pennsylvania, Mr. GOLDMAN of New York, Mr. COURTNEY, and Ms. MCBRIDE.