

October 30, 1991, be made the regular practice of the House. To that end, the Chair enlists the assistance of all Members in avoiding the unnecessary loss of time in conducting the business of the House. The Chair encourages all Members to depart for the Chamber promptly upon the appropriate bell and light signal. As in recent Congresses, the cloak-rooms should not forward to the Chair requests to hold a vote by electronic device, but should simply apprise inquiring Members of the time remaining on the voting clock. Members should not rely on signals relayed from outside the Chamber to assume that votes will be held open until they arrive in the Chamber. Members will be given a reasonable amount of time in which to accurately record their votes, and the Chair will endeavor to assess the presence of the membership and the expectation of further votes prior to exercising the authority under clause 9 of rule XX or clause 6(g) of rule XVIII. The Speaker believes the best practice for presiding officers is to await the Clerk's certification that a vote tally is complete and accurate. Members are further reminded, in accordance with the Speaker's statement of January 7, 2016, that the standard policy is to not terminate the vote when a Member is in the well attempting to cast a vote. Other efforts to hold the vote open are not similarly protected.

8. Use of Handouts on House Floor

The Speaker's policy announced on September 27, 1995, which was prompted by a misuse of handouts on the House floor and made at the bipartisan request of the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct, will continue in the 119th Congress. All handouts distributed on or adjacent to the House floor by Members during House proceedings must bear the name of the Member authorizing their distribution. In addition, the content of those materials must comport with standards of propriety applicable to words spoken in debate or inserted in the Record. Failure to comply with this admonition may constitute a breach of decorum and may give rise to a question of privilege. The Chair would also remind Members that, pursuant to clause 5 of rule IV, staff is prohibited from engaging in efforts in the Hall of the House or rooms leading thereto to influence Members with regard to the legislation being amended. Staff cannot distribute handouts. In order to enhance the quality of debate in the House, the Chair would ask Members to minimize the use of handouts.

9. Use of Electronic Equipment on House Floor

The Speaker's policy announced on January 27, 2000, as clarified on January 6, 2009, and as modified by the change in clause 5 of rule XVII in the 112th Congress, will continue in the 119th Congress with modifications as follows. All Members and staff are reminded of the absolute prohibition contained in clause 5 of rule XVII against the use of mobile electronic devices that impair decorum. Those devices include wireless telephones and personal computers. The Chair wishes to note that electronic tablet devices do not constitute personal computers within the meaning of this policy and thus may be unobtrusively used in the Chamber so long as they are not used with an audible keyboard. No device may be used for still photography or for audio or video recording or for live broadcasting. The Chair requests all Members and staff wishing to receive or make wireless telephone calls to do so outside of the Chamber. The Chair further requests that all Members and staff refrain from wearing electronic headsets, headphones, or earbuds in the Chamber and to deactivate any audible ring of wireless phones before entering the Chamber. To this end, the Chair insists upon the cooperation of all

Members and staff and instructs the Sergeant-at-Arms, pursuant to clause 3(a) of rule II and clause 5 of rule XVII, to enforce this prohibition. In light of the changes to rule II and rule XVII in the 115th Congress, the Chair would like to take this opportunity to educate all Members and staff on how these changes will be implemented. The Sergeant-at-Arms is charged with enforcement of clause 3(g) of rule II, which prohibits the use of electronic devices for still photography or for audio or visual recording or broadcasting in contravention of clause 5 of rule XVII and the policies just articulated. The Chair would advise Members of the following policies of the Sergeant-at-Arms surrounding the rules change. The Sergeant-at-Arms will enforce the prohibition with respect to violations observed first-hand on the House floor as well as violations that become apparent at a later time, such as through publication online or broadcast on television. In the case of violations observed on the floor, the Sergeant-at-Arms will hand the offending Member a card noting the violation, and will follow up by sending the Member a written letter. In the case of other violations, Members will receive a written letter detailing the offending conduct. The fine for a first offense is \$500. The fine for each subsequent offense is \$2,500. The Sergeant-at-Arms will endeavor to provide Members a written warning prior to assessing a fine for a first offense. Because of the inherent difficulty of enforcing this prohibition during ceremonial events, the Sergeant-at-Arms may choose not to cite minor violations occurring during such an event. Pursuant to clause 3(g)(3) of rule II, in addition to notifying the Member, Delegate, or Resident Commissioner concerned, the Sergeant-at-Arms will also notify the Speaker, the Chief Administrative Officer, and the Committee on Ethics of any fine imposed. Upon receiving notification of a fine, a Member, Delegate, or Resident Commissioner may appeal the fine to the Committee on Ethics within 30 calendar days or 5 legislative days, whichever is later. The Sergeant-at-Arms and the Committee on Ethics are each authorized to establish policies and procedures for the implementation of these rules. The Chief Administrative Officer is authorized to establish policies and procedures for deducting any such fine from a Member's net salary. It is the desire of the Chair that any such policies and procedures be submitted for printing in the Congressional Record. Nothing in the House rules or this policy deprives the House of its ability to address breaches of decorum or other violations of House rules that may give rise to questions of the privileges of the House under rule IX. The Chair appreciates the attention of all Members to these efforts.

10. Use of Chamber and Capitol Facilities

The Speaker's policy announced on January 6, 2009, with respect to use of the Chamber will continue in the 119th Congress. The Chair will announce to the House the policy of the Speaker concerning appropriate comportment in the chamber when the House is not in session. Under 6 clause 3 of rule I, the Speaker is responsible to control the Hall of the House. Under clause 1 of rule IV, the Hall of the House is to be used only for the legislative business of the House, for caucus and conference meetings of its Members, and for such ceremonies as the House might agree to conduct there. When the House stands adjourned, its chamber remains on static display. It may accommodate visitors in the gallery or on the floor, subject to the needs of those who operate, maintain, and secure the chamber to go about their ordinary business. Because outside "coverage" of the chamber is limited to floor proceedings and is allowed only by accredited journalists, when the chamber is on static display no

audio or video recording or transmitting devices are allowed. The long custom of disallowing even still photography in the chamber is based at least in part on the notion that an image having this setting as its backdrop might be taken to carry the imprimatur of the House. The imprimatur of the House adheres to the Journal of its proceedings, which is kept pursuant to the Constitution. The imprimatur of the House adheres to the Congressional Record, which is kept as a substantially verbatim transcript pursuant to clause 8 of rule XVII. The imprimatur of the House adheres to the audio and visual transmissions and recordings that are made and kept by the television system administered by the Speaker pursuant to rule V. But the imprimatur of the House may not be appropriate to other, ad hoc accounts or compositions of events in its chamber.

The Chair announces to the House a new policy that will be implemented in the 119th Congress pursuant to clause 3 of rule I. In all areas of the Capitol subject to the Speaker's general control under clause 3 of rule I, all single-sex facilities—such as restrooms, changing rooms, and locker rooms—are reserved for individuals of that biological sex. This policy will be enforced by the Sergeant-at-Arms. It is important to note that each Member office has its own private restroom, and unisex restrooms are available throughout the Capitol.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under clause 5(d) of rule XX, the Chair announces to the House that the whole number of the House is 434.

EXTENDING THE LIFE OF THE JOINT CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE ON INAUGURAL CEREMONIES

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the Chair lays before the House the following concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 1) extending the life of the Joint Congressional Committee on inaugural ceremonies.

The Clerk read the title of the concurrent resolution.

There was no objection.

The text of the concurrent resolution is as follows:

S. CON. RES. 1

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring),

SEC. 1. REAUTHORIZATION OF JOINT COMMITTEE.

Effective from January 3, 2025, the joint committee created by Senate Concurrent Resolution 34 (118th Congress), to make the necessary arrangements for the inauguration of the President-elect and the Vice President-elect of the United States, is continued with the same power and authority provided for in that resolution.

SEC. 2. USE OF CAPITOL.

Effective from January 3, 2025, the provisions of Senate Concurrent Resolution 35 (118th Congress), to authorize the use of the rotunda and Emancipation Hall of the Capitol by the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies in connection with the proceedings and ceremonies conducted for the inauguration of the President-elect and the Vice President-elect of the United States are continued with the same power and authority provided for in that resolution.

The concurrent resolution was concurred in.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

TO PROVIDE FOR THE COUNTING ON JANUARY 6, 2025, OF THE ELECTORAL VOTES FOR PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the Chair lays before the House the following concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 2) to provide for the counting on January 6, 2025, of the electoral votes for President and Vice President of the United States.

The Clerk read the title of the concurrent resolution.

There was no objection.

The text of the concurrent resolution is as follows:

S. CON. RES. 2

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That the two Houses of Congress shall meet in the Hall of the House of Representatives on Monday, the 6th day of January 2025, at 1 o'clock post meridian, pursuant to the requirements of the Constitution and laws relating to the election of President and Vice President of the United States, and the President of the Senate shall be their Presiding Officer; that two tellers shall be previously appointed by the President of the Senate on the part of the Senate and two by the Speaker on the part of the House of Representatives, to whom shall be handed, as they are opened by the President of the Senate, all the certificates and papers purporting to be certificates of the electoral votes, which certificates and papers shall be opened, presented, and acted upon in the alphabetical order of the States, beginning with the letter "A"; and said tellers, having then read the same in the presence and hearing of the two Houses, shall make a list of the votes as they shall appear from said certificates; and the votes having been ascertained and counted in the manner and according to the rules by law provided, the result of the same shall be delivered to the President of the Senate, who shall thereupon announce the state of the vote, which announcement shall be deemed a sufficient declaration of the persons, if any, elected President and Vice President of the United States, and together with a list of the votes, be entered on the Journals of the two Houses.

The concurrent resolution was concurred in.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

AUTHORIZING THE USE OF THE ROTUNDA OF THE CAPITOL FOR THE LYING IN STATE OF THE REMAINS OF THE LATE JAMES EARL CARTER, JR., 39TH PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the Chair lays before the House the following concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 3) authorizing the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for the lying in state of the remains of the late James Earl Carter, Jr., 39th President of the United States.

The Clerk read the title of the concurrent resolution.

There was no objection.

The text of the concurrent resolution is as follows:

S. CON. RES. 3

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring),

SECTION 1. HONORING JAMES EARL CARTER, JR.

(a) LYING IN STATE IN ROTUNDA.—In recognition of the long and distinguished service rendered to the Nation and to the world by the late James Earl Carter, Jr., the 39th President of the United States, his remains shall be permitted to lie in state in the rotunda of the Capitol from January 7, 2025 until January 9, 2025. The Architect of the Capitol, under the direction of the Majority Leader of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, shall take all necessary steps for the accomplishment of that purpose.

(b) USE OF CATAFALQUE.—The Architect of the Capitol is authorized and directed to transfer the catafalque which is situated in the Exhibition Hall of the Capitol Visitor Center to the rotunda of the Capitol so that such catafalque may be used in connection with services to be conducted there for the late James Earl Carter, Jr., 39th President of the United States.

The concurrent resolution was concurred in.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

REAPPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO JOINT CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE ON INAUGURAL CEREMONIES

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces the Speaker's reappointment, pursuant to S. Con. Res. 1, 119th Congress, and the order of the House today, of the following Members on the part of the House to the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies:

Mr. JOHNSON, Louisiana
Mr. SCALISE, Louisiana
Mr. JEFFRIES, New York

HOUR OF MEETING ON MONDAY NEXT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, when the House adjourns today, it adjourns to meet at noon on Monday next.

There was no objection.

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. FISCHBACH. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 6 o'clock and 26 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Monday, January 6, 2025, at noon.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

EC-1. Under clause 2 of rule XIV, a letter from the Clerk, U.S. House of Representatives, transmitting a list of reports created by the Clerk which it is the duty of any officer or Department to make to Congress, pursuant to Rule

II, clause 2(b) of the Rules of the House (H. Doc. No. 119-4), was taken from the Speaker's table, referred to the Committee on House Administration and ordered to be printed.

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 Mrs. WAGNER (for herself, Mr. SCALISE, and Mrs. CAMMACK):

H.R. 21. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit a health care practitioner from failing to exercise the proper degree of care in the case of a child who survives an abortion or attempted abortion; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. ROY (for himself, Mr.

GARBARINO, Ms. MALLIOTAKIS, Mr. FINSTAD, Mr. CLYDE, Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana, Mrs. HARSHBARGER, Ms. MACE, Mrs. CAMMACK, Mr. BURLISON, Mr. OGLES, Ms. HAGEMAN, Mr. FULCHER, Mr. NEHLS, Mr. SELF, Mr. PALMER, Mr. CRANE, Mr. HUNT, Mr. BIGGS of Arizona, Mr. CLINE, Mr. NORMAN, Mr. CLOUD, Mr. BRECHEEN, Mr. CRENSHAW, Mr. PFLUGER, Mr. ELZEY, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. DUNN of Florida, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mr. ESTES, Mr. ARRINGTON, Mr. MCCAUL, Ms. TENNEY, Mr. HARRIS of Maryland, Mr. OWENS, Mr. BOST, Mr. FEENSTRA, Mr. MCCLINTOCK, Mr. EDWARDS, Mrs. BIGGS of South Carolina, Mr. TIMMONS, Mr. MORAN, Mr. PERRY, Mrs. HOUCHIN, Mr. GOSAR, Mr. BABIN, Mrs. MILLER of Illinois, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mrs. LUNA, Mr. MOORE of Alabama, Mr. LAWLER, Mr. VAN DREW, Mr. TIFFANY, and Mr. MOOLENAAR):

H.R. 22. A bill to amend the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 to require proof of United States citizenship to register an individual to vote in elections for Federal office, and for other purposes; to the Committee on House Administration.

By Mr. ROY (for himself, Mr. MAST, Mr. MCCAUL, Mr. CRENSHAW, Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana, Mr. FLEISCHMANN, Mr. FINSTAD, Mr. CLINE, Mr. BIGGS of Arizona, Mr. ARRINGTON, Mrs. HOUCHIN, Mr. CRANE, Ms. TENNEY, Mr. SELF, Mr. JACKSON of Texas, Mr. MILLER of Ohio, Mr. FEENSTRA, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, and Mr. BUCHANAN):

H.R. 23. A bill to impose sanctions with respect to the International Criminal Court engaged in any effort to investigate, arrest, detain, or prosecute any protected person of the United States and its allies; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committees on the Judiciary, and Appropriations, 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. MASSIE (for himself, Mr. BIGGS of Arizona, Ms. BOEBERT, Mr. BOST, Mr. BRECHEEN, Mr. BURCHETT, Mr. BURLISON, Mrs. CAMMACK, Mr. CLINE, Mr. CLOUD, Mr. COLLINS, Mr. CRANE, Mr. CRAWFORD, Mr. DAVIDSON, Mr. ESTES, Mr. FINSTAD, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. GOSAR, Ms. GREENE of Georgia, Mr. GRIFFITH, Ms. HAGEMAN, Mrs. LUNA, Ms. MACE, Mr. MCCLINTOCK, Mr. MCCORMICK, Mrs. MILLER of Illinois, Mr. MOOLENAAR, Mr. MOORE of Alabama, Mr. NORMAN, Mr. OGLES, Mr. PALMER, Mr. PERRY,