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Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, February 24, 2025, at 12 p.m.

House of Representatives

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2025

The House met at 3:30 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Ms. HAGEMAN).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
February 21, 2025.

I hereby appoint the Honorable HARRIET M. HAGEMAN 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:

Sovereign God, as we stand on the eve of the third anniversary of the unprovoked attack on Ukraine, we realize that only our faith in You and in Your provisions will lay the foundation for the future of the Ukrainian people. Those who trust in You cannot be shaken. Your faithfulness will endure forever and through all hardship.

Now and forever, surrender Your people so that the advance of the wicked will not overtake the entitlements of the righteous. Prevent the righteous from being swayed to use their might to do evil in return.

Lord, do good to those who do good. Grant Your favor to those who are upright in heart. Preserve those who have leaned on You for their survival and

praised You for Your presence in their lives.

May all who have endured these years of violence and deprivation soon receive Your peace and provision.

In the power of Your name, we pray. 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.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

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

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, February 20, 2025.

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

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representa-

tives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on February 20, 2025, at 1:35 p.m.:

That the Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 11. With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely,

KEVIN F. MCCUMBER,
Clerk.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 13 of rule I, the House stands adjourned until noon on Monday, February 24, 2025, for morning-hour debate and 2 p.m. for legislative business.

Thereupon (at 3 o'clock and 33 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Monday, February 24, 2025, 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-441. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Delay of Effective Date for 2 Final Regulations Published by the Environmental Protection Agency between December 11, 2024, and January 6, 2025 [FRL-12583.1-02-OA] received February 4, 2025, 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-442. A letter from the President of the United States, transmitting a notification that the national emergency with respect to Libya, that was declared in Executive Order

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13566 of February 25, 2011, is to continue in effect beyond February 25, 2025, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1622(d); Public Law 94-412, Sec. 202(d); (90 Stat. 1255) (H. Doc. No. 119—18); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed.

EC-443. A letter from the President of the United States, transmitting a notification that the National Emergency concerning Cuba, originally declared on March 1, 1996, in Proclamation 6867, as amended, is to continue in effect beyond March 1, 2025, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1622(d); Public Law 94-412, Sec. 202(d); (90 Stat. 1255) (H. Doc. No. 119—19); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed.

EC-444. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting Council Resolution 26-16. "Transfer of Jurisdiction Over the Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Stadium Campus Emergency Approval Resolution of 2025", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 813); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

EC-445. A letter from the Attorney Advisor, Office of the Secretary, Department of Transportation, transmitting notification of a discontinuation of service in acting role, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 3349(a); Public Law 105-277, Sec. 151(b); (112 Stat. 2681-614); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

EC-446. A letter from the Attorney-Advisor, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting notification of a vacancy, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 3349(a); Public Law 105-277, Sec. 151(b); (112 Stat. 2681-614); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

EC-447. A letter from the Attorney-Advisor, Federal Railroad Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting notification of a vacancy, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 3349(a); Public Law 105-277, Sec. 151(b); (112 Stat. 2681-614); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

EC-448. A letter from the Attorney-Advisor, Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting notification of a discontinuation of service in acting role, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 3349(a); Public Law 105-277, Sec. 151(b); (112 Stat. 2681-614); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

EC-449. A letter from the Attorney-Advisor, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Aviation and International Affairs, Department of Transportation, transmitting notification of a vacancy, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 3349(a); Public Law 105-277, Sec. 151(b); (112 Stat. 2681-614); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

EC-450. A letter from the Attorney Advisor, Office of the Secretary, Department of Transportation, transmitting notification of a vacancy, and designation of acting officer, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 3349(a); Public Law 105-277, Sec. 151(b); (112 Stat. 2681-614); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

EC-451. A letter from the Attorney-Advisor, Office of the Secretary, Department of Transportation, transmitting notification of a vacancy, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 3349(a); Public Law 105-277, Sec. 151(b); (112 Stat. 2681-614); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

EC-452. A letter from the Management Analyst, OS Federal Register Liaison, Office of the Secretary, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's interim final rule — Practices Before the Department of the Interior [Docket No.: DOI-2022-0010; 256D0102DM; DS6CS00000; DLSN00000.000000; DX6CS25] (RIN: 1094-AA57) received February 3, 2025, 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.

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 Mr. ALLEN:

H.R. 1446. A bill to amend the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act to identify or develop assessments to measure the prior knowledge, skills, competencies, and experiences of an individual, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and Workforce.

By Mr. ARRINGTON (for himself, Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. BUCHANAN, Mr. MOORE of Utah, Mr. PALMER, and Mr. SESSIONS):

H.R. 1447. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to maintain the prohibition on allowing any deduction or credit associated with a trade or business involved in trafficking marijuana; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Ms. BALINT (for herself, Ms. SALINAS, and Ms. NORTON):

H.R. 1448. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services, acting through the Assistant Secretary for Mental Health and Substance Use, to award grants for peer mental health first aid, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Ms. BARRAGÁN (for herself, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. CLEAVER, Mr. CARSON, Mr. CARTER of Louisiana, Ms. BONAMICI, Mr. KHANNA, Ms. TLAIB, Mr. COHEN, Mr. TONKO, Mr. MULLIN, Ms. NORTON, Mr. NADLER, Ms. STANSBURY, Ms. JAYAPAL, Ms. SCANLON, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. CASE, Mr. HUFFMAN, Mr. MOSKOWITZ, Ms. TOKUDA, Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ, Mr. QUIGLEY, Mr. THANEDAR, Ms. SALINAS, Ms. PINGREE, Mr. OLSZEWSKI, Ms. CASTOR of Florida, Ms. ANSARI, and Ms. MATSUI):

H.R. 1449. A bill to direct the Secretary of Energy to carry out a grant program to improve the energy resilience, energy democracy, and security of communities, prioritizing environmental justice communities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on 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 Mrs. BEATTY (for herself and Mr. NUNN of Iowa):

H.R. 1450. A bill to require the Office of Foreign Assets Control to develop a program under which private sector firms may receive a license to conduct nominal financial transactions in furtherance of the firms' investigations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services, 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. BRECHEEN:

H.R. 1451. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to make payments to the Quapaw Nation and certain members of the Quapaw Nation in accordance with the recommendation of the United States Court of Federal Claims, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. BURLISON (for himself, Mr. BRECHEEN, and Mr. ONDER):

H.R. 1452. A bill to amend the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 relating to work require-

ments; to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to establish work requirements under the Medicaid program; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, 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. CAREY (for himself and Mr. RILEY of New York):

H.R. 1453. A bill to amend the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act to require reporting regarding clean energy demonstration projects, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

By Mr. CAREY (for himself and Mr. HORSFORD):

H.R. 1454. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to enhance the rehabilitation credit for buildings in rural areas; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. CARTER of Georgia (for himself and Ms. PETERSEN):

H.R. 1455. A bill to codify the Institute for Telecommunication Sciences and to direct the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information to establish an initiative to support the development of emergency communication and tracking technologies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. CASTEN (for himself, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, Ms. NORTON, Mr. MAGAZINER, Mrs. McIVER, Ms. TITUS, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Mr. GOLDMAN of New York, Ms. BROWN, Mrs. FOUSHEE, Ms. DELBENE, Ms. SCANLON, Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY, Mr. THANEDAR, Mr. EVANS of Pennsylvania, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Mr. MOULTON, and Mr. MIN):

H.R. 1456. A bill to require lost or stolen firearms to be reported to law enforcement authorities within 48 hours, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CASTEN (for himself, Ms. LEE of Pennsylvania, Ms. SCANLON, Mr. THANEDAR, Mr. DELUZIO, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, and Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN):

H.R. 1457. A bill to require the Commissioner of the Social Security Administration to produce and make available at no cost to certain individuals in the United States an identification for the purpose of allowing such individuals to meet certain identification requirements, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

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

H.R. 1458. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to modify the criteria for approval of certain independent study programs for purposes of the educational assistance programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. CROW:

H.R. 1459. A bill to establish an Outdoor Restoration Fund for restoration and resilience projects, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, 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. DAVIDSON:

H.R. 1460. A bill to require the head of each executive agency to relocate such agency outside of the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.