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## House of Representatives

The House met at 2 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. EDWARDS).

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,  
May 26, 2023.

I hereby appoint the Honorable CHUCK EDWARDS to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

KEVIN MCCARTHY,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

### PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

On this Memorial Day, we lift our voices in prayer to You, O God, for those whose eyes fail because of their tears, whose spirits are greatly troubled, whose hearts are poured out on the earth. Our lamentation is on behalf of those who have no voice, their throats stricken with grief.

Merciful God, cast Your eyes upon those parents, spouses, children, and cherished friends whose heads are bowed over well-worn photos of their favorite servicemember, whose tears fall on names etched in stone, and whose cries spring forth from hearts overflowing with sorrow.

We pray as a Nation, ever grateful for the costly sacrifice our country's heroes have made on the altar of freedom.

We pray as brothers and sisters in faith, in the certain hope that one day You will wipe away every tear from our eyes.

We pray, O Lord, that those who have died have not died in vain. Stir in us a renewed commitment to liberty and freedom.

Receive our petitions, dear God, that those who mourn this day will know

the comfort of Your everlasting arms. Give ear to our prayers, that in You we will find peace.

In memory of our fallen and in the strength of Your 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.

### 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, May 25, 2023.

Hon. KEVIN MCCARTHY,  
*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 Representatives, I have the honor to transmit a sealed envelope received from the White House on May 25, 2023, at 3:33 p.m., said to contain a message from the President returning, without his approval, H.J. Res. 42.

With best wishes, I am,  
Sincerely,

LISA P. GRANT,  
*Deputy Clerk of the House.*

DISAPPROVING THE ACTION OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COUNCIL IN APPROVING THE COMPREHENSIVE POLICING AND JUSTICE REFORM AMENDMENT ACT OF 2022—VETO MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES (H. DOC. NO. 118-45)

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following veto message from the President of the United States:

*To the House of Representatives:*

I am returning herewith without my approval H.J. Res. 42, a resolution that would disapprove the action of the District of Columbia Council in approving the Comprehensive Policing and Justice Reform Amendment Act of 2022.

I believe we have an obligation to make sure that all our people are safe and that public safety depends on public trust. It is a core policy of my Administration to provide law enforcement with the resources they need for effective, accountable community policing.

While I do not support every provision of the Comprehensive Policing and Justice Reform Amendment Act of 2022, this resolution from congressional Republicans would overturn commonsense police reforms such as: banning chokeholds; setting important restrictions on use of force and deadly force; improving access to body-worn camera recordings; and requiring officer training on de-escalation and use of force.

The Congress should respect the District of Columbia's right to pass measures that improve public safety and public trust. I continue to call on the Congress to pass commonsense police reform legislation.

Therefore, I am vetoing this resolution.

JOSEPH R. BIDEN, JR.  
THE WHITE HOUSE, May 25, 2023.

□ This symbol represents the time of day during the House proceedings, e.g., □ 1407 is 2:07 p.m.

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