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Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 26, 2023, at 3 p.m.

House of Representatives

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2023

The House met at 10:30 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mrs. FISCHBACH).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
September 23, 2023.

I hereby appoint the Honorable MICHELLE FISCHBACH 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:

Blessed are those, O Lord, who labor this day; the people in the limelight and those behind the scenes.

Grant that the men and women who are committing long hours and sacrificing every ounce of their energies to the forward progress of our government in this season will never tire of doing good.

Sustain the Members, the staffers, the clerks, the recorders, the legislative affairs personnel, the Capitol Police, the Sergeant at Arms, and all, who without thanks or fanfare, are sacrificing so much for the success of this day.

Grant them each Your spirit of encouragement and inspire them with Your desire to use this opportunity and

the gifts You have so graciously given us. Ensure that our work will not be in vain. May each of us always prove to be faithful stewards of the responsibilities You have laid on our shoulders. Then bring swiftly the time when we enjoy the harvest of these labors; that none will give up but all will remain strong in service to You and to this country.

In the strength we find only in Your name, we pray.
Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House the approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1 of rule I, the Journal stands 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.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER AND INDIVIDUALS TO THE ADVISORY BOARD FOR THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CHILD CARE CENTER

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces the Speaker's ap-

pointment, pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 2062, and the order of the House of January 9, 2023, of the following Member on the part of the House to the Advisory Board for the House of Representatives Child Care Center:

Mr. MCHENRY, North Carolina
And, in addition:
Ms. Natalie Joyce, Arlington, Virginia
Ms. Jennifer Belair, Alexandria, Virginia
Ms. Anna McCormack, Alexandria, Virginia
Ms. Deborah Mazol, Alexandria, Virginia
Ms. Alyene Mlinar, Falls Church, Virginia
Mr. Jeffrey Butler, Arlington, Virginia
Mr. Cyrus Artz, Fort Washington, Maryland
Ms. Kate Knudson Wolters, Alexandria, Virginia
Mr. Colin Grant Davenport, Alexandria, Virginia
Ms. Stacey Levandosky, Washington, D.C.
Ms. Erin M. Kolodjeski, Arlington, Virginia
Ms. Kalise S. Dickerson, Waldorf, Maryland
Ms. Tejah R.M. Robinson, Laurel, Maryland
Ms. Emily Noriega-May, Washington, D.C.

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.

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Accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 33 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 pro tempore (Mrs. FISCHBACH) at 1 o'clock and 47 minutes p.m.

ADJOURNMENT FROM SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2023, TO TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2023

Mr. MASSIE. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Tuesday, September 26, 2023, when it shall convene at noon for morning-hour debate, and 2 p.m. for legislative business.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Kentucky?

There was no objection.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. MASSIE. Madam Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 1 o'clock and 47 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Tuesday, September 26, 2023, at noon for morning-hour debate.

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

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

H.R. 4362: Mrs. PELTOLA and Mr. PFLUGER.
H.R. 5672: Mr. GOTTHEIMER and Mr. KEAN of New Jersey.

DISCHARGE PETITIONS— ADDITIONS AND WITHDRAWALS

The following Members added their names to the following discharge petitions:

Petition 6 by Ms. PRESSLEY on House Joint Resolution 25: Ms. Sánchez.

Petition 7 by Ms. DELAURO on House Resolution 611: Mr. Castro of Texas, Ms. Ross, Ms. McCollum, Mrs. McBath, Mr. Ryan, Mr. Allred, Ms. Moore of Wisconsin, Mr. Neal, Mr. Gottheimer, Mr. Moulton, Ms. Jackson Lee, Mr. Ivey, Mr. Doggett, Mr. Costa, Mr. Cohen, Mr. Sherman, Mr. Davis of North Carolina, Ms. Pingree, Ms. Porter, Ms. Escobar, Mr. Meeks, Mr. Lynch, Mrs. Fletcher, Mr. Bera, Mr. Torres of New York, Mr. Vasquez, Mr. Case, Mr. Larsen of Washington, Mr. Pappas, Mr. Carson, Mr. Swalwell, Mr. Raskin, Mr. Krishnamoorthi, Mr. Schiff, Mr. Higgins of New York, and Mr. Vargas.

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate was not in session and stands adjourned until 3 p.m. on Tuesday, September 26, 2023.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: There were no Public Bills or Resolutions introduced in today's Record.

Additional Cosponsors: Page H4466

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Fischbach to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. Page H4465

Advisory Board for the House of Representatives Child Care Center—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Member and additional individuals to the Advisory Board for the House of Representatives Child Care Center: Representative McHenry; Ms. Natalie Joyce of Arlington, Virginia; Ms. Jennifer Belair of Alexandria, Virginia; Ms. Anna McCormack of Alexandria, Virginia; Ms. Deborah Mazol of Alexandria, Virginia; Ms. Alyene Mlinar of Falls Church, Virginia; Mr. Jeffrey Butler of Arlington, Virginia; Mr. Cyrus Artz of Fort Washington, Maryland; Ms. Kate Knudson Wolters of Alexandria, Virginia; Mr. Colin Grant Davenport of Alexandria, Virginia; Ms. Stacey Levandosky of Washington, DC; Ms. Erin M. Kolodjeski of Arlington, Virginia; Ms. Kalise S. Dickerson of Waldorf, Maryland; Ms. Tejah R.M. Robinson of Laurel, Maryland; and Ms. Emily Noriega-May of Washington, DC. Page H4465

Recess: The House recessed at 10:33 a.m. and reconvened at 1:47 p.m. Pages H4465–66

Meeting Hour: Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet

at 12 p.m. on Tuesday, September 26th for morning-hour debate. Page H4466

Quorum Calls—Votes: There were no Yea and Nay votes, and there were no Recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10:30 a.m. and adjourned at 1:47 p.m.

Committee Meetings

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY
APPROPRIATIONS BILL, 2024;
DEPARTMENT OF STATE, FOREIGN
OPERATIONS, AND RELATED PROGRAMS
APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2024;
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2024;
AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT,
FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION, AND
RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS
ACT, 2024

Committee on Rules: Full Committee concluded a hearing on H.R. 4367, the "Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Bill, 2024"; H.R. 4665, the "Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2024"; H.R. 4365, the "Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2024" [Rule Markup Only]; and H.R. 4368, the "Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2024" [Rule Markup Only]. The Committee granted, by a record vote of 9–2, a rule providing for consideration of H.R. 4365, the "Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2024",

H.R. 4367, the “Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Bill, 2024”, H.R. 4368, the “Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2024”, and H.R. 4665, the “Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2024”. The rule provides for consideration of H.R. 4365, the “Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2024”, under a structured rule. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations or their respective designees. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in part A of the Rules Committee report, amendments en bloc described in section 3 and pro forma amendments described in section 13. Each amendment shall be considered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment except as provided by section 13 of the rule, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. All points of order against the amendments printed in part A of the Rules Committee report or amendments en bloc described in section 3 of the resolution are waived. The rule provides that the chair of the Committee on Appropriations or her designee may offer amendments en bloc consisting of amendments printed in part A of the Rules Committee report not earlier disposed of. Amendments en bloc shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for 20 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations or their respective designees, shall not be subject to amendment except as provided by section 13 of the rule, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule further provides for consideration of H.R. 4367, the “Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2024”, under a structured rule. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations or their respective designees. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in part B of the Rules Committee report, amend-

ments en bloc described in section 6 and pro forma amendments described in section 13. Each amendment shall be considered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment except as provided by section 13 of the rule, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. All points of order against the amendments printed in part B of the Rules Committee report or amendments en bloc described in section 6 of the resolution are waived. The rule provides that the chair of the Committee on Appropriations or her designee may offer amendments en bloc consisting of amendments printed in part B of the Rules Committee report not earlier disposed of. Amendments en bloc shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for 20 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations or their respective designees, shall not be subject to amendment except as provided by section 13 of the rule, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule further provides for consideration of H.R. 4665, the “Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2024”, under a structured rule. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations or their respective designees. The rule provides that the amendment printed in part C of the Rules committee report shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in part D of the Rules Committee report, amendments en bloc described in section 9 and pro forma amendments described in section 13. Each amendment shall be considered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment except as provided by section 13 of the rule, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. All points of order against the amendments printed in part D of the Rules Committee report or amendments en bloc described in section 9 of the resolution are waived. The rule provides that the chair of the Committee on Appropriations or her designee may offer amendments en

bloc consisting of amendments printed in part D of the Rules Committee report not earlier disposed of. Amendments en bloc shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for 20 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations or their respective designees, shall not be subject to amendment except as provided by section 13 of the rule, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule further provides for consideration of H.R. 4368, the “Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2024”, under a structured rule. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations or their respective designees. The rule provides that the amendment printed in part E of the Rules committee report shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in part F of the Rules Committee report, amendments en bloc described in section 12 and pro forma amendments described in section 13. Each amendment shall be considered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment except as provided by section 13 of the rule, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. All points of order against the amendments printed in part F of the Rules Committee report or amendments en bloc described in section 12 of the resolution are waived. The rule provides that the chair of the Committee on Appropriations or her designee may offer amendments en bloc consisting of amendments printed in part F of the Rules Committee report not earlier disposed of.

Amendments en bloc shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for 20 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations or their respective designees, shall not be subject to amendment except as provided by section 13 of the rule, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule provides that, during consideration of each bill—H.R. 4365, H.R. 4367, H.R. 4665, and H.R. 4368—for amendment the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations or their respective designees may offer up to 10 pro forma amendments each at any point for the purpose of debate. The rule provides that at the conclusion of consideration of each bill—H.R. 4365, H.R. 4367, H.R. 4665, and H.R. 4368—for amendment, the Committee shall rise and report such bill to the House with such amendments as may have been adopted. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on such bill and amendments thereto to final passage without intervening motion except one motion to recommit. Finally, the rule provides that the Clerk shall not transmit to the Senate a message that the House has passed H.R. 4367 until notified by the Speaker that H.R. 2, as passed by the House on May 11, 2023, has been enacted into law.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2023

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Subcommittee on Technology Modernization, hearing entitled “Examining VA.gov”, 3 p.m., 360 Cannon.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

3 p.m., Tuesday, September 26

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12 noon, Tuesday, September 26

Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Senate will resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 3935, Securing Growth and Robust Leadership in American Aviation Act, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture thereon at 5:30 p.m.

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: To be announced.



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