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No. 154

## House of Representatives

The House met at 9 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 22, 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:

Break forth Your light like the dawn, O Holy One, and bring Your healing to our world, to this place, and to our lives. Only with Your blessing will we be restored. Only with You as our guide will we find our direction. Only with You as our rear guard will our efforts be found righteous.

Guide us always in the sun-scorched land of mistrust and animosity. Satisfy our desire for clarity and replenish our lack of respect for You and for each other.

Strengthen the framework of our democracy that what we do today will shore up the foundation of our country's government, repair the breach of the broken walls of our common good, and restore the paths which lead toward the faithful stewardship of our Nation's trust.

Hear us when we call, O Lord, and preside over us and the events of these days ahead, that we may find healing

in the certainty of Your presence and approval in the accomplishment of Your will.

In Your sovereign 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.

### COMMUNICATION FROM THE DEMOCRATIC LEADER

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Honorable HAKEEM JEFFRIES, Democratic Leader:

SEPTEMBER 19, 2023.

Hon. KEVIN MCCARTHY,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives,*  
*Washington, DC.*

DEAR SPEAKER MCCARTHY: Pursuant to Section 4 of the United States Semiquincentennial Commission Act of 2016 (Pub. L. 114-196), I am pleased to appoint the following individuals from private life to serve as Commissioners to the United States Semiquincentennial Commission:

Mr. Reginald Matthew Browne of Newtown, Pennsylvania.

Thank you for your attention to these recommendations.

Sincerely,

HAKEEM JEFFRIES,  
*Democratic Leader.*

### 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.

Accordingly (at 9 o'clock and 3 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess.

□ 1809

### AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mrs. FISCHBACH) at 6 o'clock and 9 minutes p.m.

### 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, September 22, 2023.*

Hon. KEVIN MCCARTHY,  
*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 Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on September 22, 2023, at 11:39 a.m.

That the Senate passed S. 2787.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely,

KEVIN F. MCCUMBER,  
*Acting Clerk.*

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

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VACATING ORDERING OF RECORDED VOTE ON ADOPTION OF HOUSE RESOLUTION 712, PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 4365, DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2024; H.R. 1130, UNLOCKING OUR DOMESTIC LNG POTENTIAL ACT OF 2023; AND H. RES. 684 CONDEMNING THE ACTIONS OF GOVERNOR OF NEW MEXICO, MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM, FOR SUBVERTING THE SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION AND DEPRIVING THE CITIZENS OF NEW MEXICO OF THEIR RIGHT TO BEAR ARMS

Mr. LANGWORTHY. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the ordering of a recorded vote on the question of reconsideration of the vote on adoption of House Resolution 712, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4365), making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1130) to repeal restrictions on the export and import of natural gas; and providing for consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 684), condemning the actions of Governor of New Mexico, Michelle Lujan Grisham, for subverting the Second Amendment to the Constitution and depriving the citizens of New Mexico of their right to bear arms be vacated to the end that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table.

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

There was no objection.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### **HOUR OF MEETING ON TOMORROW**

Mr. LANGWORTHY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 10:30 a.m. tomorrow.

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

There was no objection.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 6 o'clock and 10 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Saturday, September 23, 2023, at 10:30 a.m.

#### **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS**

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. LUCAS: Committee on Science, Space, and Technology. H.R. 4824. A bill to amend

the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to require the Secretary of Energy to carry out terrestrial carbon sequestration research and development activities, and for other purposes (Rept. 118-213). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. LUCAS: Committee on Science, Space, and Technology. H.R. 4866. A bill to direct the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to establish a program to improve fire weather and fire environment forecasting, detection, and local collaboration, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 118-214). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. LUCAS: Committee on Science, Space, and Technology. H.R. 4877. A bill to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to direct the Secretary of Energy to carry out a research, development, and demonstration program with respect to abandoned wells, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 118-215). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

#### **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. BACON (for himself, Mr. CASE, Mr. FITZPATRICK, and Mr. GOLDEN of Maine):

H.R. 5672. A bill making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2024, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Appropriations, and in addition to the Committees on the Budget, and 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. MCGOVERN:

H.R. 5673. A bill to advance responsible policies; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on Agriculture, Armed Services, Veterans' Affairs, Oversight and Accountability, Intelligence (Permanent Select), Foreign Affairs, Education and the Workforce, Small Business, the Judiciary, Natural Resources, House Administration, Energy and Commerce, Homeland Security, Science, Space, and Technology, Appropriations, Rules, Ethics, Transportation and Infrastructure, and the Budget, 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. DEAN of Pennsylvania (for herself and Mr. DAVIDSON):

H.R. 5674. A bill to amend the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act to provide enhanced protection against debt collector harassment of members of the Armed Forces, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. GREEN of Tennessee (for himself and Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi):

H.R. 5675. A bill to extend the authority to provide employees of the United States Secret Service with overtime pay beyond other statutory limitations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

By Mrs. HINSON:

H.R. 5676. A bill to establish a competitive bidding process for the relocation of the headquarters of Executive agencies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability, and in addition to the Committee on Transportation and Infra-

structure, 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. JOYCE of Pennsylvania:

H.R. 5677. A bill to authorize the Federal Communications Commission to process applications for spectrum licenses from applicants who were successful bidders in an auction before the authority of the Commission to conduct auctions expired on March 9, 2023; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. KIM of New Jersey:

H.R. 5678. A bill to direct the Secretary of Education to carry out grant programs to encourage student participation in local government and volunteer service, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. KIM of New Jersey:

H.R. 5679. A bill to provide a direct appropriation of funds for the Learn and Serve America program of the Corporation for National and Community Service, and expand the eligibility of such program to additional entities; to the Committee on Appropriations, and in addition to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, 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. KIM of New Jersey:

H.R. 5680. A bill to transfer the Peace Corps and the Corporation for National and Community Service under the umbrella of an American Volunteering Corporation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, 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. KIM of New Jersey:

H.R. 5681. A bill to expand opportunities for employment of recent graduates in Federal Government positions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability, and in addition to the Committee on the Budget, 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. KIM of New Jersey:

H.R. 5682. A bill to expand the financial, health care, and educational benefits received by Peace Corps and AmeriCorps volunteers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on Education and the Workforce, Foreign Affairs, and Veterans' 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. PALLONE (for himself, Mr. VALADAO, and Mr. SCHIFF):

H.R. 5683. A bill to protect and provide humanitarian assistance to Armenians in Armenia and Nagorno-Karabakh impacted by actions taken by the Government of Azerbaijan, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. PFLUGER (for himself and Ms. LEE of Florida):

H.R. 5684. A bill to require the Director for Homeland Security Investigations of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement to conduct annual assessments on threats posed to the United States by transnational criminal organizations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. POCAN (for himself, Ms. BONAMICI, Ms. BROWNLEY, Mr.

CARBAJAL, Mr. CASTEN, Ms. CASTOR of Florida, Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Ms. DELBENE, Mr. DOGGETT, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Mr. GARAMENDI, Mr. KEATING, Mr. KHANNA, Mr. KILMER, Ms. KUSTER, Ms. LEE of Pennsylvania, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Ms. MENG, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, Mr. MORELLE, Mr. MOULTON, Mr. NADLER, Mr. PANETTA, Mr. PAPPAS, Mr. PETERS, Ms. PINGREE, Mr. QUIGLEY, Mr. RASKIN, Ms. SÁNCHEZ, Ms. SCANLON, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. SCHIFF, Ms. SHERRILL, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Ms. STANSBURY, Mr. SWALWELL, Mr. TAKANO, Mr. TONKO, Mr. TORRES of New York, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, and Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN):

H.R. 5685. A bill to prevent harassment at institutions of higher education, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. SMITH of New Jersey (for himself, Mr. BILIRAKIS, and Mr. SHERMAN):

H.R. 5686. A bill to prevent ethnic cleansing and atrocities against ethnic Armenians, promote accountability for the same, protect and provide humanitarian assistance to Armenians in Armenia and Nagorno-Karabakh impacted by actions taken by the Government of Azerbaijan, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, 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.

## MEMORIALS

Under clause 3 of rule XII,

ML-63. The SPEAKER presented a memorial of the Legislature of the State of Oregon, relative to House Joint Memorial 3, rescinding all previous requests that the Congress of the United States call a convention of the states to propose amendments to the Constitution of the United States; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

## CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY AND SINGLE SUBJECT STATEMENTS

Pursuant to clause 7(c)(1) of rule XII and Section 3(c) of H. Res. 5 the following statements are submitted regarding (1) the specific powers granted to Congress in the Constitution to enact the accompanying bill or joint resolution and (2) the single subject of the bill or joint resolution.

By Mr. BACON:

H.R. 5672

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 4 of the United States Constitution

The single subject of this legislation is:

Making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2024, and for other purposes.

By Mr. McGOVERN:

H.R. 5673

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

Article 1, Section 8.

The single subject of this legislation is:

To advance responsible policies.

By Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania:

H.R. 5674.

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

Article 1, Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is:

Fair debt collection

By Mr. GREEN of Tennessee:

H.R. 5675

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

Article 1 Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is:

Extend the authority to provide employees of the United States Secret Service with overtime pay beyond other statutory limitations, and for other purposes.

By Mrs. HINSON:

H.R. 5676.

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

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 18.

The single subject of this legislation is:

Prohibits new construction, major renovations, leases, or renewal of leases of non-national security-related agencies' headquarters located in the greater D.C. area and establishes a competitive bidding process to move such agency headquarters out of D.C.

By Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania:

H.R. 5677.

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

Article I, Section 8, clause 3 provides Congress with the power to "regulate commerce with foreign nations, and among the several states, and with the Indian tribes."

The single subject of this legislation is:

To authorize the Federal Communications Commission to process applications for spectrum licenses from applicants who were successful bidders in an auction before the authority of the Commission to conduct auctions expired on March 9, 2023.

By Mr. KIM of New Jersey:

H.R. 5678

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

Article One, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution

The single subject of this legislation is:

Education

By Mr. KIM of New Jersey:

H.R. 5679.

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

Article One, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution

The single subject of this legislation is:

Education

By Mr. KIM of New Jersey:

H.R. 5680.

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

Article One, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution

The single subject of this legislation is:

Service

By Mr. KIM of New Jersey:

H.R. 5681.

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

Article One, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution

The single subject of this legislation is:

Workforce

By Mr. KIM of New Jersey:

H.R. 5682.

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

Article One, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution

The single subject of this legislation is:

Service

By Mr. PALLONE:

H.R. 5683.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 18

The Congress shall have power to make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Pow-

ers, and all other Powers vested by the Constitution in the Government of the United States, or in any Department or Officer thereof.

The single subject of this legislation is:

Foreign policy.

By Mr. PFLUGER:

H.R. 5684.

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

Article 1 Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is:

Requires HSI to conduct an annual assessment on threats posed by transnational criminal organizations.

By Mr. POCAN:

H.R. 5685.

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

Article I, Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is:

higher education student protections

By Mr. SMITH of New Jersey:

H.R. 5686.

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

Article I, Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is:

Foreign Policy

## ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

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

H.R. 82: Mr. FROST.

H.R. 176: Mr. GARAMENDI.

H.R. 252: Mrs. HARSHBARGER.

H.R. 531: Mr. SESSIONS and Mr. GALLAGHER.

H.R. 537: Mr. MILLER of Ohio and Ms. ADAMS.

H.R. 625: Mr. MOSKOWITZ.

H.R. 645: Mr. PETERS.

H.R. 766: Ms. DELBENE.

H.R. 830: Ms. SHERRILL and Mr. PFLUGER.

H.R. 895: Mr. COSTA and Mr. LARSEN of Washington.

H.R. 955: Mr. LIEU.

H.R. 977: Mr. FLEISCHMANN and Mr. WILSON of South Carolina.

H.R. 1222: Mr. CLYBURN.

H.R. 1250: Mr. BAIRD.

H.R. 1259: Ms. PLASKETT.

H.R. 1440: Mr. STAUBER and Mr. TRONE.

H.R. 1537: Ms. VAN DUYN.

H.R. 1570: Mr. LEVIN.

H.R. 1610: Ms. SÁNCHEZ.

H.R. 1627: Mr. GIMENEZ, Mr. AMODEI, Mr.

LUTTRELL, Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky, Mr. CUELLAR, and Mr. ZINKE.

H.R. 1770: Mr. HIMES, Mrs. HINSON, Ms. DELBENE, Ms. VAN DUYN, and Mrs. DINGELL.

H.R. 1777: Mr. MORAN.

H.R. 1788: Mrs. STEEL and Mr. COHEN.

H.R. 1839: Ms. DE LA CRUZ.

H.R. 2827: Mr. SCHIFF and Ms. TOKUDA.

H.R. 2880: Mr. MANN.

H.R. 2900: Ms. SHERRILL.

H.R. 2941: Mr. MOLINARO.

H.R. 3016: Mrs. MILLER of West Virginia.

H.R. 3029: Mr. MANN.

H.R. 3094: Ms. BUDZINSKI and Mr. JACKSON of Illinois.

H.R. 3106: Mr. MOULTON.

H.R. 3139: Mr. ESTES.

H.R. 3433: Ms. CASTOR of Florida, Ms. ROSS, and Ms. LOFGREN.

H.R. 3470: Mr. GALLEG0.

H.R. 3474: Mr. JACKSON of Illinois.

H.R. 3497: Mr. BUCK.

H.R. 3541: Mr. LYNCH.

H.R. 3624: Mr. BUCSHON and Mr. FITZGERALD.

H.R. 3730: Mrs. HARSHBARGER and Mr. GREEN of Tennessee.

H.R. 3774: Mr. GUEST.

H.R. 3792: Mr. MORAN and Ms. KELLY of Illinois.

H.R. 3838: Mr. JACKSON of Illinois and Mr. PETERS.

H.R. 3892: Ms. MALLIOTAKIS.

H.R. 3904: Ms. BUDZINSKI and Mr. JACKSON of Illinois.

H.R. 3955: Mr. HARDER of California.

H.R. 4059: Mr. BOST and Mrs. MILLER of Illinois.

H.R. 4202: Ms. GARCIA of Texas, Ms. DEGETTE, Mr. IVEY, Ms. PETERSEN, Mr. EVANS, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. HIMES, Mr. NEGUSE, and Ms. STEVENS.

H.R. 4278: Mr. CALVERT.

H.R. 4550: Mr. SCHIFF.

H.R. 4581: Mr. MORELLE.

H.R. 4769: Mr. CASAR.

H.R. 4772: Mrs. CAMMACK.

H.R. 4831: Mr. EDWARDS and Mr. GIMENEZ.

H.R. 4860: Ms. VAN DUYN.

H.R. 4907: Ms. BALINT.

H.R. 4968: Mr. FLEISCHMANN and Mr. WILSON of South Carolina.

H.R. 4970: Mr. OBERNOLTE.

H.R. 5012: Mr. LIEU.

H.R. 5035: Mr. EVANS.

H.R. 5054: Ms. SHERRILL.

H.R. 5077: Mr. IVEY.

H.R. 5082: Mr. FRY.

H.R. 5097: Ms. ROSS and Mr. CASTEN.

H.R. 5127: Ms. PLASKETT.

H.R. 5145: Mr. GOLDMAN of New York.

H.R. 5154: Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois.

H.R. 5175: Mr. KHANNA.

H.R. 5188: Mr. HILL.

H.R. 5268: Mr. JACKSON of Illinois.

H.R. 5308: Mr. BAIRD and Mr. KILMER.

H.R. 5319: Mr. PFLUGER.

H.R. 5326: Mr. CRANE.

H.R. 5327: Mr. CRANE.

H.R. 5328: Mr. CRANE.

H.R. 5376: Mr. PHILLIPS.

H.R. 5399: Mr. STANTON, Ms. TITUS, Mr. HUFFMAN, Mr. HARDER of California, and Ms. LOFGREN.

H.R. 5403: Mr. GUTHRIE.

H.R. 5406: Ms. VAN DUYN.

H.R. 5433: Ms. HOYLE of Oregon and Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania.

H.R. 5476: Mr. EVANS.

H.R. 5482: Mr. FALLON.

H.R. 5530: Mr. PAPPAS, Mr. BACON, Mr. GRAVES of Missouri, and Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina.

H.R. 5603: Ms. BROWNLEY.

H.R. 5616: Mr. HUNT.

H.R. 5623: Mr. LAMALFA.

H.R. 5634: Mr. PFLUGER and Mr. BRECHEEN.

H.R. 5641: Mr. LALOTA, Mr. CISCOMANI, Mr. ARMSTRONG, Mr. MILLS, Mr. NUNN of Iowa, Mr. MOULTON, and Mr. WILLIAMS of New York.

H.J. Res. 88: Mr. BAIRD.

H.J. Res. 89: Ms. TOKUDA.

H. Res. 627: Mr. MOORE of Utah.

H. Res. 678: Mr. TONKO and Mr. CONNOLLY.

H. Res. 697: Mr. RYAN and Mr. MOULTON.

H. Res. 714: Ms. LEE of California.

H. Res. 716: Ms. TOKUDA and Mr. BAIRD.

H. Res. 720: Mr. CALVERT and Mr. MANN.



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## Senate

The Senate met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable TAMMY BALDWIN, a Senator from the State of Wisconsin.

### APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mrs. MURRAY).

The legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,  
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,  
Washington, DC, September 22, 2023.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable TAMMY BALDWIN, a Senator from the State of Wisconsin, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATTY MURRAY,  
President pro tempore.

Ms. BALDWIN thereupon assumed the Chair as Acting President pro tempore.

RECESS UNTIL TUESDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 26, 2023, AT 3 P.M.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate stands in recess until 3 p.m., on Tuesday, September 26, 2023.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 10 and 36 seconds a.m., recessed until Tuesday, September 26, 2023, at 3 p.m.

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## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING MARY FAUS WHO SHE LEADS AMERICA IS HONORING AS A CHRISTIAN WOMEN OF DISTINCTION RECIPIENT

**HON. LISA C. McCLAIN**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 22, 2023*

Mrs. McCLAIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor exceptional female leaders throughout our Nation who have recently been recognized as "Christian Women of Distinction" by She Leads America.

While I strive to lead by example for my constituents back home in Michigan, I understand that not everyone looks to Washington politics for role models. Thankfully, we do not need to look far to be inspired by individuals led by their strong faith, moral values, and unwavering dedication to their communities. Today, I am proud to honor some of the women who through their hard work and tireless dedication have brought great inspiration to many throughout the world.

As a United States Representative, it is both my sacred and constitutional obligation to remain steadfast in my commitment to the defense of religious freedom. Now more than ever, we must safeguard religious liberty to ensure that each of these women and those I serve never have to compromise their religious beliefs.

One of the women honored by She Leads America, Mary Faus, is a Anishinaabekwe of the Ojibway Cree. In her community, Mary is a spiritual leader and proud advocate for her native people. Mary is a founder and active member of All Tribes DC, which is a Christian-based nonprofit organization formed by Native Americans that encourages spiritual empowerment. Mary has ministered in several countries and throughout North America, bringing inspiration to many.

Mr. Speaker, these women, including Mary, have left an indelible mark on countless lives. They are pioneers whose examples have—and will continue to—inspire many. I extend my heartfelt gratitude to each of them for their unwavering dedication. This honor is truly well-deserved.

RECOGNIZING DR. DAY GARDNER WHO SHE LEADS AMERICA IS HONORING AS A CHRISTIAN WOMEN OF DISTINCTION RECIPIENT

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One of the women honored by She Leads America, Dr. Day Gardner, is a civil rights activist serving as President of the National Black Pro-Life Union. Dr. Gardner also serves on the National Clergy Council on Capitol Hill, Project 21 National Advisory Council, and sits on several boards both on the state and national level. Dr. Gardner was also the first African American contestant to place as a semifinalist at the Miss America Pageant, has led a career in broadcasting, and is a motivational speaker.

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One of the women honored by She Leads America, Terry Anne Meeuwsen, is a trailblazer and recognized talent in Christian broadcasting. In 1973, Terry was crowned Miss America and has since used her singing and acting talents on television. For over 30 years, Terry has greeted millions of viewers from the Christian Broadcasting Network's studio in Virginia Beach. Terry is also an accomplished author, children's advocate, and inspiration to many.

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RECOGNIZING THE HISTORY OF THE JEFFERSON HIGHWAY

**HON. PAT FALLON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. FALLON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the remarkable history of the Jefferson Highway that runs through Bonham, Texas. This route was America's first north-south intercontinental roadway and was inspired by the east-west Lincoln Highway that connected Times Square in New York City, New York, to Lincoln Park in San Francisco, California.

The Jefferson Highway was first laid in the 1910s as part of the National Auto Trail system and was named for President Thomas Jefferson. Its southern terminus was in New Orleans, Louisiana, and ran through several North Texas cities, including Bonham, before finally coming to a stop in Winnipeg, Canada. It was aptly known as the "Pine to Palm Highway" for the types of trees that drivers could find at either end of the route.

In its early years, Bonham residents were fierce advocates for the Jefferson Highway to run through their town to improve automobile access across state lines. In fact, in the Jefferson Highway Declaration in January of 1918, the citizens of Bonham famously declared: "May Bonham live a thousand years less a day, for Bonham would not care to be on the map should the Jefferson Highway go some other way."

Over a hundred years ago, millions of Americans took the same highway, drove on the same roads, and pushed the boundaries of innovation to lay the foundations of the civilization that we know today.

I have requested the United States flag to be flown over our Nation's Capital to recognize the importance of the Jefferson Highway

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to Bonham and the Lone Star State. As the City of Bonham celebrates its 175th anniversary this year, we should always look to the past every now and then to protect and preserve our Nation's history for future generations to admire.

HONORING TREVONNI ROSSI

**HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 22, 2023*

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Trevonni Rossi from Cañon City for his acceptance into the Juilliard Summer Dance Intensive, an exclusive and highly competitive program.

Even at his young age, Mr. Rossi has an extensive dance career that extends far beyond his years. He was named Mr. Dance America at a prestigious regional dance competition for two consecutive years, earned the World Dance Championship Finalist award in 2019, and ranked fourth in the world at the Soloist World Dance Pageant in 2022.

Mr. Rossi's relentless drive, passion, and exceptional skills have been the driving force behind his success. It is an honor for me to extend my heartfelt congratulations to him on his well-deserved acceptance to the prestigious Juilliard Summer Dance Intensive. As he begins this exciting journey, our community is wishing him the best and waiting to see all he achieves in the future.

HONORING THE LEADERSHIP AND  
LEGACY OF JOHN "JACK" HARRINGTON COSTELLO, JR.

**HON. LORI TRAHAN**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. TRAHAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the tremendous contributions and legacy of John "Jack" Harrington Costello, Jr., a successful publisher and editor of the Lowell Sun and a beloved community leader who dedicated his life to the prosperity of my hometown, the city of Lowell and its community. He passed away peacefully on August 28, 2023.

Jack was born in Lowell in 1944. After graduating from Keith Academy in 1963, Jack would go on to study business at Boston College. He then attended Officer Candidate School in Newport, Rhode Island where he would later graduate and proudly serve his country as a Lieutenant in the United States Navy from 1967 to 1970.

After the Navy, Jack returned to his hometown of Lowell where he embarked on a 3 decades-long professional career at his cherished family-founded local paper, The Lowell Sun. Jack got his start as a sports writer before quickly moving up through the ranks to sports editor, to editor, and ultimately taking his destined position as the Sun's publisher. He was known for his integrity, persistence, decisiveness, and ability to extract the best out of his employees and those around him. The Sun thrived under Jack's leadership due to his mission of keeping the paper hyperlocal,

so residents were always informed of what was happening in their community. Over the span of his career, Jack carefully curated a local paper that was dedicated to delivering accurate and relevant news to the Greater Lowell area.

When he wasn't working tirelessly to ensure the Sun ran smoothly, Jack was involved in the revitalization of his hometown. His expertise and vision for the future of the City made him a trusted confidant to many business and political leaders over the years. He served as Chairman of the Lowell Memorial Auditorium, which welcomed many talented artists to perform at the venue under his stewardship. Jack also served as Chairman of the Tsongas Arena Commission and was instrumental in the arena's creation. In addition to these accomplishments, he is also responsible for helping to bring professional hockey and baseball teams to Lowell for the community to enjoy. Jack's contributions to Lowell have made a lasting impact on the city and will continue to be felt for generations to come.

Jack will be remembered for his love for his family and friends, his kindness to those around him, his distinguished professional career, and his immense pride in the City of Lowell. My heart goes out to Brenda, his loving wife of 54 years, his children, John III, Peter, Nicole, and Suzanne, and the entire Costello family during this difficult time. Jack's legacy will live on through his loving family and all of us who had the honor of knowing him.

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One of the women honored by She Leads America, Lori Windham, is vice president and senior counsel at Becket. In this capacity, Lori proudly defends religious freedom before the United States Supreme Court. Her work in *Fulton v. Philadelphia*, as well as in *Becket's* Hobby Lobby and Little Sisters of the Poor vic-

tories, has protected many from religious discrimination. Lori is a renowned expert on religious freedom and in First Amendment Law and has testified before U.S. Congress.

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HONORING COURTNEY  
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**HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN**

OF COLORADO

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Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Courtney Dauwalter, a remarkable ultrarunner and Leadville resident who continues to redefine the boundaries of endurance in the world of ultra-distance racing.

In July 2023, Ms. Dauwalter achieved the remarkable feat of being the first female finisher at the grueling Hardrock 100-mile foot race, only a few weeks after she emerged victorious at the Western States 100 in California. She also won the Ultra-Trail du Mont-Blanc, a race renowned for its extreme difficulty and terrain. With this victory, she made history, becoming the first person ever to win all 3 of these races in a single year and the second person ever to achieve this incredible trifecta in their lifetime.

Ms. Dauwalter's unparalleled accomplishments serve as an inspiration to all, demonstrating that with grit and dedication, one can achieve the seemingly impossible. We wish Ms. Dauwalter the best of luck as she continues her running career and inspires fellow athletes and fans in Colorado and around the world.

RECOGNIZING THE TRINITY LOVE  
HOBLIT FOUNDATION

**HON. AARON BEAN**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 22, 2023*

Mr. BEAN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, did you know that September is national Brain Aneurysm Awareness month?

The Trinity Love Hoblit Foundation certainly does. The Foundation is a nonprofit, headquartered in Florida and named after Trinity, who at age 9 was diagnosed with multiple brain aneurysms. In 2015, Trinity was scheduled for open brain surgery but passed away 2 days prior because her aneurysm ruptured.

About 1 in 50 Americans have an unruptured brain aneurysm. Brain aneurysms are more common and harmful than people know.

Mr. Speaker, while her passing was a tragic loss for our community, The Trinity Love Hoblit Foundation honors her legacy through raising awareness, supporting research, and identifying training for brain aneurysms at Wolfson's Children's Hospital and Baptist Neurological Institute in Jacksonville, Florida.

I thank the Trinity Love Hoblit team for all they do.

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One of the women honored by She Leads America, Dr. Susan Michael, is the Director of the International Christian Embassy Jerusalem and a member of its board. Susan's studies and travel to Israel over the past 45 years have allowed her to skillfully handle a variety of issues regarding biblical and modern Israel. To that end, Susan is a remarkably gifted author, teacher, and speaker. She has produced highly cited articles, podcasts, and educational resources, serving many throughout the world.

Mr. Speaker, these women, including Dr. Michael, have left an indelible mark on countless lives. They are pioneers whose examples have—and will continue to—inspire many. I extend my heartfelt gratitude to each of them for their unwavering dedication. This honor is truly well-deserved.

TEXAS-24 HOMETOWN HEROES  
ELIZABETH PICKETT AND  
NOELLE DORGAN

**HON. BETH VAN DUYN**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 22, 2023*

Ms. VAN DUYN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize our Texas-24 Hometown Heroes, Elizabeth Pickett and Noelle Dorgan. Over the summer, when a woman dialed 9-1-1 as her husband experienced a cardiac event, Elizabeth and Noelle stepped up to help save a life. As Emergency Communications Specialists for the Grapevine Police Department, they successfully guided the caller through the steps of CPR. Thanks to the clear instructions

of these first responders and the caller's immediate action, the patient was able to be saved once paramedics arrived. Recently, Elizabeth and Noelle earned well-deserved recognition from the Grapevine Fire Department for their heroic efforts. Their composure amidst this intense situation was the difference between life and death. I want to thank both Elizabeth and Noelle for their dedication to serving the community and their efforts to tend to the safety and health of Texas-24.

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One of the women honored by She Leads America, Dr. Larinda King, is an entrepreneur and inspiration to many. Dr. King has been an Elite Executive Senior Sales Director with Mary Kay since 2019, with her team ranking #1 in 2021. Dr. King has founded several community organizations, including a church, and is also Executive Director of Remnant Kingship Academy. In addition to these roles, she is also an expert broadcaster in television and radio.

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RECOGNIZING THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF MRS. ETHELYN SZAD BELL OF BONHAM, TEXAS

**HON. PAT FALLON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. FALLON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 100th birthday of Mrs. Ethelyn

Szad Bell of Bonham, Texas. Mrs. Bell served in the United States Army Nurse Corps in the Second World War and will turn 100 years old on October 4, 2023.

Mrs. Bell was born in Wallingford, Connecticut on October 4, 1923, to Charles and Gertrude Szad. As the Second World War raged on, Mrs. Bell heard President Franklin D. Roosevelt's appeal to the Nation for additional hospital staff, so she enlisted in the United States Army on March 26, 1945. She completed basic training for Army nurses at Fort Devens, Massachusetts, and set sail to the Philippines with the Army Nurse Corps on the hospital ship USAHS *Charles A. Stafford*. During this time, Mrs. Bell provided care for wounded soldiers in a tent city within the Philippine jungles. She later transferred to Nagoya, Japan, and tended to American GIs in a converted hospital. For her service and efforts, Second Lieutenant Bell was awarded a citation from President Harry S. Truman, and she was honorably discharged on June 19, 1946.

After the Army, Mrs. Bell worked at the Veterans Administration Hospital in McKinney, Texas. In 1947, she met her husband, fellow Army veteran Charles Bell, on a blind date. They married a year later on October 16, 1948, and moved to Prosper, Texas. Together, they raised 2 children, Tom and Cindy. Mrs. Bell later worked as a school nurse at the North Ward and West Ward Elementary Schools in McKinney until her retirement in 1978. In her free time, she enjoys traveling and visiting casinos. I am honored to commemorate Mrs. Bell today on reaching her centennial.

I have requested the United States flag to be flown over our Nation's Capital to recognize Mrs. Bell's remarkable journey and service to our Nation. May God bless Mrs. Bell as we celebrate 100 years of life and joy.

RECOGNIZING CHARMARINE HEDDING WHO SHE LEADS AMERICA IS HONORING AS A CHRISTIAN WOMEN OF DISTINCTION RECIPIENT

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One of the women honored by She Leads America, Charmaine Hedding, is a global development manager in the non-profit sector. In this role, she focuses on the protection of Christians and other minorities in the Middle East and Africa. A fierce proponent of religious freedom, she has also assisted in many humanitarian projects, including the evacuation of over 9,000 people from Afghanistan. Today, she also consults for government agencies, authorities, and faith-based organizations.

Mr. Speaker, these women, including Charmaine, have left an indelible mark on countless lives. They are pioneers whose examples have—and will continue to—inspire many. I extend my heartfelt gratitude to each of them for their unwavering dedication. This honor is truly well-deserved.

HONORING JEFFERSON COUNTY  
CHIEF DEPUTY CLERK AND RE-  
CORDER PEG PERL

**HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Peg Perl, the Chief Deputy Clerk and Recorder for Jefferson County. She was chosen by the U.S. Department of State's Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights to help oversee a recent Uzbekistan election in July 2023. Ms. Perl was stationed at an election site in Namangan, near the Kyrgyzstan border. She and her fellow delegates reviewed the set-up process, voting, counting, and reporting of results late into the night. Ms. Perl's commitment to service and democracy helped to ensure voting was accessible and protected during this election.

Ms. Perl has over 20 years of experience in election administration, voting rights, and government ethics at the national, state, and local levels. She helped design and enact Colorado's modern voting laws as well as many state and city campaign disclosure reforms while serving as Senior Counsel for the non-partisan Colorado Ethics Watch. In 2017, she was named one of the Top Women Attorneys by Law Week Colorado. Prior to moving to Colorado in 2010, Ms. Perl served as a non-partisan counsel to the U.S. House of Representatives Ethics Committee and as a policy attorney with the Federal Election Commission. She has shown a lifelong dedication and devotion to the ideals of democracy, and today we recognize her commitment to service.

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One of the women honored by She Leads America, Jaci Velasquez, is a Grammy nominated and platinum-selling Christian artist who has recorded albums in English and Spanish. Since her debut at 16, she has had 16 No. 1 hits, authored three books, acted in seven movies, and has appeared on 50 magazine covers. Jaci has also received 7 Dove Awards, a Premio Lo Nuestro Award, 3 Grammy nominations, 2 Latin Grammy nominations, and an American Music Award nomination.

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One of the women honored by She Leads America, Joni Eareckson Tada, is a hero to

many. In 1967, Joni was left paralyzed by a diving accident but quickly emerged from rehabilitation, determined to help others who have similar disabilities. Her autobiography, *Joni*, has been adapted into a film and was also translated into 15 different languages. Today, she serves as the CEO of Joni and Friends, which serves to assist those who are disabled and in need of assistance. Through this organization, Joni has delivered over 220,000 wheelchairs in developing nations and has hosted over 64,000 families at Family Retreats and Getaways. Joni also had the unique opportunity to serve her country on the National Council on Disability during the passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

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# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

The Senate met at 10 a.m. in pro forma session, and recessed at 10:00:36 a.m. until 3 p.m. on Tuesday, September 26, 2023.

### Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

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## House of Representatives

### Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 14 public bills, H.R. 5672–5685, were introduced.

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**Additional Cosponsors:**

**Pages H4463–64**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 4824, to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to require the Secretary of Energy to carry out terrestrial carbon sequestration research and development activities, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 118–213);

H.R. 4866, to direct the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to establish a program to improve fire weather and fire environment forecasting, detection, and local collaboration, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–214); and

H.R. 4877, to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to direct the Secretary of Energy to carry out a research, development, and demonstration program with respect to abandoned wells, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–215).

**Page H4462**

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

**Page H4461**

**United States Semiquincentennial Commission—**

**Appointment:** Read a letter from Representative Jeffries, Minority Leader, in which he appointed the following individual from private life to serve as Commissioner to the United States

Semiquincentennial Commission: Mr. Reginald Matthew Browne of Newtown, Pennsylvania. **Page H4461**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 9:03 a.m. and reconvened at 6:09 p.m. **Page H4461**

**Order of Business:** Agreed by unanimous consent that the ordering of the yeas and nays on the question of reconsideration of the vote on adoption of House Resolution 712 be vacated to the end that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table. **Page H4462**

**Meeting Hour:** Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 10:30 a.m. tomorrow, September 23rd. **Page H4462**

**Senate Referral:** S. 2787 was held at the desk.

**Page H4461**

**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appear on page H4461.

**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 9 a.m. and adjourned at 6:10 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 began 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]. Testimony was heard from Chairman DeLauro, and Representatives Diaz-Balart, Cuellar, Joyce of Ohio, Biggs, Boebert, Gaetz, Higgins of Louisiana, Rosendale, and Spartz.

## *Joint Meetings*

No joint committee meetings were held.

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2023

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

#### Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

#### House

No hearings are scheduled.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

3 p.m., Tuesday, September 26

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

10:30 a.m., Saturday, September 23

## 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 Saturday:** To be announced.

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