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House of Representatives

The House met at 9:30 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. BEYER).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
August 17, 2021.

I hereby appoint the Honorable DONALD S. BEYER, Jr. to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

Pastor Zack Randles, Waterfront Church, Washington, D.C., offered the following prayer:

Lord, Your Word tells us that You give strength to the weary, and You increase the power of the weak. You are our place to go when we are empty and our second wind when we are worn down.

How do You restore the weary warrior? If we wait on You, You will refill us. If we look to You, You will guide us. If we listen to You, You will lead us. You make broken wings soar and weak legs sprint. King David often calls You a fortress. You are a place of rest and peace no matter what comes to our gates.

Strengthen us today, God, as we acknowledge You. And be our fortress of peace when we run to You. I proclaim these things in the mighty name of Jesus.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 11(a) of House Resolution 188, 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, August 16, 2021.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
The Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM 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 August 16, 2021, at 1:20 p.m.:

That the Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 14.
That the Senate passed with an amendment H.R. 3684.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely,

CHERYL L. JOHNSON,
Clerk.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Gloria J. Lett, Deputy Clerk of the House, reported and found truly enrolled a bill of the House of the following title, which was thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 1448. An Act to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program on dog training therapy, and to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide service dogs to veterans with mental illnesses who do not have mobility impairments.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 11(b) of House Resolution 188, the House stands adjourned until 3 p.m. on Friday, August 20, 2021.

Thereupon (at 9 o'clock and 33 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Friday, August 20, 2021, at 3 p.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

EC-1955. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting a letter reporting violations of the Antideficiency Act, by the United States Coast Guard, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1351; Public Law 97-258; (96 Stat. 926); to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-1956. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting a letter on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Donald E. Kirkland, United States Air Force, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 1370(c)(1); Public Law 96-513, Sec. 112 (as amended by Public Law 104-106, Sec. 502(b)); (110 Stat. 293); to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1957. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting a letter on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Leslie C. Smith, United States Army, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 1370(c)(1); Public Law 96-513, Sec. 112 (as amended by Public Law 104-106, Sec. 502(b)); (110 Stat. 293); to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1958. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of Defense, transmitting additional legislative proposals that the Department of Defense requests be enacted during the first session of the 117th Congress; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1959. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of Defense, transmitting additional legislative proposals that the Department of Defense requests be enacted during the first

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session of the 117th Congress; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1960. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of Defense, transmitting additional legislative proposals that the Department of Defense requests be enacted during the first session of the 117th Congress; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1961. A letter from the Associate General Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting the Department's final rule — Implementing Executive Order 13992, Revocation of Certain Executive Orders Concerning Federal Regulation [Docket No.: FR-6192-F-02] (RIN: 2501-AD93) received July 13, 2021, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Financial Services.

EC-1962. A letter from the Deputy Inspector General for Audit Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's report titled "Review of Medicare Administrative Contractor Information Security Program Evaluations for Fiscal Year 2020", pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 1395kk-1(e)(2)(C)(ii); Aug. 14, 1935, ch. 531, title XVIII, Sec. 1874A(e)(2)(C)(ii) (as amended by Public Law 108-173, Sec. 912(a)); (117 Stat. 2388); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-1963. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's report entitled "Fiscal Year 2020 Annual Report to Congress on the Use of Mandatory Recall Authority"; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-1964. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Air Plan Approval; WA; Update to Materials Incorporated by Reference [EPA-R10-OAR-2021-0319; FRL-8742-02-R10] received July 26, 2021, 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-1965. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Finding of Failure To Submit a State Implementation Plan To Meet the 1987 24-Hour PM10 Standard; Moderate Area Requirements; West Pinal County; Arizona [EPA-R09-OAR-2021-0373; FRL-8715-02-R9] received July 26, 2021, 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-1966. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Air Plan Approval; Missouri; Removal of Control of Emissions From the Application of Deadeners and Adhesives [EPA-R07-OAR-2021-0332; FRL-8717-02-R7] received July 26, 2021, 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-1967. A letter from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's NUREG — Final Safety Evaluation of Technical Specifications Task Force Traveler TSTF-577, Revised Frequencies for Steam Generator Tube Inspections [NUREG-1430, NUREG-1431, NUREG-1432, NUREG-2194] received July 30, 2021, 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-1968. A letter from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Com-

mission's Issuance of Regulatory Guide — Regulatory Guide (RG) 1.29, Revision 6, "Seismic Design Classification for Nuclear Power Plants" received July 30, 2021, 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-1969. A letter from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's temporary staff guidance — Draft Guidelines for Characterizing the Safety Impact of Issues, Revision 1 received July 30, 2021, 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-1970. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Lebanon that was declared in Executive Order 13441 of August 1, 2007, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1641(c); Public Law 94-412, Sec. 401(c); (90 Stat. 1257) and 50 U.S.C. 1703(c); Public Law 95-223, Sec. 204(c); (91 Stat. 1627); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-1971. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to serious human rights abuse and corruption that was declared in Executive Order 13818 of December 20, 2017, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1641(c); Public Law 94-412, Sec. 401(c); (90 Stat. 1257) and 50 U.S.C. 1703(c); Public Law 95-223, Sec. 204(c); (91 Stat. 1627); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-1972. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a memorandum of justification for the determination under section 451 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, to the situation in Afghanistan; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-1973. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a determination under Section 506(a)(2) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 Related to the Situation in Afghanistan; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-1974. A letter from the Associate General Counsel for General Law, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting a notification of an action on nomination 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 Reform.

EC-1975. A letter from the Attorney-Advisor, Office of General Counsel, Federal Transit Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting a notification of an action on nomination, 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 Reform.

EC-1976. A letter from the Executive Secretary, United States Agency for International Development, transmitting a notification of a nomination and an action on nomination, 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 Reform.

EC-1977. A letter from the Executive Secretary, United States Agency for International Development, transmitting four (4) notifications of a designation of an acting officer, nomination, and 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 Reform.

EC-1978. A letter from the Fisheries Regulations Specialist, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric

Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Central Gulf of Alaska Rockfish Program; Amendment 111 [Docket No.: 2102190025] (RIN: 0648-BJ73) received July 30, 2021, 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.

EC-1979. A letter from the Fisheries Regulations Specialist, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Snapper-Grouper Fishery of the South Atlantic Region; Regulatory Amendment 33 [Docket No.: 200916-0245] (RIN: 0648-BJ55) received July 30, 2021, 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.

EC-1980. A letter from the Fisheries Regulations Specialist, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Framework Adjustment 32 to the Atlantic Sea Scallop Fishery Management Plan [Docket No.: 200325-0088] (RIN: 0648-BJ51) received July 30, 2021, 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.

EC-1981. A letter from the Fisheries Regulations Specialist, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries Off West Coast States; West Coast Salmon Fisheries; 2020 Management Measures [Docket No.: 200505-0127] (RIN: 0648-BJ48) received July 30, 2021, 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.

EC-1982. A letter from the Fisheries Regulations Specialist, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Pacific Halibut Fisheries; Catch Sharing Plan [Docket No.: 200427-0121] (RIN: 0648-BJ39) received July 30, 2021, 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.

EC-1983. A letter from the Fisheries Regulations Specialist, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Modifying Seasonal Allocations of Pollock and Pacific Cod for Trawl Catcher Vessels in the Central and Western Gulf of Alaska [Docket No.: 200604-0152] (RIN: 0648-BJ35) received July 30, 2021, 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.

EC-1984. A letter from the Fisheries Regulations Specialist, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Pacific Halibut Fisheries; Revisions to Catch Sharing Plan and Domestic Management Measures in Alaska [Docket No.: 200713-0187] (RIN: 0648-BJ34) received July 30, 2021, 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.

EC-1985. A letter from the Fisheries Regulations Specialist, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule- Vessel Monitoring Systems; Requirements for Type-Approval of Cellular Transceiver Units [Docket No.: 200626-0173] (RIN: 0648-BJ15) received July 30,

2021, 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.

EC-1986. A letter from the Fisheries Regulations Specialist, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Reef Fish Fishery of the Gulf of Mexico; Greater Amberjack Management Measures [Docket No.: 200401-0096] (RIN: 0648-BJ08) received July 30, 2021, 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.

EC-1987. A letter from the Fisheries Regulations Specialist, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act Provisions; Fisheries of the Northeastern United States [Docket No.: 201103-0287] (RIN: 0648-BI15) received July 30, 2021, 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.

EC-1988. A letter from the Acting Ombudsman for the Energy Employees, Occupational Illness Compensation Program, Department of Labor, transmitting the 2020 Annual Report of the Ombudsman for the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 7385s-15(e)(1); Public Law 106-398, Sec. 1 (as amended by Public Law 108-375, Sec. 3161); (118 Stat. 2185); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1989. A letter from the Chief, Congressional and Governmental Affairs, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting a letter of notification that the Coast Guard Cutter PIKE will be re-located from San Francisco, CA to Petersburg, AK no later than June 30, 2022; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-1990. A letter from the Attorney Adviser, Federal Railroad Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Positive Train Control Systems [Docket No.: FRA-2019-0075, Notice No.: 2] (RIN: 2130-AC75) received July 27, 2021, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-1991. A letter from the Director, Office of National Marine Sanctuaries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Wisconsin Shipwreck Coast National Marine Sanctuary Designation [Docket No.: 210608-0125] (RIN: 0648-BG01) received July 26, 2021, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-1992. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Department's final rule — Aluminum Import Monitoring and Analysis System [Docket No.: 201014-0270] (RIN: 0625-AB18) received June 30, 2021, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

EC-1993. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting the Attorney General's Third Quarterly Report of FY 2021 on the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994, pursuant to 38 U.S.C. 4332(b)(2); Public Law 103-353, Sec. 2(a) (as added by Public Law 110-389, Sec. 312(c)); (122 Stat. 4165); jointly to the Committees on the Judiciary and Veterans' Affairs.

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 Ms. SEWELL (for herself, Ms. PELOSI, Mr. HOYER, Mr. CLYBURN, Mr. NADLER, Mr. COHEN, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. BUTTERFIELD, Mrs. BEATTY, Mr. RUIZ, Ms. CHU, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. DEUTCH, Ms. BASS, Mr. JEFFRIES, Mr. CICILLINE, Mr. SWALWELL, Mr. LIEU, Mr. RASKIN, Ms. JAYAPAL, Mrs. DEMINGS, Mr. CORREA, Ms. SCANLON, Ms. GARCIA of Texas, Mr. NEGUSE, Mrs. MCBATH, Mr. STANTON, Ms. DEAN, Ms. ESCOBAR, Mr. JONES, Ms. ROSS, Ms. BUSH, Ms. ADAMS, Mr. AGUILAR, Mr. ALLRED, Mr. AUCHINCLOSS, Mrs. AXNE, Mr. BERA, Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Ms. BONAMICI, Ms. BOURDEAUX, Mr. BOWMAN, Mr. BRENDAN F. BOYLE of Pennsylvania, Mr. BROWN, Ms. BROWNLEY, Mr. CARBAJAL, Mr. CÁRDENAS, Mr. CARSON, Mr. CARTER of Louisiana, Mr. CASTEN, Ms. CASTOR of Florida, Mr. CASTRO of Texas, Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Mr. CLEAVER, Mr. COOPER, Mr. COSTA, Mr. COURTNEY, Ms. CRAIG, Mr. CRIST, Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. DEFazio, Ms. DEGETTE, Ms. DELBENE, Mr. DELGADO, Mr. DESAULNIER, Mrs. DINGELL, Ms. ESHOO, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Mr. EVANS, Mrs. FLETCHER, Mr. FOSTER, Mr. GALLEG0, Mr. GARAMENDI, Mr. GOTTHEIMER, Mr. GREEN of Texas, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mrs. HAYES, Mr. HIMES, Mr. HORSFORD, Ms. HOULAHAN, Mr. HUFFMAN, Ms. JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. KAHELE, Mr. KILDEE, Mr. KILMER, Mr. KIM of New Jersey, Mr. KIND, Mrs. KIRKPATRICK, Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY, Ms. KUSTER, Mr. LAMB, Mr. LANGEVIN, Mr. LARSEN of Washington, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Mrs. LAWRENCE, Mr. LAWSON of Florida, Ms. LEE of California, Ms. LEGER, FERNANDEZ, Mr. LEVIN of California, Mr. LYNCH, Mr. MALINOWSKI, Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York, Mr. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY of New York, Ms. MANNING, Ms. MATSUI, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Mr. McEACHIN, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. MCNERNEY, Mr. MEEKS, Ms. MENG, Mr. MFUME, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, Mr. MORELLE, Mr. MOULTON, Mr. MRVAN, Mrs. MURPHY of Florida, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mr. NEAL, Ms. NORTON, Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ, Ms. OMAR, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. PANNETTA, Mr. PAPPAS, Mr. PASCRELL, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. PETERS, Mr. PHILLIPS, Ms. PLASKETT, Mr. POCAN, Ms. PORTER, Ms. PRESSLEY, Mr. PRICE of North Carolina, Mr. QUIGLEY, Miss RICE of New York, Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER, Mr. RUPPERSBERGER, Mr. RUSH, Ms. SÁNCHEZ, Mr. SARBANES, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. SCHNEIDER, Mr. SCHRADER, Ms. SCHRIER, Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia, Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, Mr. SHERMAN, Ms. SHERRILL, Mr. SIRES, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Ms. SPANBERGER, Ms. SPEIER, Ms. STANSBURY, Ms. STEVENS, Ms. STRICKLAND, Mr. SUOZZI, Mr. TAKANO, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Ms. TITUS, Ms. TLAI, Mrs. TORRES of California, Mr. TORRES of New York, Mr. TRONE, Ms. UNDERWOOD, Mr. VEASEY, Mr. VELA, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Ms. WASSERMAN

SCHULTZ, Ms. WATERS, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Mr. WELCH, Ms. WILD, Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia, Ms. WILSON of Florida, Mr. YARMUTH, Mr. CASE, Mr. RYAN, Ms. JACOBS of California, Mr. KHANNA, Mrs. TRAHAN, Mr. VARGAS, Mr. NORCROSS, Mr. LEVIN of Michigan, Ms. NEWMAN, Mr. HARDER of California, Mr. GOMEZ, and Mr. BEYER):

H.R. 4. A bill to amend the Voting Rights Act of 1965 to revise the criteria for determining which States and political subdivisions are subject to section 4 of the Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER (for herself, Mr. KIM of New Jersey, and Mr. EVANS):

H.R. 5040. A bill to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to reduce cost-sharing, align income and resource eligibility tests, simplify enrollment, and provide for other program improvements for low-income Medicare beneficiaries; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on 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 Ms. BOURDEAUX (for herself and Mr. CLEAVER):

H.R. 5041. A bill to amend the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 to authorize grants to assist in redeveloping abandoned shopping centers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Ms. CHENEY:

H.R. 5042. A bill to provide that section 216 of Executive Order 14008 shall have no force or effect, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committees on Agriculture, and 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. DEMINGS (for herself and Mr. LAWSON of Florida):

H.R. 5043. A bill to provide for a moratorium on evictions from and foreclosures on residences during a major disaster or emergency, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mrs. DINGELL:

H.R. 5044. A bill to extend the authorization for the MotorCities National Heritage Area in the State of Michigan, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. EMMER (for himself and Mr. SOTO):

H.R. 5045. A bill to provide a safe harbor from licensing and registration for certain non-controlling blockchain developers and providers of blockchain services; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. FEENSTRA:

H.R. 5046. A bill to amend the Chemical and Biological Weapons Control and Warfare Elimination Act of 1991 to impose sanctions against governments of foreign states that engage in an act or acts of gross negligence with respect to state owned, operated, or directed chemical or biological programs; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committees on Financial Services, and Oversight and Reform, 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. GOOD of Virginia (for himself, Ms. FOXX, Mr. OWENS, Mrs. MILLER of Illinois, Mrs. HARSHBARGER, Mr.

PERRY, Mr. DUNCAN, Mr. ALLEN, and Mr. CAWTHORN):

H.R. 5047. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 and the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to provide rules of construction that nothing in those Acts requires the use, teaching, promotion, or recommendation of any academic discipline, program, or activity that holds that the United States is a Nation founded on white supremacy and oppression, or that these forces are at the root of American society; to the Committee on Education and Labor.

By Ms. KUSTER (for herself, Ms. ADAMS, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. PANETTA, Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER, Mr. CASE, Ms. ESHOO, Mr. HUFFMAN, Ms. JACOBS of California, Ms. NEWMAN, Mr. PAPPAS, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Ms. STRICKLAND, and Mrs. TRAHAN):

H.R. 5048. A bill to amend the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 to permit States to record in writing that applicants for supplemental nutrition assistance benefits have signed an application through a recorded verbal assent over the telephone; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin:

H.R. 5049. A bill to provide incentives for States to eliminate statutes of limitation related to child sexual abuse, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin:

H.R. 5050. A bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to make various reforms to Social Security, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mrs. MURPHY of Florida:

H.R. 5051. A bill to designate the Little Wekiva River as a scenic river, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Ms. NORTON:

H.R. 5052. A bill to create a national commission to combat workplace sexual harassment, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and Labor.

By Mr. PHILLIPS (for himself and Mrs. KIM of California):

H. Con. Res. 47. Concurrent resolution supporting the designation of August 18, 2021, as "Congressional Startup Day"; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. COOPER (for himself, Mr. FLEISCHMANN, and Ms. NORTON):

H. Res. 588. A resolution honoring the bravery and legacy of the Clinton 12; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York (for herself, Ms. DEGETTE, Ms. LEE of California, Ms. PRESSLEY, Mr. NADLER, Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois, Ms. SPEIER, Ms. JACOBS of California, Ms. NORTON, Mr. CICILLINE, Mr. RASKIN, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. WELCH, Mr. TRONE, Mr. FOSTER, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Mrs. TORRES of California, Ms. STRICKLAND, Ms. CHU, Mr. CONNOLLY, Ms. MANNING, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Ms. BONAMICI, Ms. TITUS, Mr. KHANNA, Mr. VARGAS, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. BROWN, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, Ms. LOIS FRANKEL of Florida, Mr. POCAN, Mr. AUCHINCLOSS, Mr. DESAULNIER, Mr. TORRES of New York, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Ms. JAYAPAL, Ms. BROWNLEY, Ms. DELBENE, Ms. VELAZQUEZ, Mr. QUIGLEY, Mrs. FLETCHER, Mr. LIEU, Ms. DEAN, Mr. COOPER, Ms. TLAIB, Ms. CASTOR of Florida, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. JONES, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Ms. WILSON of Florida, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia, Miss RICE of New York, Ms. GARCIA of Texas,

Ms. DELAURO, Mr. SARBANES, Mrs. LAWRENCE, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Ms. OMAR, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. EVANS, Mr. KILMER, Mr. TONKO, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, Ms. SCHRIER, Mr. VEASEY, Ms. ADAMS, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mr. HUFFMAN, Mr. DEFazio, Mr. BOWMAN, Ms. BASS, Ms. MENG, and Ms. BUSH):

H. Res. 589. A resolution expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that policies governing access to medication abortion care in the United States should be equitable and based on science; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York (for herself, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. SUOZZI, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia, Ms. BARRAGAN, Ms. ADAMS, Mr. VARGAS, Mr. CARSON, Mr. DEUTCH, Mr. HIGGINS of New York, Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois, Mrs. MCBATH, Mr. TORRES of New York, Mr. LEVIN of Michigan, Mr. TONKO, Ms. SCANLON, Ms. DELAURO, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. EVANS, and Ms. NORTON):

H. Res. 590. A resolution recognizing that many Americans are not aware of the ways in which health care policy can affect every part of their lives and expressing support for the designation of the month of August as "National Health Care Awareness Month"; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mrs. TORRES of California (for herself, Mr. AGUILAR, Mr. TAKANO, Ms. MATSUI, Mr. COSTA, Mr. PANETTA, Mr. VARGAS, Mr. MCNERNEY, Mr. HUFFMAN, Ms. CHU, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Mr. GOMEZ, Ms. BASS, Ms. WATERS, Ms. BROWNLEY, Mr. CARDENAS, Mr. CORREA, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mr. LIEU, Ms. SANCHEZ, Mr. LOWENTHAL, Ms. PORTER, Ms. SPEIER, Ms. BARRAGAN, Mr. GARAMENDI, Ms. LEE of California, Mr. SWALWELL, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Mr. DESAULNIER, Mr. SCHIFF, Ms. LOFGREN, and Mr. LEVIN of California):

H. Res. 591. A resolution expressing support for the recognition of August 22 through 28, 2021, as Wildfire Preparedness Week, the national event educating the public on fire safety and preparedness, and supporting the goals of a Wildfire Preparedness Week; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. VELA:

H. Res. 592. A resolution honoring the Buffalo Soldiers who were dishonorably discharged and ultimately had their honorable service restored following events which occurred in 1906 in Brownsville, Texas; to the Committee on Armed Services, and in addition to the Committee on Education and Labor, 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.

CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY STATEMENT

Pursuant to clause 7 of rule XII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the following statements are submitted regarding the specific powers granted to Congress in the Constitution to enact the accompanying bill or joint resolution.

By Ms. SEWELL:

H.R. 4.

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

1) Section 5 of the Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution, granting Congress the authority to enact appropriate

laws to protect the civil rights of all Americans;

2) Section 2 of the Fifteenth Amendment, granting Congress the authority to protect against racial discrimination in voting; and

3) Article I, Section 4, Clause 1 of the United States Constitution, granting Congress the authority to make or alter the regulations pertaining to Federal elections.

By Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER:

H.R. 5040.

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

Article 1, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution.

By Ms. BOURDEAUX:

H.R. 5041.

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

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 1

By Ms. CHENEY:

H.R. 5042.

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

Clause 18 of Section 8 of Article I of the Constitution: [The Congress shall have Power] To make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers, and all other Powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United States, or in any Department or Officer thereof.

By Mrs. DEMINGS:

H.R. 5043.

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

This bill is enacted pursuant to the power granted to Congress under Article I, Section 8, Clause 18 of the United States Constitution.

By Mrs. DINGELL:

H.R. 5044.

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

The constitutional authority of Congress to enact this legislation is provided by Article I, section 8 of the United States Constitution.

By Mr. EMMER:

H.R. 5045.

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

Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution

By Mr. FEENSTRA:

H.R. 5046.

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

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

By Mr. GOOD of Virginia:

H.R. 5047.

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

Article 1, Section 8, Clauses 1 and 18

By Ms. KUSTER:

H.R. 5048.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 1 of the United States Constitution, the Taxing and Spending Clause: "The Congress shall have Power To lay and collect Taxes, Duties, Imposts and Excises, to pay the Debts and provide for the common Defense and general Welfare of the United States . . ."

By Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin:

H.R. 5049.

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

under Article I, Section 8, Clause 2 of the United States Constitution

By Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin:

H.R. 5050.

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

The Congress enacts this bill pursuant to Section 8 of Article I of the United States Constitution.

By Mrs. MURPHY of Florida:
H.R. 5051.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article 1, Section 6
By Ms. NORTON:
H.R. 5052.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
clause 18 of section 8 of article I of the Constitution.

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

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

H.R. 68: Mr. CASE.
H.R. 255: Ms. LOFGREN.
H.R. 467: Mr. GOTTHEIMER.
H.R. 477: Mr. YARMUTH and Mr. MALINOWSKI.
H.R. 547: Mr. VALADAO.
H.R. 1010: Ms. STRICKLAND.
H.R. 1016: Ms. VELÁZQUEZ.
H.R. 1066: Mr. CARTWRIGHT, Mr. SWALWELL, Ms. BASS, Ms. CHU, Mr. MCNERNEY, and Ms. STRICKLAND.
H.R. 1201: Ms. WEXTON.
H.R. 1330: Mr. WEBER of Texas.
H.R. 1334: Mr. SWALWELL.
H.R. 1378: Ms. ESCOBAR.
H.R. 1390: Mr. SWALWELL.
H.R. 1574: Mrs. TRAHAN.
H.R. 1592: Mr. JOHNSON of Louisiana.
H.R. 1693: Mr. TIMMONS and Mr. BLUMENAUER.
H.R. 1696: Mr. GRIJALVA, Ms. MENG, and Ms. SCHAKOWSKY.
H.R. 1776: Mr. GREEN of Tennessee and Mr. LOUDERMILK.
H.R. 1846: Ms. STANSBURY.
H.R. 2073: Mr. CARTWRIGHT, Mr. BEYER, and Mr. TONKO.
H.R. 2249: Mr. MEUSER, Ms. MACE, and Mr. LAMBORN.
H.R. 2373: Mr. AGUILAR.

H.R. 2379: Mr. BUDD.
H.R. 2415: Mr. CARBAJAL and Mr. MCNERNEY.
H.R. 2421: Mr. COMER.
H.R. 2549: Mr. DESAULNIER.
H.R. 2586: Mr. EVANS, Mr. DESAULNIER, and Mr. CARSON.
H.R. 2631: Mr. CUELLAR.
H.R. 2716: Mrs. TRAHAN.
H.R. 2721: Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, Mr. AGUILAR, and Mr. GALLEGU.
H.R. 2778: Mr. GOTTHEIMER.
H.R. 2803: Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois and Mr. LEVIN of Michigan.
H.R. 2968: Mr. PAPPAS.
H.R. 3088: Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Mrs. LAWRENCE, Ms. ESHOO, Mr. HUFFMAN, and Mr. CORREA.
H.R. 3107: Ms. TITUS.
H.R. 3113: Mr. THOMPSON of California.
H.R. 3134: Mrs. HARTZLER.
H.R. 3179: Mr. STEIL.
H.R. 3200: Ms. MANNING.
H.R. 3215: Mr. CORREA, Mr. UPTON, and Mr. SWALWELL.
H.R. 3281: Ms. SALAZAR, Mr. CLINE, Mr. CÁRDENAS, and Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio.
H.R. 3294: Mr. TRONE and Ms. STEVENS.
H.R. 3382: Mrs. MURPHY of Florida and Mr. COLE.
H.R. 3519: Mr. CICILLINE and Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER.
H.R. 3537: Mr. GRAVES of Louisiana, Mr. WALBERG, and Mr. GOOD of Virginia.
H.R. 3572: Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York.
H.R. 3648: Mr. HUFFMAN.
H.R. 3650: Mr. PRICE of North Carolina.
H.R. 3730: Mr. PAPPAS.
H.R. 3755: Mr. CORREA.
H.R. 3761: Mrs. HARTZLER.
H.R. 3959: Mr. BOWMAN.
H.R. 4131: Ms. JACKSON LEE, Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia, and Ms. ADAMS.
H.R. 4266: Mr. KELLER.
H.R. 4341: Ms. MANNING and Ms. LOIS FRANKEL of Florida.
H.R. 4390: Mr. LARSON of Connecticut.

H.R. 4395: Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia.
H.R. 4403: Mr. YARMUTH and Mr. SWALWELL.
H.R. 4413: Mr. CARTWRIGHT.
H.R. 4416: Mr. BISHOP of North Carolina and Mr. VAN DREW.
H.R. 4509: Mr. CAWTHORN and Mr. KUSTOFF.
H.R. 4585: Mr. LOUDERMILK.
H.R. 4603: Mr. FORTENBERRY.
H.R. 4615: Mr. HUFFMAN and Mr. PAPPAS.
H.R. 4714: Mr. KHANNA and Mr. AGUILAR.
H.R. 4738: Mr. SCALISE.
H.R. 4806: Mr. HILL.
H.R. 4845: Ms. TITUS, Mr. MOULTON, Mr. TAKANO, Ms. WEXTON, Ms. BROWNLEY, and Mr. GRIJALVA.
H.R. 4871: Mr. CÁRDENAS.
H.R. 4872: Mr. CLEAVER.
H.R. 4878: Mr. FITZPATRICK.
H.R. 4903: Ms. STRICKLAND.
H.R. 4965: Mr. CAWTHORN and Ms. NORTON.
H.R. 4977: Mr. FITZPATRICK.
H.R. 4980: Mr. CASE.
H.R. 4985: Mr. FITZPATRICK.
H.R. 4996: Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania and Mr. GOTTHEIMER.
H.R. 5024: Mr. STEIL.
H.R. 5033: Mr. VICENTE GONZALEZ of Texas.
H. Con. Res. 46: Ms. CHU and Mr. SMITH of Washington.
H. Res. 69: Ms. CLARKE of New York and Mr. NADLER.
H. Res. 109: Mr. RASKIN, Mr. YARMUTH, and Ms. NEWMAN.
H. Res. 240: Mr. ESPAILLAT.
H. Res. 290: Mr. BEYER.
H. Res. 352: Mrs. HARTZLER.
H. Res. 534: Mr. COURTNEY.
H. Res. 551: Mr. PAPPAS.
H. Res. 584: Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania, Mr. BISHOP of North Carolina, Mr. RUTHERFORD, and Mr. PERRY.
H. Res. 586: Mr. KILMER.
H. Res. 587: Mr. GOOD of Virginia, Mr. BERGMAN, Mrs. MILLER of Illinois, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mr. HICE of Georgia, Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana, Mr. DAVIDSON, and Mr. CLYDE.



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The Senate met at 9:30 and 11 seconds a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable GARY C. PETERS, a Senator from the State of Michigan.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

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

The Parliamentarian read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, August 17, 2021.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable GARY C. PETERS, a Senator from the State of Michigan, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
President pro tempore.

Mr. PETERS thereupon assumed the Chair as Acting President pro tempore.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL FRIDAY,
AUGUST 20, 2021, AT 9 A.M.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate stands adjourned until 9 a.m. on Friday, August 20, 2021.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 9:30 and 46 seconds a.m., adjourned until Friday, August 20, 2021, at 9 a.m.

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IN HONOR OF RAYNA LEHMAN

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 17, 2021

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Rayna Lehman as she retires from her position of community service with the San Mateo County Central Labor Council. Rayna's remarkable 39-year career at the council, and her years of work in labor before joining the central labor council, were labors of love.

It is impossible to fully describe the scope of Rayna Lehman's work in our community since she first joined us in 1970, a young woman with a cat, a guitar and a big smile. In the past 51 years, she became a union painter, led the union, served on the labor council, and filled numerous civic positions including on the San Mateo County Childcare Partnership Council, the First Five Community Steering Committee, a countywide Blue Ribbon Task Force on Healthcare to expand healthcare access, a taskforce to ensure the equitable rollout of the Affordable Care Act, the county planning commission, the state Workforce Investment Board, the countywide school to career partnership committee, and dozens of other positions of leadership leading to improvements in the health, earning power and dignity of San Mateo County residents.

From 1982 to the present, Rayna Lehman served the labor council as the first Community Services Director and Labor Liaison to the United Way Bay Area. It's been a wild ride.

The community services director is an all-encompassing title. Her efforts to fight hunger and deter evictions during recessions were lifelines for thousands. During one recession in the 2000's, Rayna created a program to re-tool union members to work in the emerging biotechnology sector. Time and again, Rayna distributed thousands of bags of groceries to unemployed workers. During the 2020 pandemic, the total reached 22,600 families. If you estimate four persons per family, that's 12 percent of the county's population.

Rayna Lehman is about success for all. She knew that in San Mateo County, both parents need to work. She helped found Palcare, a nonprofit center offering care for children from three months to five years of age 24 hours a day. Palcare focuses on meeting the special needs of workers whose schedules require very early and nighttime work. It's an extraordinary success, affordable by design, and it allows workers to know that their children are safe and offered a quality preschool education while their parents are at work. Rayna served on the board and in other leadership positions at Palcare for many years.

Equal opportunity is the promise of America and a requirement if we are to sustain our democracy. Good jobs in labor begin with apprenticeships. In fact, Rayna was the first female apprentice in Painters District Council 33. In her job with the labor council, she no-

ticed that San Mateo County's union halls were not recruiting enough women or young people from marginalized communities. Rayna began a pre-apprenticeship program that allowed students to improve their math and social skills, and to learn about safety on the job, among many subjects. The program is a wild success, always full, and a pathway to the middle class for hundreds.

In 1982, while I served on the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors, it was my honor to serve with Rayna on the first San Mateo County Advisory Council on Women, later to become the Commission on the Status of Women. The purpose of the council/commission is simple yet profound: To improve the lives of women in San Mateo County. Rayna served from 1982 to 1986 and during that time we held Feminization of Poverty hearings and made many recommendations ultimately leading to change. We also created the San Mateo County Women's Hall of Fame. In 1990, Rayna was inducted into the hall of fame she helped create.

San Mateo County is a beautiful place but in recent years a troubling undercurrent has emerged. The lack of affordable housing makes life increasingly difficult for tens of thousands. Rayna Lehman has been a strong advocate at city councils for affordable housing and for a livable minimum wage. She cannot help herself—she believes in the dignity of human beings and in the possibility of any honest and caring person to contribute greatly to our nation.

As I close these remarks, let me note the obvious: Rayna Lehman is a loving person. She loves her twin sons Patrick and Benjamin and their spouses Amanda and Kelly. She loves Bill, a truly fortunate husband. In addition, Rayna's expanded family is all of us in San Mateo County. She expresses her love by protecting and celebrating as many as possible.

Rayna is now retiring. The concrete reality of human beings fed, ennobled and celebrated is evidenced in ways large and enduring throughout our county. Farewell Rayna. If that guitar is still around, please strike a chord for justice. Truth be told, you wrote the song.

INTRODUCTION OF THE NATIONAL COMMISSION TO COMBAT WORKPLACE SEXUAL HARASSMENT ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 17, 2021

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, today, I introduce the National Commission to Combat Workplace Sexual Harassment Act to establish a national commission to examine and combat sexual harassment in the U.S. workplace.

I have modeled this bill on legislation Congress has passed to address other national

problems considered to be serious, such as gambling. The almost daily exposure of allegations of sexual harassment, including the recent allegations made against New York Governor Andrew Cuomo, more than qualifies sexual harassment for national attention and priority. This bill would create a national commission to focus on sexual harassment in major industries and workplaces throughout the United States.

Congress has adopted legislation that addresses harassment in the congressional workplace. It requires Members of the House and Senate to be personally liable for settlements and awards resulting from harassment and retaliation claims, removes mandatory counseling, mediation and "cooling off" periods for accusers that had been required, mandates publicly reporting awards and settlements and covers unpaid staff as well. These steps move in the right direction beginning where Congress should—right here in the Congress itself. However, nothing equivalent has been done for sexual harassment that affects the American people. We have largely neglected our own constituents, despite the increasing number of troubling reports in the news of sexual harassment claims.

A national commission would assure the American people that Congress takes sexual harassment affecting them—the typical worker—seriously, beyond the high-profile examples, such as allegations against Harvey Weinstein, Jeffrey Epstein, Governor Cuomo and the Congress itself, that have garnered the headlines. Most importantly, the commission would hear from a cross section of the public—from office and factory workers to retail and food service employees—whose experiences with sexual harassment have received almost no national attention. The commission could travel or invite witnesses to Washington from throughout the country to recommend changes in laws or regulations and best practices on preventing, training, investigating, responding to and penalizing sexual harassment in the private and public sectors.

Our constituents expect Congress, which represents every sector, to take on the problem of sexual harassment throughout our national economy, including private and public (Federal, state and local) workplaces. A national commission could help reach and reduce sexual harassment, a form of gender discrimination, where the average American works.

I strongly urge my colleagues to support this bill.

**HONORING THE SERVICE OF
MEGAN BARBERO**

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 17, 2021

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Madam Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize the extraordinary service of Megan Barbero, who served for more

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than two years in the House's Office of General Counsel as a Deputy General Counsel. During her tenure, Ms. Barbero played an integral role in safeguarding the legal interests of the House of Representatives and its Members, Officers, and employees in connection with federal court litigation involving issues of the highest institutional importance. Specifically, Ms. Barbero provided invaluable legal counsel and representation to numerous Committees of the House, greatly assisting them both in fulfilling their constitutionally authorized oversight functions and defending those prerogatives in litigation.

In particular, Ms. Barbero significantly contributed to the development and execution of a complex legal and litigation strategy to protect and defend the authority of the Committees on Oversight and Reform, Judiciary, Financial Services, Ways and Means, and the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence to enforce in federal court compliance with congressional subpoenas for personal and business records of the President, as well as to obtain, by compulsion, official documents and testimony from the White House and other agencies of the Executive Branch. Ms. Barbero's extensive contributions to the drafting of the written briefs and her performance at numerous oral arguments in these cases were demonstrations of the finest legal advocacy.

Additionally, Ms. Barbero provided vital legal counsel to the House regarding both presidential impeachments, and with respect to the defense of longstanding institutional prerogatives, including the House's constitutional authority under the Appropriations and Rule-making Clauses.

Ms. Barbero's work on behalf of the House has been of the highest caliber and I have no doubt that the Securities and Exchange Commission will benefit from her outstanding legal counsel. On behalf of the entire House community, I thank Ms. Barbero for her dedicated service to the House and I wish for her the very best in all of her future endeavors.

RETIREMENT OF RON MILLER

HON. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 17, 2021

Ms. SÁNCHEZ. Madam Speaker, as co-chair of the Labor Caucus, I rise today to commend Ron Miller, the Executive Secretary of Los Angeles/Orange Counties Building and Construction Trades Council, for his years of service. The Building and Construction Trades Council represents 150,000 skilled construction workers in 14 trades and 48 affiliated unions and district councils. Throughout his time with the council, Ron has helped advocate for workers and fought for education, opportunities, and jobs.

Ron, a 43-year member of the United Association and Pipe trades, rose from the rank-and-file of the building trades. He served as business representatives for UA Plumbers Local 78 and became executive secretary of the Building and Construction Trades Council in 2012. After 9 years of leading the building trades, and 43 years of working for unions, Ron retired on August 1, 2021.

As executive secretary, Ron led negotiations for billions of dollars' worth of project labor

agreements with public and private entities. Through his work, Ron helped guarantee that a skilled and trained workforce from building trades affiliated unions would be on the job. Many of the agreements that Ron worked on renew into 2025 and beyond, ensuring that his work will continue to help workers for years to come.

Ron led the building trades in fighting for change to benefit working people. Throughout his time, Ron helped the building trades in efforts to fund education, affordable housing, and mass transit. Under Ron's leadership, the Council created the nonprofit Apprenticeship Readiness Fund. This fund coordinates more than 15 grassroots programs that facilitate entry to apprenticeship and lifelong trades careers. In doing so, Ron has helped the building trades drive economic equity and guarantee that there are avenues to pass on skills to the next generation.

Although Ron has retired, I am confident that his legacy will live on in the victories that he has fought hard for and delivered on. I am so grateful for the opportunity to have worked with Ron, and I wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING THE ANDROSCOGGIN VALLEY AREA COVID-19 RESPONSE TEAM

HON. ANN M. KUSTER

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 17, 2021

Ms. KUSTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the valiant efforts of the COVID-19 Response Team of the Androscoggin Valley Area of Coos County, New Hampshire. This group was formed in the early days of the pandemic in 2020.

Recognizing that this would take an all-in effort, the team consisted of healthcare professionals, regional social service organizations, community EMTs, educational professionals, and both the state and Federal detention facilities in the area.

While working together, this group was able to rapidly assess the spread of the pandemic and quickly formulate plans to mitigate further transmission. Initially this group concentrated on testing and contact tracing for positive tests. Soon after, local hot spots were quickly determined. Their work to promote quarantine efforts helped to slow the pandemic's progress. This outreach took in local nursing homes, social services, schools, local businesses, and more.

Maintaining social distancing mandates, the team met virtually, almost daily, to assess current county and state statistics and decide on what the next steps would be; all the while waiting on the creation and release of a vaccine.

Throughout the pandemic, this multi-disciplined group of individuals has met every challenge and managed to stay ahead of every curve. While there have been recent spikes in cases, case counts remain below state and national percentages.

It is with pride and my honor to recognize this community-minded group of individuals as heroes of the COVID-19 pandemic.

HONORING OLYMPIAN MADELYN (MADDY) BERNAU OF WATERFORD

HON. BRYAN STEIL

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 17, 2021

Mr. STEIL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Madelyn (Maddy) Bernau. A native of Waterford, Wisconsin, Maddy competed for Team USA at the 2020 Olympics held this year in Tokyo. Maddy was a member of Team USA's Shooting Team and competed in the women's trap and mixed team trap shooting. At 23 years old, Maddy became the first Wisconsinite to win an Olympic trapshooting medal on July 31, 2021.

Maddy's training, skill, and strong composure helped her secure a bronze medal during the mixed trap shooting competition. Maddy and her teammate Brian Burrows were up against strong competition from the Slovakian team. The match came down to a shoot-off between the Americans and the Slovaks. A miss by the Slovaks gave Maddy the window of opportunity she needed to win the shoot-off. Seizing the opportunity, Maddy pulled the trigger and hit the target, securing the Olympic bronze medal for her team and for America.

Shooting clay targets is something Maddy has been perfecting since the age of 12. At Waterford High School, Maddy was a standout. She would go on to attend Martin Methodist College in Tennessee where she would compete in trap shooting at the collegiate level and earn a degree in biology and biomedical sciences. In June of 2018, Maddy won her first international competition as a member of the USA Shooting Team, securing a gold medal in the women's trap at the International Junior Grand Prix in Porpetto, Italy. In March of 2020, Maddy earned a spot on the U.S. Olympic trap shooting team. Her goal of representing the United States on the Olympic stage would become a reality.

Maddy represented the United States and Southeast Wisconsin with honor. She made both her country and community proud with her composure, talents, and determination. While this is her first Olympic medal, Maddy already has her sights set on the next target, the 2024 Olympics. I know southeast Wisconsin will be backing her 100%.

Maddy's hard work and determination throughout the years led to this historic success. I was proud to watch Maddy represent Wisconsin and the United States on the world stage.

On behalf of Wisconsin's First Congressional District, I would like to congratulate Maddy on her tremendous accomplishment and wish her the best of luck.

SUPPORT FOR H.R. 4, THE JOHN R. LEWIS VOTING RIGHTS ADVANCEMENT ACT

HON. TERRI A. SEWELL

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 17, 2021

Ms. SEWELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 4—the John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act. Growing up in

Selma, Alabama, under the shadow of the Edmund Pettus Bridge, the history of the Civil Rights Movement was not something I had to learn in school. The foot soldiers of the movement were not names or pictures in a history book. They were a vital and vibrant part of my community—they were my school teachers, church members and my neighbors.

The Edmund Pettus Bridge loomed large over my hometown of Selma, serving as a constant reminder, not only of Bloody Sunday, but of the national movement that ultimately led to the passage of the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

Fifty-six years later, the cause for which the foot soldiers, like our beloved colleague John Lewis, marched, bled and some died for, is now our cause too. Today, old battles have become new again as we face the most pernicious assault on the right to vote in generations. It's clear: federal oversight is urgently needed. By preventing states with a recent history of voter discrimination from restricting the right to vote, the John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act restores the full promise of our democracy and advances the legacy of those brave foot soldiers like John Lewis who dedicated their lives for the sacred right to vote.

Over eight years ago, the Supreme Court's *Shelby County v. Holder* decision gutted key provisions of the Voting Rights Act that, for decades, prevented states from enacting discriminatory and restrictive voter suppression laws. In her dissent, Justice Ginsburg wrote that "throwing out preclearance when it has worked and is continuing to work to stop discriminatory changes is like throwing away your umbrella in a rainstorm because you are not

getting wet." Justice Ginsburg was right, and over eight years later, we are drenched to the bone.

Driven by the Big Lie, state lawmakers have introduced over 400 bills in 49 states just this year that would restrict the right to vote. In 18 states, these anti-voter bills have already been signed into law. These laws are intended to allow politicians to pick and choose whose voices are heard by subjecting voters to longer lines, inaccessible polling places, strict voter ID requirements, broken voting machines, and purges of voter rolls.

Furthermore, earlier this summer, the Supreme Court weakened another essential section of the Voting Rights Act in the *Brnovich* decision by upholding Arizona's discriminatory voter restrictions intended to target Latino and other minority voters.

Let me be clear: Today our nation faces a critical juncture. As President Biden said, this represents the most significant test of our democracy since the Civil War. Without congressional action to restore and modernize the Voting Rights Act, a fundamental pillar of our great democracy will crumble.

But we have a solution. H.R. 4, the John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act will restore and modernize key provisions of the VRA which were gutted by the Supreme Court.

Most importantly, the John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act provides Federal oversight of states and political subdivisions that have a significant and recent history of voting rights violations by requiring those with a specific number of repeated violations in the preceding 25 years to receive preclearance. The bill also provides for a practice-based

preclearance coverage to target those jurisdictions that have enacted measures that have historically been used to suppress the right to vote.

Moreover, H.R. 4 clarifies Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act in response to the Supreme Court's recent *Brnovich* decision where it improperly changed congressional intent behind the standard for determining vote denial cases under the VRA. Other principal provisions of H.R. 4 include increased transparency and notice requirements for states and political subdivisions, strengthened protections for voters before certain discriminatory laws have been implemented, and expanded authority for use of federal election observers.

As a daughter of Selma and the Congresswoman who represents the Civil Rights District, I know the injustices suffered on the Edmund Pettus Bridge have not yet been fully vindicated. Progress is elusive, and every generation must fight and fight again to preserve the progress of the past and advance it. This is our generation's time to act to protect our democracy.

The need for Congress to pass the John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act has never been more urgent.

From our dear friend and colleague John Lewis, we learned of the importance of getting into necessary trouble—"good trouble." Now more than ever, it is time for Congress to act to preserve our democracy—to get into "good trouble" for the people.

I urge all my colleagues, both Democrat and Republican, to vote in favor of H.R. 4 and to restore the full protections of the Voting Rights Act.

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate met at 9:30:11 a.m. in pro forma session, and adjourned at 9:30:46 a.m. until 9 a.m., on Friday August 20, 2021.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 14 public bills, H.R. 4, 5040–5052; and 6 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 47; and H. Res. 588–592, were introduced. **Pages H4337–38**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H4339**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Beyer to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H4335**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Pastor Zack Randles, Waterfront Church, Washington, DC. **Page H4335**

Senate Referral: S. Con. Res. 14 was held at the desk. **Page H4335**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H4335.

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 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 9:33 a.m.

Committee Meetings

OVERSIGHT OF THE VOTING RIGHTS ACT: POTENTIAL LEGISLATIVE REFORMS

Committee on the Judiciary: On August 16, 2021, Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties held a hearing entitled “Oversight of the Voting Rights Act: Potential Legislative Reforms”. Testimony was heard from Kristen Clarke, Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, AUGUST 20, 2021

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9 a.m., Friday, August 20

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

3 p.m., Friday, August 20

Senate Chamber

Program for Friday: Senate will meet in a pro forma session.

House Chamber

Program for Friday: House will meet in Pro Forma session at 3 p.m.

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