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## House of Representatives

The House met at 1:30 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. MOORE of West Virginia).

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,  
February 14, 2025.

I hereby appoint the Honorable RILEY M. MOORE to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

MIKE JOHNSON,  
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

### PRAYER

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

On this day, when many take time to appreciate their loved ones and sweethearts, may we discover that when we love each other, that that love is a gift from You, O Lord. We love because You first loved us.

So whether we are on the giving or receiving end of cards, flowers, or chocolates, all three or none at all, let us take the time to appreciate the love You have shown to each of us from the beginning of our lives, a love that has enabled every one of us to receive Your gifts of forgiveness and mercy, hope and grace.

From this deep well of love we have from You, may we draw cups of compassion for one another. May we offer rich appreciation for those with whom You have surrounded us, and may we share in the blessings we receive from Your hand with all who need to feel the tenderness of Your embrace.

For You, O God, have loved us with an everlasting love. You are the source of unfailing kindness that draws us toward You.

Sure of Your love this day, we pray in the joy of Your name.

Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 13 of rule I, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The SPEAKER pro tempore led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### COMMUNICATION FROM THE DEMOCRATIC LEADER

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

FEBRUARY 13, 2025.

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

DEAR SPEAKER JOHNSON: Pursuant to Section 2(b)(4) of P.L. 117-140, I am pleased to appoint the following members to the Commission to Study the Potential Creation of a National Museum of Asian Pacific History and Culture:

Mr. Dennis Cheng of New York, New York  
Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

HAKEEM JEFFRIES,  
Democratic Leader.

### COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

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

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, February 13, 2025.

Hon. MIKE JOHNSON,  
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 February 13, 2025, at 4:29 p.m.:

That the Senate passed S. 146.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely,

KEVIN F. MCCUMBER,  
Clerk.

### ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 13 of rule I, the House stands adjourned until 1 p.m. on Tuesday, February 18, 2025.

Thereupon (at 1 o'clock and 46 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Tuesday, February 18, 2025, at 1 p.m.

### 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. GOSAR (for himself, Mr. AMODEI of Nevada, Mr. HAMADEH of Arizona, Mr. KENNEDY of Utah, Ms. LEE of Nevada, Ms. MALOY, Mr. MOORE of Utah, Mr. OWENS, and Ms. TITUS):

H.R. 1362. A bill to amend the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act to include certain communities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina (for himself, Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania, and Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia):

H.R. 1363. A bill to amend title 36, United States Code, to designate the Honor and Remember Flag created by Honor and Remember, Inc., as an official symbol to recognize and honor members of the Armed Forces who died in the line of duty, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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

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By Mr. BARRETT (for himself and Ms. GOODLANDER):

H.R. 1364. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide clarification regarding the inclusion of medically necessary automobile adaptations in Department of Veterans Affairs definition of "medical services"; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. WEBSTER of Florida:

H.R. 1365. A bill to amend the Research and Development, Competition, and Innovation Act to place certain restrictions on members and activities of the Foundation for Energy Security and Innovation of the Department of Energy, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

By Mr. AMODEI of Nevada (for himself and Mr. HORSFORD):

H.R. 1366. A bill to provide for the location of multiple hardrock mining mill sites, to establish the Abandoned Hardrock Mine Fund, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. ARRINGTON (for himself, Mr. ESTES, Ms. VAN DUYN, Mr. ELLZEY, Mr. SMITH of Nebraska, Mr. FEENSTRA, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mr. YAKYM, Mr. MORAN, Mr. PALMER, Ms. TENNEY, and Ms. FEDORCHAK):

H.R. 1367. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the credit for new clean vehicles, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. BEGICH (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY of Utah, and Mr. WHITESIDES):

H.R. 1368. A bill to provide for Department of Energy and National Aeronautics and Space Administration research and development coordination, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

By Mr. BISHOP (for himself, Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia, Mr. NORCROSS, Mrs. MCBATH, Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia, Mr. CARTER of Georgia, Mr. JACK, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. DOGETT, Ms. NORTON, Ms. WILSON of Florida, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, Mr. KHANNA, and Mr. CLEAVER):

H.R. 1369. A bill to award posthumously a Congressional Gold Medal to former President Jimmy Carter in recognition of his service to the Nation; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. BRECHEEN (for himself, Mr. NORMAN, and Mr. DONALDS):

H.R. 1370. A bill to transfer unobligated funds from the United States Agency for International Development to the Disaster Relief Fund; to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Ms. BUDZINSKI (for herself and Mr. JOYCE of Ohio):

H.R. 1371. A bill to redesignate the third Monday in February as Presidents' Day, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Mr. BURCHETT (for himself, Mr. GREEN of Tennessee, Mr. FLEISCHMANN, Mr. ROSE, Mr. COHEN, Mrs. HARSHBARGER, Mr. OGLES, Mr. DESJARLAIS, and Mr. KUSTOFF):

H.R. 1372. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 300 Macedonia Lane in Knoxville, Tennessee, as the "Reverend Harold Middlebrook Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Mr. BURCHETT (for himself and Mr. COHEN):

H.R. 1373. A bill to require certain meetings of the Tennessee Valley Authority to be transparent and open to the public, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. CARTER of Louisiana (for himself, Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana, and Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi):

H.R. 1374. A bill to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to make improvements to the Securing the Cities program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security.

By Ms. CASTOR of Florida:

H.R. 1375. A bill to amend the Small Business Act with respect to the maximum additional loan amount for certain disaster loans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business.

By Mr. COSTA (for himself, Mr. ALFORD, Mr. RILEY of New York, Mr. STAUBER, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. FINSTAD, Ms. HOULAHAN, Mr. FEENSTRA, and Mr. WOMACK):

H.R. 1376. A bill to amend the Animal Health Protection Act to provide compensation for poultry growers and layers in control areas, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina (for himself, Ms. ADAMS, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. LYNCH, and Ms. ROSS):

H.R. 1377. A bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to Sarah Keys Evans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. ESTES (for himself and Ms. PLASKETT):

H.R. 1378. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the temporary increase in limitation on the cover over of distilled spirits taxes to Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. FRY (for himself, Mr. LIEU, Mrs. WAGNER, and Mr. GARCIA of California):

H.R. 1379. A bill to provide for the vacating of certain convictions and expungement of certain arrests of victims of human trafficking; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. GOTTHEIMER:

H.R. 1380. A bill to amend the Packers and Stockyards Act, 1921, to establish the Office of the Special Investigator for Competition Matters, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mrs. HOUCHIN (for herself and Mr. RULLI):

H.R. 1381. A bill to prohibit Federal funds from being made available to entities that refuse to provide treatment based on COVID19 vaccination status; 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 Mr. HUFFMAN (for himself, Mr. MULLIN, and Mr. PANETTA):

H.R. 1382. A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act with respect to San Francisco Bay restoration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. LAMALFA (for himself, Mr. NEGUSE, Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania, Ms. HOYLE of Oregon, Ms. PEREZ, Mr. BENTZ, and Mr. ZINKE):

H.R. 1383. A bill to extend the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000; to the Committee on Agriculture, and in addition to the Committee on Natural Resources, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. MAST:

H.R. 1384. A bill to authorize Department of Veterans Affairs health care providers to provide recommendations and opinions to

veterans regarding participation in State marijuana programs; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mrs. MILLER of West Virginia (for herself and Mr. PANETTA):

H.R. 1385. A bill to require the Secretary of State, in consultation with the Secretary of Defense, to develop a strategy to increase membership in the Comprehensive Security Integration and Prosperity Agreement, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. MILLS (for himself and Mr. MCCAUL):

H.R. 1386. A bill to establish a Department of State Domestic Protection Mission relating to unmanned aircraft system and unmanned aircraft; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure, the Judiciary, and Energy and Commerce, 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. NORMAN (for himself, Mr. WEBER of Texas, and Mr. SELF):

H.R. 1387. A bill to require the disclosure of information relating to the cost of programs, projects, or activities carried out using Federal funds; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Mr. NORMAN (for himself, Mr. GROTHMAN, Mr. WEBER of Texas, and Mr. SELF):

H.R. 1388. A bill to amend the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974 to provide for fair-value credit estimates, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Budget, and in addition to the Committee on Rules, 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. PANETTA (for himself, Ms. LOFGREN, Ms. NORTON, Mr. GARCIA of California, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Ms. PRESSLEY, and Mr. NADLER):

H.R. 1389. A bill to secure the rights and dignity of marriage for Disabled Adult Children, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, 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. PETERS (for himself, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. VARGAS, Mr. ISSA, and Ms. JACOBS):

H.R. 1390. A bill to modify permitting requirements with respect to the discharge of any pollutant from the Point Loma Wastewater Treatment Plant in certain circumstances, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mrs. RAMIREZ (for herself, Mr. TAKANO, Mr. LEVIN, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Ms. BUDZINSKI, Mr. GARCIA of Illinois, Mr. FROST, and Mr. GRIJALVA):

H.R. 1391. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide restoration of entitlement to educational assistance to individuals defrauded by educational institutions receiving payment on behalf of such individuals under the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and to provide repayment of funds to the Secretary from such educational institutions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Ms. SHERRILL:

H.R. 1392. A bill to provide funding to the Bureau of Prisons, States, and localities to carry out mental health screenings and provide referrals to mental healthcare providers

for individuals in prison or jail; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. STANTON (for himself and Mr. LAMALFA):

H.R. 1393. A bill to direct the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to conduct a review of the criteria for evaluating the cost-effectiveness of certain mitigation projects, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. STEIL (for himself and Mr. COSTA):

H.R. 1394. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to define the term natural cheese; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Ms. TENNEY:

H.R. 1395. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to designate Trump's Birthday and Flag Day as a legal public holiday; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Ms. TENNEY:

H.R. 1396. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to establish the generic drugs and biosimilars production credit, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. BACON:

H. Con. Res. 13. Concurrent resolution providing that George Washington's "Farewell Address" shall be read at the beginning of each Congress; to the Committee on Rules.

By Mr. DONALDS (for himself, Mr. CARSON, Mr. HORSFORD, Mr. HUNT, and Mr. OWENS):

H. Res. 137. A resolution designating the House Press Gallery, Rooms H-315, H-316, H-317, H-318, and H-319 in the United States Capitol, as the "Frederick Douglass Press Gallery"; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. MAST:

H. Res. 138. A resolution providing amounts for the expenses of the Committee on Foreign Affairs in the One Hundred Nineteenth Congress; to the Committee on House Administration.

By Ms. TENNEY (for herself, Mr. GOTTHEIMER, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mr. LAMALFA, and Mr. WILSON of South Carolina):

H. Res. 139. A resolution calling on the United Kingdom, France, and Germany (E3) to initiate the snapback of sanctions on Iran under United Nations Security Council Resolution 2231 (2015); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. WALBERG (for himself and Mr. SCOTT of Virginia):

H. Res. 140. A resolution providing amounts for the expenses of the Committee on Education and Workforce in the One Hundred Nineteenth Congress; to the Committee on House Administration.

By Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas (for himself and Ms. VELÁZQUEZ):

H. Res. 141. A resolution providing amounts for the expenses of the Committee on Small Business in the One Hundred Nineteenth Congress; to the Committee on House Administration.

## 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 Mr. GOSAR:

H.R. 1362.

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

Article I, Section 8

By Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina:

H.R. 1363.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 18.

By Mr. BARRETT:

H.R. 1364.

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

Article I, Section 8

By Mr. WEBSTER of Florida:

H.R. 1365.

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

Article I, Section 8

By Mr. AMODEI of Nevada:

H.R. 1366.

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

The constitutional authority on which this bill rests is the power of Congress to make all rules and regulations respecting property belonging to the United States under Article IV, Section 3, Clause 2.

By Mr. ARRINGTON:

H.R. 1367.

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

Article I Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution

By Mr. BEGICH:

H.R. 1368.

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

Among other powers, those vested in Congress pursuant to Article I, Section 8 to: Provide for the common defense and general welfare of the United States; Regulate commerce, and Make all laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying Into execution Congress's other powers as provided under that Article.

By Mr. BISHOP:

H.R. 1369.

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

U.S. Const. art. 1, § 8, cls. 1, 3, 5, 13, 18

By Mr. BRECHEEN:

H.R. 1370.

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

Article I, Section 8.

By Ms. BUDZINSKI:

H.R. 1371.

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

Article 1 Section 8

By Mr. BURCHETT:

H.R. 1372.

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

Article 1, Section 8

By Mr. BURCHETT:

H.R. 1373.

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

Article 1, Section 8

By Mr. CARTER of Louisiana:

H.R. 1374.

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

Article 1, section 8

By Ms. CASTOR of Florida:

H.R. 1375.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 1 of the Constitution provides Congress with the authority to "provide for the common Defense and general Welfare" of Americans.

By Mr. COSTA:

H.R. 1376.

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 3 of the United States Constitution.

By Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina:

H.R. 1377.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 18.

By Mr. ESTES:

H.R. 1378.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 1: The Congress shall have Power To lay and collect Taxes, Duties, Imposts and Excises, to pay the Debts and provide for the common Defence and general Welfare of the United States; but all Duties, Imposts and Excises shall be uniform throughout the United States;

By Mr. FRY:

H.R. 1379.

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

Article 1, Section 8 of the US Constitution

By Mr. GOTTHEIMER:

H.R. 1380.

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

Article I Section 8

By Mrs. HOUCHIN:

H.R. 1381.

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

Article 1 Section 8

By Mr. HUFFMAN:

H.R. 1382.

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

Article 1, Section 8

By Mr. LAMALFA:

H.R. 1383.

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

Article I, Section 8

By Mr. MAST:

H.R. 1384.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 1

By Mrs. MILLER of West Virginia:

H.R. 1385.

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

Article I, Section 8

By Mr. MILLS:

H.R. 1386.

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

Article I, Section 8

By Mr. NORMAN:

H.R. 1387.

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

To require the disclosure of information related to the cost of programs, projects, or activities carried out using federal funds.

By Mr. NORMAN:

H.R. 1388.

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

To ammend the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974 to provide for fair-value credit estimates, and for other purposes.

By Mr. PANETTA:

H.R. 1389.

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

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 18

By Mr. PETERS:

H.R. 1390.

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

Article 1, Section 8

By Mrs. RAMIREZ:

H.R. 1391.

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

Article 1, Section 8 of the Constitution of the United States

By Ms. SHERRILL:

H.R. 1392.