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Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, February 24, 2025, at 12 p.m.

House of Representatives

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2025

The House met at 3:30 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Ms. HAGEMAN).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
February 21, 2025.

I hereby appoint the Honorable HARRIET M. HAGEMAN 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:

Sovereign God, as we stand on the eve of the third anniversary of the unprovoked attack on Ukraine, we realize that only our faith in You and in Your provisions will lay the foundation for the future of the Ukrainian people. Those who trust in You cannot be shaken. Your faithfulness will endure forever and through all hardship.

Now and forever, surrender Your people so that the advance of the wicked will not overtake the entitlements of the righteous. Prevent the righteous from being swayed to use their might to do evil in return.

Lord, do good to those who do good. Grant Your favor to those who are upright in heart. Preserve those who have leaned on You for their survival and

praised You for Your presence in their lives.

May all who have endured these years of violence and deprivation soon receive Your peace and provision.

In the power of Your name, we pray. 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 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 20, 2025.

The Hon. MIKE JOHNSON,
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 Representa-

tives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on February 20, 2025, at 1:35 p.m.:

That the Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 11. 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 noon on Monday, February 24, 2025, for morning-hour debate and 2 p.m. for legislative business.

Thereupon (at 3 o'clock and 33 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Monday, February 24, 2025, at noon for morning-hour debate.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

EC-441. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Delay of Effective Date for 2 Final Regulations Published by the Environmental Protection Agency between December 11, 2024, and January 6, 2025 [FRL-12583.1-02-OA] received February 4, 2025, 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-442. A letter from the President of the United States, transmitting a notification that the national emergency with respect to Libya, that was declared in Executive Order

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

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