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## House of Representatives

The House met at noon and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. JACK).

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,  
March 18, 2025.

I hereby appoint the Honorable BRIAN JACK 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:

In You, O Lord, do we take refuge. Though our enemies arm themselves to wage war against the righteous, we find our assurance in knowing that You, O Lord, remain on Your throne, fully aware of and supreme over all that seeks to overwhelm us.

Lord, You test both the righteous and the wicked. May we withstand Your examination and be found in the right. May our behavior stand in stark contrast to that of the wicked, whose souls love violence, and may the evildoers receive their due. May the devastation they seek be the portion of their own cup.

You, O Lord, are righteous, and You love righteous deeds. May we live our lives in anticipation that the upright shall behold Your face.

In Your eternal 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, March 14, 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 March 14, 2025, at 6:24 p.m.:

That the Senate passed S. 331.  
That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 1968.

With best wishes, I am,  
Sincerely,

KEVIN F. MCCUMBER,  
Clerk.

### 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, March 17, 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 March 17, 2025, at 1:00 p.m.:

That the Senate passed S. 1077.  
That the Senate agreed to without amendment H. Con. Res. 17.

With best wishes, I am,  
Sincerely,

KEVIN F. MCCUMBER,  
Clerk.

### ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Kevin F. McCumber, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly an enrolled bill of the House of the following title, which was thereupon signed by the Speaker on Friday, March 14th, 2025:

H.R. 1968. An act making further continuing appropriations and other extensions for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2025, and for other purposes.

### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 4 of rule I, the following enrolled bills were signed by the Speaker on Friday, March 14, 2025:

H.R. 1968, making further continuing appropriations and other extensions for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2025, and for other purposes.

### ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 13 of rule I, the House stands adjourned until 4 p.m. on Friday, March 21, 2025.

Thereupon (at 12 o'clock and 3 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Friday, March 21, 2025, at 4 p.m.

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

Matter set in this typeface indicates words inserted or appended, rather than spoken, by a Member of the House on the floor.



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EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS,  
ETC.

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

EC-555. A letter from the President, transmitting initial rescissions of harmful Executive Orders and Actions, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1621(a); Public Law 94-412, Sec. 201(a); (90 Stat. 1255) and 50 U.S.C. 1703(b); Public Law 95-223, Sec. 204(b); (91 Stat. 1627) (H. Doc. No. 119-28); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed.

EC-556. A letter from the President, transmitting initial rescissions of harmful Executive Orders and Actions, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1621(a); Public Law 94-412, Sec. 201(a); (90 Stat. 1255) and 50 U.S.C. 1703(b); Public Law 95-223, Sec. 204(b); (91 Stat. 1627) (H. Doc. No. 119-29); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed.

EC-557. A letter from the Chairman of the Board, Chairman of Audit Committee, Farm Credit System Insurance Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's report to the President addressing the requirements of the Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

EC-558. A letter from the Secretary and Treasurer, Resolution Funding Corporation, transmitting the 2024 management reports of the Resolution Funding Corporation, pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1441b(i)(3); July 22, 1932, ch. 522, Sec. 21B (as amended by Public Law 102-233, Sec. 302(b)); (105 Stat. 1767); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

EC-559. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting notification of the online release of the four most recent reports summarizing the activities of the International Terrorism Victim Expense Reimbursement Program for the period Fiscal Years 2020 — 2023, pursuant to 34 U.S.C. 20106(c); Public Law 98-473, Sec. 1404C(c) (as added by Public Law 106-386, Sec. 2003(c)(1)); (114 Stat. 1545); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-560. A letter from the President, transmitting an amendment to duties to address the flow of illicit drugs across our northern border, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1641(b); Public Law 94-412, Sec. 401(b); (90 Stat. 1257) and 50 U.S.C. 1703(b); Public Law 95-223, Sec. 204(b); (91 Stat. 1627) (H. Doc. No. 119-26); jointly to the Committees on Foreign Affairs and Ways and Means, and ordered to be printed.

EC-561. A letter from the President, transmitting an amendment to duties to address the flow of illicit drugs across our southern border, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1641(b); Public Law 94-412, Sec. 401(b); (90 Stat. 1257) and 50 U.S.C. 1703(b); Public Law 95-223, Sec. 204(b); (91 Stat. 1627) (H. Doc. No. 119-27); jointly to the Committees on Foreign Affairs and Ways and Means, and ordered to be printed.

EC-562. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting a notification that Executive Order 13224 was amended by Executive Order 14157 of January 20, 2025, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1703(b); Public Law 95-223, Sec. 204(b); (91 Stat. 1627) (H. Doc. No. 119-30); jointly to the Committees on Foreign Affairs and the Judiciary, and ordered to be printed.

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. STELL: Committee on House Administration. House Resolution 198. Resolution providing for the expenses of certain committees of the House of Representatives in the One Hundred Nineteenth Congress; with an amendment (Rept. 119-17). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. SMITH of Missouri: Committee on Ways and Means. House Resolution 127. Resolution of inquiry requesting the President and directing the Secretary of the Treasury to transmit, respectively, certain documents to the House of Representatives relating to the Department of Government Efficiency's access to the Treasury payment systems and confidential taxpayer information, adversely (Rept. 119-18). Referred to the House Calendar.

## 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. BARRETT (for himself and Mr. MEKKS):

H.R. 2169. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide that Martin Luther King, Jr. Day shall be observed separately from Inauguration Day, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Mr. SMITH of New Jersey (for himself, Mr. NORCROSS, Mr. VAN DREW, Mr. CONAWAY, Mr. GOTTHEIMER, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. KEAN, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. POU, Mrs. MCIVER, Ms. SHERRILL, and Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN):

H.R. 2170. A bill to name the Department of Veterans Affairs community-based outpatient clinic in Toms River, New Jersey, the Leonard G. 'Bud' Lomell, VA Clinic, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. BALDERSON (for himself and Ms. LEE of Nevada):

H.R. 2171. A bill to improve Federal coordination with respect to spectrum management, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. BUCHANAN (for himself, Mrs. DINGELL, Mrs. HARSHBARGER, and Ms. SEWELL):

H.R. 2172. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to clarify congressional intent and preserve patient access to home infusion therapy under the Medicare program, and for other purposes; 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. BUDZINSKI (for herself and Mr. GARBARINO):

H.R. 2173. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow for deductions for the performance of certain services by a taxpayer, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. BURLISON (for himself, Mrs. MILLER of Illinois, and Ms. MACE):

H.R. 2174. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide that agencies may not deduct labor organization dues from the pay of Federal employees, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Mr. CARBAJAL:

H.R. 2175. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 130 South Patterson Avenue in Santa Barbara, California, as the "Brigadier General Frederick R. Lopez Post Office Building"; to

the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Mr. CASE (for himself and Mr. HUFFMAN):

H.R. 2176. A bill to prohibit certain actions with respect to certain marine reef species, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, and 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. CASTEN:

H.R. 2177. A bill to amend the Clean Air Act to establish a tradeable energy performance standard for large electricity generators and thermal energy users, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. COHEN (for himself, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. CLEAVER, and Ms. NORTON):

H.R. 2178. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services to carry out a program of research related to cerebral palsy, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. COHEN (for himself and Mr. GOLDMAN of New York):

H.R. 2179. A bill to prohibit certain assistance to Russia and related actions with respect to Russia; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. CONNOLLY:

H.R. 2180. A bill to authorize Inspectors General to continue operations during a lapse in appropriations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Mr. CONNOLLY (for himself, Ms. NORTON, Mr. LYNCH, Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY, Mr. KHANNA, Mr. MFUME, Ms. BROWN, Ms. STANSBURY, Mr. GARCIA of California, Mr. FROST, Ms. LEE of Pennsylvania, Mr. CASAR, Ms. CROCKETT, Ms. RANDALL, Mr. SUBRAMANYAM, Ms. ANSARI, Mr. BELL, Ms. SIMON, Mr. MIN, Ms. PRESSLEY, and Ms. TLAIB):

H.R. 2181. A bill to amend chapter 4 of title 5, United States Code, to establish a for-cause removal standard for Inspectors General, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Mr. DONALDS (for himself, Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina, and Mr. NEHLS):

H.R. 2182. A bill to direct the Secretary of Transportation to establish an apprenticeship program for students at flight training providers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. EMMER:

H.R. 2183. A bill to amend the Consumer Financial Protection Act of 2010 to update the purpose of the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. EMMER (for himself, Mr. BEAN of Florida, Mr. BIGGS of Arizona, Mr. BOST, Mr. CARTER of Georgia, Mr. COLLINS, Mr. DONALDS, Mr. ESTES, Mr. FINSTAD, Mr. FLEISCHMANN, Mr. GOSAR, Mr. NORMAN, Ms. TENNEY, Mr. TIMMONS, and Mr. RESCIENTHALER):

H.R. 2184. A bill to enforce the requirement that the National Instant Criminal Background Check System make a final disposition of requests to correct its records within 60 days, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. ESPAILLAT (for himself, Ms. BARRAGAN, Mr. FROST, and Mr. FITZPATRICK):