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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. SMITH of Nebraska).

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,  
April 17, 2025.

I hereby appoint the Honorable ADRIAN SMITH to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

MIKE JOHNSON,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

### PRAYER

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

Awesome, Almighty God, we come before You on this Thursday of Holy Week, remembering the circumstances of this day 2,000 years ago.

Facing the agony of the cross, while sweating drops of blood in the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus prayed, "Father, if You are willing, take this cup from Me, yet not My will but Yours be done."

Not wanting to suffer, but knowing what His suffering would produce, Jesus loved us enough to stay in the garden and later go to the cross.

God, on that day, You truly showed us what it means to be selfless, to put the needs of others above our own. Help us to live our lives in service to You, O God, and in service to our fellow man, in our country, in our offices, and in our homes, even when it inconveniences us.

May we seek greatness through servanthood as Jesus did. It is in His mighty name that I 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, April 14, 2025.

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 Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on April 14, 2025, at 2:55 p.m.:

That the Senate agreed to without amendment H. Con. Res. 22.

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, April 15, 2025.

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 Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on April 15, 2025, at 1:05 p.m.:

That the Senate agreed to Relative to the death of George Foreman of Houston, Texas S. Res. 178.

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, April 21, 2025.

Thereupon (at 9 o'clock and 33 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Monday, April 21, 2025, at noon.

### EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

EC-737. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting a letter authorizing 12 officers to wear the insignia of the grade of brigadier general or major general, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 777(b)(3)(B); Public Law 104-106, Sec. 503(a)(1) (as added by Public Law 108-136, Sec. 509(a)(3)); (117 Stat. 1458); to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-738. A letter from the Acting President and Chair, Board of Directors, Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting the Bank's Annual Report for FY 2024, pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 635g(a); July 31, 1945, ch. 341, Sec. 8(a) (as amended by Public Law 93-646, Sec. 10); (88 Stat. 2336); to the Committee on Financial Services.

□ 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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EC-739. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting notification of the continuation of the national emergency and of the emergency authority relating to the regulation of the anchorage and movement of Russian-affiliated vessels to United States ports, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1622(d); Public Law 94-412, Sec. 202(d); (90 Stat. 1255) (H. Doc. No. 119—42); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed.

EC-740. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting notification to Congress of the intent to designate Richard Smith as Acting Inspector General of the Department of Education, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 403 note; Added by Public Law 117-263, Sec. 5203(a); (136 Stat. 3229) (H. Doc. No. 119—43); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform and ordered to be printed.

EC-741. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Information Policy, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting the Department's FY 2024 Freedom of Information Act Litigation and Compliance Report, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552(a)(4)(F)(ii)(II); Public Law 89-554, Sec. 5(ii)(II) (as added by Public Law 110-175, Sec. 5); (121 Stat. 2526); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

EC-742. A letter from the EEO Programs Director, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting the Board's FY 2024 No FEAR Act report, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 2301 note; Public Law 107-174, Sec. 203(a) (as amended by Public Law 109-435, Sec. 604(f)); (120 Stat. 3241); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

EC-743. A letter from the Senior Advisor, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Agency for Toxic Substances and Registry, 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 Government Reform.

EC-744. A letter from the Acting Director, Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency, transmitting the Agency's No FEAR Act report for FY 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 2301 note; Public Law 107-174, Sec. 203(a) (as amended by Public Law 109-435, Sec. 604(f)); (120 Stat. 3241); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

EC-745. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Civil Rights, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Department's 2024 No FEAR Act Report, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 2301 note; Public Law 107-174, Sec. 203(a) (as amended by Public Law 109-435, Sec. 604(f)); (120 Stat. 3241); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

EC-746. A letter from the Associate General Counsel for General Law, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting two notifications of 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 Government Reform.

EC-747. A letter from the Trial Attorney, Office of Legislative Affairs, Justice Management Division, Department of Justice, transmitting the Department's FY 2024 No FEAR Act report, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 2301 note; Public Law 107-174, Sec. 203(a) (as amended by Public Law 109-435, Sec. 604(f)); (120 Stat. 3241); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

EC-748. A letter from the Staff Director, Federal Election Commission, transmitting the Commission's FY 2024 No FEAR Act report, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 2301 note; Public Law 107-174, Sec. 203(a) (as amended by Public Law 109-435, Sec. 604(f)); (120 Stat. 3241); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

EC-749. A letter from the Chairman, Federal Labor Relations Authority, transmitting the Authority's FY 2024 No FEAR Act report, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 2301 note; Public Law 107-174, Sec. 203(a) (as amended by Public Law 109-435, Sec. 604(f)); (120 Stat. 3241); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

EC-750. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of the Director, Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, transmitting the Service's No FEAR Act report for FY 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 2301 note; Public Law 107-174, Sec. 203(a) (as amended by Public Law 109-435, Sec. 604(f)); (120 Stat. 3241); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

EC-751. A letter from the Acting Administrator, General Services Administration, transmitting the Administration's No FEAR Act report for FY 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 2301 note; Public Law 107-174, Sec. 203(a) (as amended by Public Law 109-435, Sec. 604(f)); (120 Stat. 3241); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

EC-752. A letter from the Director, National Archives and Records Administration, transmitting the Archives' Fiscal Year 2024 No FEAR Act report, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 2301 note; Public Law 107-174, Sec. 203(a) (as amended by Public Law 109-435, Sec. 604(f)); (120 Stat. 3241); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

EC-753. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting the Office's Calendar Year 2022 Federal Student Loan Repayment Program Report, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 5379(h)(2); Public Law 101-510, Sec. 1206(b)(1) (as added by Public Law 106-398, Sec. 1122(a)); (114 Stat. 1654A-316); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

EC-754. A letter from the Chief Executive Officer, Peace Corps, transmitting the Corp's No FEAR Act report for FY 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 2301 note; Public Law 107-174, Sec. 203(a) (as amended by Public Law 109-435, Sec. 604(f)); (120 Stat. 3241); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

EC-755. A letter from the Chairman, Surface Transportation Board, transmitting the Board's FY 2024 No Fear Act report, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 2301 note; Public Law 107-174, Sec. 203(a) (as amended by Public Law 109-435, Sec. 604(f)); (120 Stat. 3241); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

EC-756. A letter from the Executive Director, U.S. Access Board, transmitting the Board's FY 2024 No FEAR Act Report, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 2301 note; Public Law 107-174, Sec. 203(a) (as amended by Public Law 109-435, Sec. 604(f)); (120 Stat. 3241); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

EC-757. A letter from the General Counsel, U.S. Government Accountability Office, transmitting the Office's FY 2024 No FEAR Act Report, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 2301 note; Public Law 107-174, Sec. 203(a) (as amended by Public Law 109-435, Sec. 604(f)); (120 Stat. 3241); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

EC-758. A letter from the Board of Trustees, National Railroad Retirement Investment Trust, transmitting the Trust's Annual Management Report for FY 2024, pursuant to 45 U.S.C. 231n(j)(5)(E)(ii); Aug. 29, 1935, ch. 812, Sec. 15 (as amended by Public Law 107-90, Sec. 105); (115 Stat. 886); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. WESTERMAN: Committee on Natural Resources. H.R. 331. A bill to amend the Aquifer Recharge Flexibility Act to clarify a provision relating to conveyances for aquifer recharge purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 119-60). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. WESTERMAN: Committee on Natural Resources. H.R. 1001. A bill to provide for a memorandum of understanding to address the impacts of a certain record of decision on the Upper Colorado River Basin Fund (Rept. 119-61). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. WESTERMAN: Committee on Natural Resources. H.R. 249. A bill to redesignate certain facilities at Paterson Great Falls National Historical Park in honor of Congressman Bill Pascrell, Jr (Rept. 119-62). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

## PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions of the following titles were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. CRAWFORD (for himself and Mr. CARBAJAL):

H.R. 2920. A bill to amend title 23, United States Code, to establish an axle weight variance for certain commercial motor vehicles transporting dry bulk goods, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. BACON (for himself and Mr. NORCROSS):

H.R. 2921. A bill to require the Secretary of Defense to provide to firefighters of the Department of Defense medical testing and related services to detect and prevent certain cancers; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. BACON (for himself, Mr. VAN DREW, Ms. MATSUI, and Ms. SCANLON):

H.R. 2922. A bill to provide authorization for nonpecuniary damages in an action resulting from a cruise ship voyage occurring on the high seas; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BALDERSON (for himself and Mr. PFLUGER):

H.R. 2923. A bill to nullify certain inter-agency guidance related to climate-related financial risk management for large financial institutions; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. BARR:

H.R. 2924. A bill to authorize the Secretary of State to discontinue granting visas to nationals of countries failing to meet their North Atlantic Treaty Organization obligations to spend at least 2 percent of its gross domestic product on national defense, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BEAN of Florida (for himself, Mr. RUTHERFORD, Mr. BUCHANAN, Mr. GARAMENDI, and Ms. TOKUDA):

H.R. 2925. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the exemption from the excise tax on alternative motorboat fuels sold as supplies for vessels or aircraft to include certain vessels serving only one coast; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. CARTER of Georgia:

H.R. 2926. A bill to establish the National Energy Dominance Council, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Armed Services, Foreign Affairs, and Intelligence (Permanent Select), for a period

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk