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## House of Representatives

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

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,  
January 24, 2025.

I hereby appoint the Honorable MIKE COLLINS to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

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

### PRAYER

Dr. Benny Tate, Rock Springs Church, Milner, Georgia, offered the following prayer:

Our most kind and gracious Heavenly Father, I simply want to begin by thanking You for this wonderful opportunity to pray in this sacred place.

Lord, as we come before You today, we thank You for Your faithfulness to our Nation for almost 250 years. The Scripture teaches us blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord.

God, I thank You for Your presence, preservation, and protection throughout these many years. May we always remember that righteousness exalteth a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people.

The nation that is a city upon a hill is truly salt and light to the world, making whatsoever and whosoever around them better and brighter.

Lord, our only hope is You. May everyone serving and every Member under this Capitol dome heed the words of President Abraham Lincoln who simply prayed and said:

I have been driven many times upon my knees by the overwhelming conviction that I had nowhere else to go. My own wisdom and that of all about me seemed insufficient for that day.

Our only hope, God, is through the power of Your spirit. Only there can our land be healed.

We love You, we exalt You, we praise You, and we pray this prayer certainly respecting all faiths, but we pray this prayer this morning in the name above every name, and that is the name of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, the lamb of glory.  
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.

### APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE HOUSE DEMOCRACY PARTNERSHIP

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces the Speaker's appointment, pursuant to section 4(b) of House Resolution 5, One Hundred Nineteenth Congress, and the order of the House of January 3, 2025, of the following Members to the House Democracy Partnership:

Mr. BUCHANAN, Florida, Chair  
Mr. SMITH, Nebraska  
Mr. LAHOOD, Illinois  
Mr. DUNN, Florida  
Mr. FITZPATRICK, Pennsylvania  
Mr. HERN, Oklahoma  
Ms. TENNEY, New York  
Mrs. LUNA, Florida  
Mr. SCOTT FRANKLIN, Florida

Mr. STEIL, Wisconsin  
Mr. KELLY, Pennsylvania

### APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE UNITED STATES SEMIQUINCENTENNIAL COMMISSION

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces the Speaker's appointment, pursuant to section 4 of the United States Semiquincentennial Commission Act of 2016 (Public Law 114-196), and the order of the House of January 3, 2025, of the following Members on the part of the House to the United States Semiquincentennial Commission:

Mr. ADERHOLDT, Alabama  
Ms. SALAZAR, Florida

### APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE UNITED STATES GROUP OF THE NATO PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces the Speaker's appointment, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 1928a, and the order of the House of January 3, 2025, of the following Members on the part of the House to the United States Group of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly:

Mr. TURNER, Ohio, Chair  
Mr. DUNN, Florida  
Mrs. WAGNER, Missouri  
Mr. FITZPATRICK, Pennsylvania  
Mr. GUTHRIE, Kentucky  
Ms. VAN DUYNE, Texas  
Mr. CONNOLLY, Virginia

### APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE JOHN F. KENNEDY CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces the Speaker's appointment, pursuant to section 2(a) of the National Cultural Center Act (20

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U.S.C. 76h(a)), amended by Public Law 107-117, and the order of the House of January 3, 2025, of the following Members on the part of the House to the Board of Trustees of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts:

Mr. MCCAUL, Texas  
Ms. LETLOW, Louisiana  
Mrs. BEATTY, Ohio

#### APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces the Speaker's appointment, pursuant to sections 5580 and 5581 of the revised statutes (20 U.S.C. 42-43), and the order of the House of January 3, 2025, of the following Members on the part of the House to the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution:

Mr. SMITH, Nebraska  
Mr. GIMENEZ, Florida  
Ms. MATSUI, California

#### APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER TO THE MIGRATORY BIRD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces the Speaker's appointment, pursuant to section 2 of the Migratory Bird Conservation Act (16 U.S.C. 715a), and the order of the House of January 3, 2025, of the following Member on the part of the House to the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission:

Mr. WITTMAN, Virginia

#### APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER TO THE COMMISSION ON REFORM AND MODERNIZATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces the Speaker's appointment, pursuant to section 9803(d)(1)(C) of the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law No. 117-263), and the order of the House of January 3, 2025, of the following Member on the part of the House to the Commission on Reform and Modernization of the Department of State:

Mr. MILLER, Ohio

#### APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER TO SERVE AS CO-CHAIR OF THE TOM LANTOS HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces the Speaker's appointment, pursuant to section 4(c) of House Resolution 5, One Hundred Nineteenth Congress, and the order of the House of January 3, 2025, of the following Member to serve as Co-Chair of the Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission:

Mr. SMITH, New Jersey

#### APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER TO THE JAPAN-UNITED STATES FRIENDSHIP COMMISSION

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces the Speaker's appointment, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2903, and the order of the House of January 3, 2025, of the following Member on the part of the House to the Japan-United States Friendship Commission:

Mr. SMITH, Nebraska

#### APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER TO THE CONGRESSIONAL-EXECUTIVE COMMISSION ON THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces the Speaker's appointment, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 6913, and the order of the House of January 3, 2025, of the following Member on the part of the House to the Congressional-Executive Commission on the People's Republic of China:

Mr. SMITH, New Jersey, Co-Chair

#### APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER TO THE BRITISH-AMERICAN INTER-PARLIAMENTARY GROUP

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces the Speaker's appointment, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 276L, and the order of the House of January 3, 2025, of the following Member on the part of the House to the British-American Interparliamentary Group:

Mr. LATTA, Ohio, Chair

#### APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE BOARD OF VISITORS TO THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces the Speaker's appointment, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 9455(a), clause 10 of rule I, and the order of the House of January 3, 2025, of the following Members on the part of the House to the Board of Visitors to the United States Air Force Academy:

Mr. PFLUGER, Texas  
Mr. CRANK, Colorado

#### APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE BOARD OF VISITORS TO THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD ACADEMY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces the Speaker's appointment, pursuant to 14 U.S.C. 1903(b), and the order of the House of January 3, 2025, of the following Members on the part of the House to the Board of Visitors to the United States Coast Guard Academy:

Mrs. MCCLAIN, Michigan  
Mr. RUTHERFORD, Florida

#### APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE BOARD OF VISITORS TO THE UNITED STATES MERCHANT MARINE ACADEMY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces the Speaker's ap-

pointment, pursuant to 46 U.S.C. 51312(b), and the order of the House of January 3, 2025, of the following Members on the part of the House to the Board of Visitors to the United States Merchant Marine Academy:

Mr. VALADAO, California  
Mr. SUOZZI, New York

#### APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE BOARD OF VISITORS TO THE UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces the Speaker's appointment, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 7455(a), and the order of the House of January 3, 2025, of the following Members on the part of the House to the Board of Visitors to the United States Military Academy:

Mr. WOMACK, Arkansas  
Mrs. BICE, Oklahoma

#### APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE BOARD OF VISITORS TO THE UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces the Speaker's appointment, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 8468(a), and the order of the House of January 3, 2025, of the following Members on the part of the House to the Board of Visitors to the United States Naval Academy:

Mr. ELLZEY, Texas  
Mr. SCOTT FRANKLIN, Florida

#### ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 13 of rule I, the House stands adjourned until 11 a.m. on Tuesday, January 28, 2025.

Thereupon (at 9 o'clock and 11 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Tuesday, January 28, 2025, at 11 a.m.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

EC-142. A letter from the Under Secretary, Comptroller, Department of Defense, transmitting a letter reporting violations of the Antideficiency Act, for FY 2021 and 2022, National Guard Personnel, Army (NGPA), Army Case 23-01, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1351; Public Law 97-258, Sept. 13, 1982; (96 Stat. 926); to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-143. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the National Health Service Corps Report to Congress for 2023, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 254i; July 1, 1944, ch. 373, title III, Sec. 336A (as amended by Public Law 107-251, Sec. 307(b)); (116 Stat. 1649); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-144. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services