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House of Representatives

The House met at 11 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Ms. STEFANIK).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
January 28, 2025.

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

MIKE JOHNSON,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

Reverend John Kellogg, Christ Church, Washington Parish, Washington, D.C., offered the following prayer:

Gracious God, we pray that You would send Your holy spirit to lead and guide our Representatives in Congress. Bless them with patience, humility, and wisdom as they consider what steps would create the best future for all of those who live in our land.

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 MEMBER 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 Member on the part of the House to the United States Group of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly:

Mr. BERGMAN, Michigan

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER 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 Member on the part of the House to the Board of Visitors to the United States Coast Guard Academy:

Mr. COURTNEY, Connecticut

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. MCGOVERN, Massachusetts

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER TO THE MIGRATORY BIRD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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

pointment, 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. THOMPSON, California

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. TAKANO, California

COMMUNICATION FROM THE DEMOCRATIC LEADER

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

JANUARY 24, 2025.

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

DEAR SPEAKER JOHNSON: Pursuant to Section 4 of the United States Semiquincentennial Commission Act of 2016 (Pub. L. 114-196), I am pleased to appoint the following Members to serve as Commissioners to the United States Semiquincentennial Commission:

The Honorable Bonnie Watson Coleman of New Jersey.

The Honorable Dwight Evans of Pennsylvania.

Thank you for your attention to these recommendations.

Sincerely,

HAKEEM JEFFRIES,
Democratic Leader.

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

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COMMUNICATION FROM THE DEMOCRATIC LEADER

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JANUARY 24, 2024.

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

DEAR SPEAKER JOHNSON: Pursuant to Section 4(b) of House Resolution 5, 119th Congress, I am writing to appoint the following members to the House Democracy Partnership:

The Honorable Dina Titus of Nevada, Ranking Member.

The Honorable Gwen Moore of Wisconsin.

The Honorable Ted Lieu of California.

The Honorable Norma Torres of California.

The Honorable Robin Kelly of Illinois.

The Honorable Terri Sewell of Alabama.

The Honorable Diana DeGette of Colorado.

The Honorable Ilhan Omar of Minnesota.

The Honorable Delia Ramirez of Illinois.

Thank you for your attention to these appointments.

Sincerely,

HAKEEM JEFFRIES,
Democratic Leader.

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JANUARY 24, 2025.

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

DEAR SPEAKER JOHNSON: Pursuant to Section 4(c) of House of Resolution 5, 119th Congress, I am pleased to appoint the following Member to the Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission to serve as the Democratic Co-chairman:

The Honorable James P. McGovern of Massachusetts.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

HAKEEM JEFFRIES,
Democratic Leader.

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JANUARY 24, 2025.

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

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to section 9803(d)(1)(C) and (E) of the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Pub. L. 117-263), I am pleased to appoint the following Member to the Commission on Reform and Modernization of the Department of State:

The Honorable Mike Quigley of Illinois.

Thank you for your attention to this appointment.

Sincerely,

HAKEEM JEFFRIES,
Democratic Leader.

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JANUARY 24, 2025.

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

DEAR SPEAKER JOHNSON: Pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 9455(a), I am pleased to appoint the Honorable Don Davis of North Carolina to the Board of Visitors to the United States Air Force Academy.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

HAKEEM JEFFRIES,
Democratic Leader.

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JANUARY 24, 2025.

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

DEAR SPEAKER JOHNSON: Pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 4355(a), I am pleased to appoint the Honorable Patrick Ryan of New York to the Board of Visitors to the United States Military Academy.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

HAKEEM JEFFRIES,
Democratic Leader.

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JANUARY 24, 2025.

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

DEAR SPEAKER JOHNSON: Pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 8468(a), I am pleased to appoint the Honorable Sarah Elfeth of Maryland to the Board of Visitors to the United States Naval Academy.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

HAKEEM JEFFRIES,
Democratic Leader.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 13 of rule I, the House stands adjourned until 10 a.m. on Friday, January 31, 2025.

Thereupon (at 11 o'clock and 6 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Friday, January 31, 2025, at 10 a.m.

RULES AND REPORTS SUBMITTED PURSUANT TO THE CONGRES- SIONAL REVIEW ACT

Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(d), executive communications [final rules] sub-

mitted to the House pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1) during the period of August 16, 2024, through January 3, 2025, shall be treated as though received on January 31, 2025. Original dates of transmittal, numberings, and referrals to committee of those executive communications remain as indicated in the Executive Communication section of the relevant CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

EC-169. A letter from the Program Analyst, Federal Grain Inspection Service, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Formulas for Calculating Hourly and Unit Fees for FGIS Services [Doc. No.: AMS-FGIS-24-0027] (RIN: 0581-AE31) received January 15, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Agriculture.

EC-170. A letter from the Deputy Secretary, EDGAR Business Office, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting the Commission's Major final rule — EDGAR Filer Access and Account Management [Release Nos.: 33-11313; 34-101209; 39-2557; IC-35343; File No.: S7-15-23] (RIN: 3235-AM58) received January 22, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Financial Services.

EC-171. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Employee Benefits Security Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting the Department's exemption amendment — Prohibited Transaction Exemption (PTE) 2002-51 To Permit Certain Transactions Identified in the Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program [Application No.: D-11799] (RIN: 1210-ZA23) received January 15, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Education and Workforce.

EC-172. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Employee Benefits Security Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting the Department's final rule — Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program (RIN: 1210-AB64) received January 15, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Education and Workforce.

EC-173. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Reference Measurement Principle and Calibration Procedure for the Measurement of Ozone in the Atmosphere (Chemiluminescence Method); Correction [EPA-HQ-OAR-2022-0007; FRL 9344.1-01-OAR] (RIN: 2060-AV63) received January 15, 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-174. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's direct final rule — Hazardous and Solid Waste Management System: Disposal of Coal Combustion Residuals From Electric Utilities; Legacy CCR Surface Impoundments; Correction [EPA-HQ-OLEM-2020-0107; FRL-7814.1-04-OLEM] (RIN: 2050-AH34) received January 15, 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-175. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting