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## Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, February 10, 2025, at 3 p.m.

## House of Representatives

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2025

The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker.

### PRAYER

Dr. Kevin Moore, Mount Zion Baptist Church, Huntsville, Alabama, offered the following prayer:

Heavenly Father, creator, and sustainer of all things, thank You for Your hand of blessing on the United States of America. Thank You for guiding and protecting the land of the free and the home of the brave.

I humbly ask You to pour out Your peace, mercy, and grace on our country. I pray that You would grant lawmakers in this assembly, the integrity of Joseph, the strength of Joshua, the faithfulness of Moses, the courage of King David, the wisdom of Solomon, the determination of Nehemiah, the endurance of Job, and the obedience of Jesus Christ as they face the challenges of our country.

Empower them to work efficiently for the justice of all people. Sustain them, encourage them, protect them, provide for them, guide them, and bless them as they work together in the service to our country.

In the name of Jesus Christ, my Lord and Savior,  
Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House the approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 13 of rule I, the Journal stands approved.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. GARCÍA) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois 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.

### WELCOMING GUEST CHAPLAIN DR. KEVIN MOORE

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the gentleman from Alabama (Mr. STRONG) is recognized for 1 minute.

There was no objection.

Mr. STRONG. Mr. Speaker, it is my great honor to introduce the senior pastor, Dr. Kevin Moore, this morning to offer the opening prayer of the United States House of Representatives 119th Congress.

Dr. Moore is my home pastor at Mount Zion Baptist Church. Mount Zion was founded in 1855 in the small community affectionately known as Monrovia. It is located a couple of miles north of Redstone Arsenal and Research Park.

Mount Zion has grown to over 2,500 members in the thriving Huntsville, Alabama, Rocket City, USA. Dr. Moore is a humble and kind leader. Our community is very blessed to have him lead our growing church.

Dr. Moore is married to Stephanie, and they have four children: Kevin James, David Moses, Liza Grace, and May Louise. I welcome Dr. Moore to

the United States House of Representatives.

### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will entertain up to five further requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

### RECOGNIZING NATIONAL WOMEN AND GIRLS IN SPORTS DAY

(Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize National Women and Girls in Sports Day.

Sports have the power to break barriers, inspire change, and create opportunities. For generations, women and girls have fought for their place on the field, the court, and the track. Thanks to their resilience, we now see more female athletes excelling, competing, and leading in sports than ever before.

I am appreciative of the work President Trump has done to empower girls and women across the Nation. Mr. Speaker, let's continue to uplift and empower women and girls in sports every day because when we invest in them, we invest in the future of strength, leadership, and limitless potential. Together, we create a world where every girl can play, compete, and lead.

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## HONORING LINDA SARATE

(Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Linda Sarate, who passed away on Monday, February 3.

From a young age, Linda displayed incredible strength and courage, being diagnosed with polio at just 1 year old.

Despite this, her determination allowed her to walk by her preteen years and, in addition, became a camp counselor. This was an experience where she served as a role model for young people, offering them a supportive environment in which to grow.

It is that same determination that guided Linda throughout her life. Linda went on to join the AmeriCorps program and earned a certification in bilingual medical terminology. She dedicated herself to her community by serving on the local school council and becoming a board member for two organizations.

One of Linda's proudest achievements was her activism on behalf of Little Village High School, where she was one of the parents and grandparents who staged a 19-day hunger strike demanding the construction of the school that had been promised to the community, but not funded or constructed.

Linda embodied the power of courage and resilience. Her life is a testament to what can be achieved when one is driven by strength and conviction. May she rest in peace.

## HONORING ANNA PAYNE

(Mr. FITZPATRICK asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart to honor the life of the extraordinary Anna Payne, a woman whose impact on Bucks County, Pennsylvania, will endure for generations.

Mr. Speaker, Anna dedicated herself to service, not for recognition but because she believed in the power of uplifting others. Diagnosed with cystic fibrosis at a young age, Anna understood struggle but she refused to let it define her.

Instead, she worked tirelessly to make life better for those facing challenges of their own. Anna was a fierce advocate for better healthcare and stronger support for families navigating rare diseases just like herself.

Through her leadership as vice chair of the Pennsylvania Rare Disease Council and as the founder of the Bucks County Cystic Fibrosis Alliance, Anna gave hope and a voice to so many in our community and across America.

Anna remained resolute in the face of a stage IV cancer diagnosis in 2021. This was an especially heartbreaking

and all-too familiar diagnosis, as a year before her battle began, I lost my brother, Mike, who fought bravely but was taken by the same advanced stage cancer.

Anna continued serving as an elected official, advocating for policies that would ease the burden of others. Whether through her relentless work and healthcare advocacy, her commitment to local initiatives, or her ability to bring people together, Anna embodied the very best of our Bucks County community.

Mr. Speaker, today we mourn a profound loss, but we also celebrate a legacy and honor a life of service, of sacrifice, and of unyielding determination. Mr. Speaker, Anna's spirit remains woven into the fabric of our community. We honor her not just by words but with action by ensuring that her legacy is not only remembered but lived.

RECOGNIZING RANCHO VERDE  
CRIMSON REGIMENT

(Mr. TAKANO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TAKANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Rancho Verde Crimson Regiment from Moreno Valley and their participation in the Rose Parade on January 1, 2025. This marks the second time that the Rancho Verde Crimson Regiment has participated in this iconic event in California.

As a former high school educator, I know firsthand the dedication, discipline, and talent required to perform at this level. I congratulate all of the students and the band director, Honglac Hathuc, for their hard work and successful performance.

I also wish to recognize the citizens who inhabit the Val Verde Unified School District for supporting, with their taxpayer dollars, the tremendous music education program that begins in the elementary schools.

## TRUE ENERGY INDEPENDENCE

(Mr. LAMALFA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, the Ivanpah Solar Plant in southern California was sold to the taxpayers and to the people as a shining example of green energy innovation.

But what did the taxpayers actually get? A \$2.2 billion price tag propped up by massive government loans for a solar plant that has underdelivered from the start. It is supposed to power 130,000 homes, but it never met expectations, struggling to produce consistent energy while relying on natural gas just to get the plant running each morning.

Let's not forget the environmental cost that the left claims to care so much about. Thousands of birds have

literally incinerated as they happen to fly over this project mid-flight. This is what happens when the government throws billions at feel-good projects instead of letting the free market drive innovation.

The plant was erected in 2014. Mr. Speaker, next year, 10 years later, two-thirds of it is going to be shut down. We will see what happens to the other third soon after that.

If we want true energy independence, we need to do what we can to develop reliable American energy with nuclear power, hydroelectric power, and oil and natural gas from the miracle of hydraulic fracturing.

## TRUMP 2.0

(Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, shuttering USAID, gutting the Department of Education, threatening the Department of Labor, firing FBI agents, buying out civil servants, vilifying workforces over grotesque DEI concerns, stripping away legal protected status of refugees, giving an unelected billionaire access to the most sensitive information of everyday Americans, and unchecked control of our institutions.

Just 2 weeks into the second Trump Presidency and every executive order, every administrative move has been a methodical step to sow chaos, confusion, and fear.

Back home in Pennsylvania and here in Washington, my offices have been flooded with calls and messages from my constituents. People are afraid for their jobs, their health, their hard-earned benefits, their children, and their very futures.

Every day begs the same question: What is next? Whatever your stance on government reform, our hope is for more efficiency, lower costs, and stronger opportunities. It is clear that these policies are hurting everyday Americans. Mr. Speaker, this is not normal. It is immoral, and it is unlawful.

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## GET MEN BACK IN FAMILIES

(Mr. GROTHMAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GROTHMAN. Mr. Speaker, as we wrap up this week, we will go home. If it were me, I would read books or read various topics. Last night, I saw a book I read many years ago and am going to read again. It is called: "Fatherless America: Confronting Our Most Urgent Social Problem."

Right now, we have a huge problem in that men are being kept out of their families. Now is the time to address this problem, with Republicans having the Senate, House, and Presidency.