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The House met at 2:30 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. HARIDOPOLOS).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,

December 19, 2025.

I hereby appoint the Honorable MIKE HARIDOPOLOS, 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:

Almighty and all-powerful God, we wait to hear Your voice. In this season of overwhelming busyness, when the Earth seems to shake with traffic jams and crowded stores, we listen for Your word amid the hustle and bustle, but too often the distractions prevent us from appreciating it.

When we hear the sounds of sleigh bells and elevator music, even children singing and orchestras in concert halls playing carols and festive songs, for some these are just discordant sounds, dissonant with their deepest desires. Many simply can't distinguish Your voice amid the noise.

The lights around the neighborhoods are amazing, but the flash and color seem to meld into mayhem when we know of so many, maybe we ourselves, who are enveloped in the darkness of despair and loss and cannot distinguish Your light in their lives.

Kind and loving God, as we approach the longest night, as we endure the bleakness of winter in a world at war and face the shadows that loom in our lives, we ask that You would speak with Your own still, small voice. Grant us the hope of Your abiding presence and eternal light in this season.

In Your steadfast and loving 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, December 19, 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 December 19, 2025, at 12:10 p.m.:

That the Senate passed S. 607.

That the Senate passed S. 787.

That the Senate passed S. 1204.

That the Senate passed S. 1383.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 1823.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 4323.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 4446.

Appointment:

United States—China Economic and Security Review Commission.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely,

KEVIN F. McCUMBER,

Clerk.

BILLS PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Kevin F. McCumber, Clerk of the House, reported that on December 18, 2025, the following bills were presented to the President of the United States for approval:

H.R. 1491 To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make the postponement of certain deadlines by reason of disasters applicable to the limitation on credit or refund, and to take postponements into account for purposes of sending collection notices.

H.R. 1043 To direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal land in Arizona to La Paz County, Arizona, and for other purposes.

H.R. 504 To amend the Miccosukee Reserved Area Act to authorize the expansion

of the Miccosukee Reserved Area and to carry out activities to protect structures within the Osceola Camp from flooding, and for other purposes.

H.R. 410 To extend the Alaska Native Vietnam era veterans land allotment program, and for other purposes.

H.R. 187 To provide for the standardization, consolidation, and publication of data relating to public outdoor recreational use of Federal waterways among Federal land and water management agencies, and for other purposes.

H.R. 165 To direct the Secretary of the Interior to complete all actions necessary for certain land to be held in restricted fee status by the Oglala Sioux Tribe and Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, and for other purposes.

H.R. 131 To make certain modifications to the repayment for the Arkansas Valley Conduit in the State of Colorado.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 13 of rule I, the House stands adjourned until noon on Tuesday, December 23, 2025.

Thereupon (at 2 o'clock and 34 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Tuesday, December 23, 2025, at noon.

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. CASTRO of Texas:

H.R. 6910. A bill to strengthen the development mandate of the United States International Development Finance Corporation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. HARRIGAN (for himself, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, and Mr. ALFORD):

H.R. 6911. A bill to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to provide that grant funds received under the COPS grant program may be used to combat organized crime; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. HORSFORD (for himself and Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ):

H.R. 6912. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude certain combat zone compensation of certain servicemembers relating to remotely piloted aircraft from gross income; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. HUFFMAN (for himself, Mr. CARBAJAL, Ms. CHU, and Ms. LOFGREN):

H.R. 6913. A bill to provide for restoration, economic development, recreation, and conservation on Federal lands in Northern California, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

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

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By Mr. MILLER of Ohio:

H.R. 6914. A bill to establish a program to issue general import licenses to permit a certified importer to pay reduced or waived tariffs or other duties on certain articles, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. MOULTON (for himself, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Mr. MEEKS, Mr. HIMES, Mr. LIEU, Mr. PANETTA, Mr. CROW, Mr. GOLDEN of Maine, Ms. HOULAHAN, Mr. AUCHINCLOSS, Mr. RYAN, Mr. DELUZIO, Mr. CISNEROS, Ms. GOODLANDER, Mr. TRAN, and Mr. VINDMAN):

H.R. 6915. A bill to prohibit the use of funds to use military force in or against Venezuela, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, 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. SELF (for himself and Ms. RAN-DALL):

H.R. 6916. A bill to amend title 41, United States Code, to identify individuals who commit certain Federal felonies implicating Federal programs as an excluded source on the System for Award Management Exclusions list, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Ms. TITUS:

H.R. 6917. A bill to take certain land into trust for the benefit of the Las Vegas Tribe of Paiute Indians; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. TONKO:

H.R. 6918. A bill to amend the Clean Air Act to establish a program to annually phasedown greenhouse gas emissions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, Education and Workforce, and Science, Space, and Technology, 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. WILSON of Florida:

H.R. 6919. A bill to combat child human trafficking, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on Education and Workforce, Energy and Commerce, and Financial Services, 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. CASTRO of Texas (for himself, Mr. CISCOMANI, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Ms. CROCKETT, Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois, Mr. RASKIN, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Ms. BONAMICI, Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ, Mrs. MCBATH, Ms. TITUS, Ms. SÁNCHEZ, Ms. CHU, Mr. DOGGETT, Mr. PETERS, Ms. BROWNLEY, Mr. CORREA, Ms. BARRAGÁN, Ms. GARCIA of Texas, Ms. TLAIB, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mr. RUIZ, Mr. FROST, Mr. SWALWELL, Mr. GARCIA of California, Mr. COSTA, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mrs. MCIVER, Mr. VICENTE GONZALEZ of Texas, Ms. FRIEDMAN, Ms. STANSBURY, Mr. EVANS of Pennsylvania, Mr. TORRES of New York, Mr. PANETTA, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Mr. VARGAS, Mr. GOMEZ, Mr. AGUILAR, Mrs. TRAHAN, Mr. CASAR, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, Mr. CUELLAR, Mr. HARDER of California, Mr. SOTO, Ms. JACOBS, Mrs. RAMIREZ, Mr. LIEU, Ms. ESCOBAR, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. VALADAO, Mrs. TORRES of California, Mr. CISNEROS, Mr. MOULTON, and Ms. SALINAS):

H. Res. 969. A resolution expressing support for the designation of the week beginning on September 8, 2025, as “National Hispanic-Serving Institutions Week”; to the Committee on Education and Workforce.

By Mr. GREEN of Texas:

H. Res. 970. A resolution calling on the United States government to be more involved in bringing peace to Sudan; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mrs. KIM (for herself, Mr. BERA, Mr. BARR, Ms. DEGETTE, and Mr. CASTRO of Texas):

H. Res. 971. A resolution condemning the coercive actions of the People’s Republic of China against Japan in response to statements regarding Taiwan and reaffirming the United States commitment to its allies in the Indo-Pacific region; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia (for himself, Mrs. MCBATH, Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia, Mr. BISHOP, and Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia):

H. Res. 972. A resolution recognizing the significance of Atlanta, Georgia, as the cradle of the civil rights movement; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY STATEMENT

Pursuant to clause 7 of rule XII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the following statements are submitted regarding the specific powers granted to Congress in the Constitution to enact the accompanying bill or joint resolution.

By Mr. CASTRO of Texas:

H.R. 6910.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Constitutional Authority—Necessary and Proper Clause (Art. I, Sec. 8, Clause 18) THE U.S. CONSTITUTION ARTICLE I, SECTION 8: POWERS OF CONGRESS CLAUSE 18 The Congress shall have power . . . To make all laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into execution the foregoing powers, and all other powers vested by this Constitution in the government of the United States, or in any department or officer thereof.

By Mr. HARRIGAN:

H.R. 6911.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Clause 7 of Section 9 of Article I of the Constitution

By Mr. HORSFORD:

H.R. 6912.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I of the Constitution

By Mr. HUFFMAN:

H.R. 6913.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8

By Mr. MILLER of Ohio:

H.R. 6914.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 18 of the U.S. Constitution:

“The Congress shall have Power . . . To make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing powers, and all other Powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United States, or in any Department or Officer thereof.”

By Mr. MOULTON:

H.R. 6915.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 9, Clause 7 and Article 1, Section 8, Clause 1 of the United States Constitution

By Mr. SELF:

H.R. 6916.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Congress has the power to make all laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into execution the powers vested by the Constitution in the Government of the United States, including the power to provide for the general welfare and to regulate spending of federal funds, pursuant to Article I, Section 8, Clauses 1 and 18 of the Constitution of the United States.

By Ms. TITUS:

H.R. 6917.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8 of the United States Constitution

By Mr. TONKO:

H.R. 6918.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 3

By Ms. WILSON of Florida:

H.R. 6919.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I Section 8

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

Under clause 7 of rule XII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions, as follows:

H.R. 154: Mr. TRAN.
 H.R. 285: Mr. VASQUEZ.
 H.R. 286: Mr. MIN.
 H.R. 404: Mr. JACK.
 H.R. 488: Mr. VASQUEZ.
 H.R. 631: Mr. JACK.
 H.R. 984: Mr. PAPPAS.
 H.R. 1024: Mr. JACKSON of Illinois and Mr. STANTON.
 H.R. 1163: Mr. SCHMIDT.
 H.R. 1227: Mr. SCHMIDT and Mr. BARRETT.
 H.R. 1230: Mr. NEGUSE.
 H.R. 1254: Mr. BRESNAHAN.
 H.R. 1294: Mr. VASQUEZ.
 H.R. 1329: Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. CASE, Mr. SOTO, and Mr. CRAWFORD.
 H.R. 1340: Mr. BRESNAHAN.
 H.R. 1355: Mr. OLSZEWSKI and Mr. KHANNA.
 H.R. 1384: Ms. TITUS.
 H.R. 1410: Mr. TRAN.
 H.R. 1585: Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois.
 H.R. 1616: Ms. BYNUM.
 H.R. 1661: Mr. WHITESIDES.
 H.R. 1698: Mr. JACK.
 H.R. 1752: Mr. MIN.
 H.R. 1793: Ms. McDONALD RIVET.
 H.R. 1845: Mr. PAPPAS.
 H.R. 1940: Mr. STAUBER.
 H.R. 1970: Ms. GOODLANDER.
 H.R. 2149: Mr. PAPPAS.
 H.R. 2253: Mr. DAVIS of Illinois.
 H.R. 2353: Mr. VAN ORDEN.
 H.R. 2486: Mr. OLSZEWSKI.
 H.R. 2799: Ms. GOODLANDER.
 H.R. 2818: Mr. BRESNAHAN.
 H.R. 2853: Mr. SMITH of New Jersey.
 H.R. 3006: Ms. BYNUM.
 H.R. 3112: Mr. PAPPAS and Mr. DAVIS of Illinois.
 H.R. 3569: Mr. HORSFORD, Mrs. MCBATH, and Mr. HERNÁNDEZ.
 H.R. 3598: Mr. VAN ORDEN.
 H.R. 3608: Mr. McDOWELL.
 H.R. 3634: Mr. PAPPAS.
 H.R. 3702: Mr. HERNÁNDEZ.
 H.R. 3731: Ms. TENNEY.
 H.R. 3774: Mr. MOORE of North Carolina.
 H.R. 3933: Mr. LIEU.