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## House of Representatives

The House met at noon 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,  
December 23, 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

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

God of all time and of all people, we pause in this moment to offer You our prayers of Thanksgiving for this season and to lay before You our prayers for ourselves, for our neighbors, and for our Nation in the living of these days.

Allow us to emerge from any darkness brought on by despair and walk instead with faith. In the depth of our night, shine Your light.

Increase our joy as You increase a harvest of peace in our lives and in our world. Of the increase of Your divine governance and Your peace, may there be no end.

For upon Your shoulder rests the government of truth and love, of justice and righteousness.

May all who call You Lord heed Your commandments. May all who call upon Your name live according to Your Gospel of love.

Wonderful counselor, mighty God, everlasting Father, Prince of Peace, rule in our hearts this day.

In Your sovereign 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.

### ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Kevin F. McCumber, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly enrolled bills of the House of the following titles, which were thereupon signed by the Speaker pro tempore, Mr. Smith of Nebraska, on Tuesday, December 23, 2025:

H.R. 1823. An act to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and the Comptroller General of the United States to report on certain funding shortfalls in the Department of Veterans Affairs.

H.R. 4323. An act to provide for the vacating of certain convictions and expungement of certain arrests of victims of human trafficking.

H.R. 4446. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to modify the conditions under which the Secretary of Veterans Affairs is required to redevelop the individualized vocational rehabilitation plan for a veteran, and for other purposes.

### ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 13 of rule I, the House stands adjourned until 1 p.m. on Friday, December 26, 2025.

Thereupon (at 12 o'clock and 2 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Friday, December 26, 2025, at 1 p.m.

### EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

EC-2460. A letter from the Assistant Director, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's final rule — Appraisals for Higher-Priced Mortgage Loans Exemption Threshold [Docket No.: OCC-2025-0306] (RIN: 1557-AF39) received December 17, 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-2461. A letter from the Assistant Director, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's Major final rule — Regulatory Capital Rule: Modifications to the Enhanced Supplementary Leverage Ratio Standards for U.S. Globally Systemically Important Bank Holding Companies and Their Subsidiary Depository Institutions; Total Loss-Absorbing Capacity and Long-Term Debt Requirements for U.S. Globally Systemically Important Bank Holding Companies [Docket ID: OCC-2025-0006] (RIN: 1557-AF31) received December 17, 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-2462. A letter from the Acting Administrator, General Services Administration, transmitting the Administration's Fiscal Year 2025 Agency Financial Report, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 3515(a)(1); Public Law 101-576, Sec. 303(a)(1) (as amended by Public Law 107-289, Sec. 2(a)); (116 Stat. 2049); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

### 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. BARR (for himself and Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky):

H.R. 6920. A bill to amend the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act to authorize the use of remaining funds under the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment

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Program for competitive subgrants to support the success of the broadband deployment projects funded by that program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. CASE (for himself and Ms. TOKUDA):

H.R. 6921. A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a new national cemetery in the State of Hawai'i, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Ms. DE LA CRUZ:

H.R. 6922. A bill to grant the Secretary of Homeland Security express statutory authority to issue Employment Authorization Documents to individuals granted deferred action under the DACA policy, thereby superseding any judicial interpretation or injunction that restricts such authorization; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. DESAULNIER:

H.R. 6923. A bill to incentivize innovative transportation corridors to reduce carbon and GHG emissions, to provide a tax structure that allows for certain investments in public transportation systems, and to enable the fossil fuel workforce to transition to sustainable work sectors; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, Education and Workforce, and Energy and Commerce, 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. GOTTHEIMER (for himself, Mr. VAN DREW, Ms. VAN DUYN, Mr. MOSKOWITZ, Mr. PETERS, Mr. RUTHERFORD, Mrs. KIM, Ms. TENNEY, Mr. PAPPAS, and Mr. PANETTA):

H.R. 6924. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to extend to matter left for collection by private or commercial interstate carriers the same protections as matter carried throughout the country as interstate or foreign commerce; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. MCCLAIN DELANEY (for herself, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Mrs. HAYES, and Mrs. GRIJALVA):

H.R. 6925. A bill to require the removal of any signage or other identification from the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts that differs from the designation "John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts", as designated under section 3 of the John F. Kennedy Center Act (20 U.S.C. 76i), and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mrs. MCCLAIN DELANEY (for herself, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Mrs. HAYES, and Mrs. GRIJALVA):

H.R. 6926. A bill to prohibit the naming, renaming, designating, or redesignating of any Federal building, land, or other asset in the name of a sitting President, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committees on Natural Resources, and Oversight and Government Reform, 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. MENENDEZ:

H.R. 6927. A bill to amend the Noise Control Act of 1972 to establish a deadline for revising or supplementing noise criteria; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Ms. NORTON:

H.R. 6928. A bill to amend the District of Columbia Home Rule Act to permit the District of Columbia to establish the rate of pay

of the Chief Financial Officer of the District of Columbia; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Ms. NORTON:

H.R. 6929. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow Federal employees who are separated from Federal service to make penalty-free distributions from Thrift Savings Plans and include such distributions in gross income over 3 years; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. SMITH of New Jersey (for himself, Mr. HARRIS of Maryland, and Mr. VAN DREW):

H.R. 6930. A bill to require a certification and review of the impact of offshore wind industrialization on military readiness and radar and sonar capabilities; to the Committee on Armed Services.

## 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. BARR:

H.R. 6920.

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

Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution of the United States, including the powers to regulate interstate commerce, to provide for the general welfare of the United States, and to make all laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into execution those powers.

By Mr. CASE:

H.R. 6921.

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

Clause 3 of section 8 of article I of the Constitution.

By Ms. DE LA CRUZ:

H.R. 6922.

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

Article I, Section 8

By Mr. DESAULNIER:

H.R. 6923.

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

Article I, Section 8

By Mr. GOTTHEIMER:

H.R. 6924.

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

Article I Section 8

By Mrs. MCCLAIN DELANEY:

H.R. 6925.

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

Article IV, Section 3, clause 2, provides Congress with the power to "dispose of and make all needful Rules and Regulations respecting the Territory and other Property belonging to the United States."

By Mrs. MCCLAIN DELANEY:

H.R. 6926.

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

Article IV, Section 3, clause 2, provides Congress with the power to "dispose of and make all needful Rules and Regulations respecting the Territory and other Property belonging to the United States."

By Mr. MENENDEZ:

H.R. 6927.

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

Article I, Section 8, clause 3

By Ms. NORTON:

H.R. 6928.

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

clause 17 of section 8 of article I of the Constitution

By Ms. NORTON:

H.R. 6929.

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

clause 18 of section 8 of article I of the Constitution

By Mr. SMITH of New Jersey:

H.R. 6930.

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. 484: Ms. JOHNSON of Texas.

H.R. 611: Mr. TAYLOR.

H.R. 661: Mr. SUOZZI.

H.R. 1197: Ms. UNDERWOOD.

H.R. 1319: Mr. BABIN.

H.R. 1361: Mr. GRAY.

H.R. 1661: Ms. BROWN and Mr. PATRONIS.

H.R. 1707: Mr. STAUBER.

H.R. 1773: Mr. JACK.

H.R. 1880: Ms. CHU.

H.R. 2189: Mr. VAN ORDEN.

H.R. 2264: Ms. GILLEN.

H.R. 2707: Ms. McDONALD RIVET.

H.R. 2784: Ms. VAN DUYN.

H.R. 3045: Mr. MPUME and Mr. RYAN.

H.R. 3333: Ms. MOULAHAN.

H.R. 3497: Mr. SUOZZI, Mr. VINDMAN, and Mr. STEUBE.

H.R. 3627: Ms. GILLEN.

H.R. 3757: Ms. MATSUI.

H.R. 4146: Mr. WESTERMAN.

H.R. 4206: Mr. WESTERMAN.

H.R. 4243: Mr. NEGUSE.

H.R. 4329: Mr. GARAMENDI.

H.R. 4444: Mr. COURTNEY.

H.R. 4475: Mr. NEGUSE.

H.R. 4567: Ms. McDONALD RIVET.

H.R. 4965: Mr. NEGUSE.

H.R. 5519: Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ and Mr. BACON.

H.R. 5573: Ms. GILLEN.

H.R. 5687: Mr. BRESNAHAN.

H.R. 5939: Mr. FITZPATRICK.

H.R. 5970: Mr. FITZPATRICK.

H.R. 6026: Mr. FITZPATRICK.

H.R. 6104: Mr. FITZPATRICK.

H.R. 6152: Ms. GILLEN.

H.R. 6167: Mr. WESTERMAN.

H.R. 6199: Mr. CASE.

H.R. 6222: Mr. AMO.

H.R. 6229: Mr. FITZPATRICK.

H.R. 6280: Mr. NEGUSE.

H.R. 6313: Mr. FITZPATRICK.

H.R. 6449: Mr. VINDMAN and Ms. GILLEN.

H.R. 6609: Mr. WESTERMAN.

H.R. 6610: Mr. WESTERMAN.

H.R. 6646: Ms. CHU.

H.R. 6731: Mr. COURTNEY, Ms. SEWELL, and Mr. NEGUSE.

H.R. 6766: Ms. MALLIOTAKIS, Ms. SALAZAR, Mr. TIFFANY, and Mr. BEAN of Florida.

H.R. 6769: Mr. DAVIS of Illinois.

H.R. 6793: Ms. RANDALL.

H.R. 6797: Mr. GARAMENDI, Mr. LAWLER, and Mr. RYAN.

H.R. 6811: Mr. FITZPATRICK.

H.R. 6917: Mr. AMODEI of Nevada.

H.J. Res. 122: Mrs. FOUSHEE, Mr. DESAULNIER, and Mr. QUIGLEY.