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House of Representatives

The House met at 1 p.m. 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 26, 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:

Redeemer God, having enjoyed weeks of anticipation, when we held onto the hope that somehow this almost magical season would bring peace to the Earth and inspire the goodwill of all people, now that the celebration and merriment are ending, let us not discard our deepest desires and pack them away like old wrapping paper.

Instead, let us see that we can and should linger in our hope for peace and still anticipate the miracles You will reveal to us this day.

For each day is a sacred time to cherish, an opportunity to witness Your work in our world.

Lord, let the eyes of the blind be opened, the ears of the deaf unstopped. Let the lame leap like a deer and the mute tongue sing for joy.

For You are faithful to us at all times, in days of celebration and in times of solemnity. You have done, are doing, and will do marvelous things—things You planned long ago, that we would know and rejoice in Your steadfast love for us.

In the power that is ours when we call on Your 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.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 13 of rule I, the House stands adjourned until 1 p.m. on Tuesday, December 30, 2025.

Thereupon (at 1 o'clock and 2 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Tuesday, December 30, 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-2463. A letter from the General Counsel, Office of General Counsel, Federal Housing Finance Agency, transmitting the Agency's Major final rule — 2026-2028 Enterprise Housing Goals (RIN: 2590-AB59) received December 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-2464. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Oversight and Management, Office of Management, Veterans Affairs, transmitting the Department's Major final rule — Extending Deadline for Debtor To Request a Waiver [Docket No.: VA-2024-OTHER-

0024] (RIN: 2900-AS18) received December 7, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-2465. A letter from the Federal Register Liaison, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Income of Foreign Governments and of International Organizations [TD: 10042] (RIN: 1545-BG08) received December 19, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

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. CRANE:

H.R. 6931. A bill to approve the settlement of water rights claims of the Yavapai-Apache Nation in the State of Arizona, to authorize construction of a water project relating to those water rights claims, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. JAMES:

H.R. 6932. A bill to rescind unobligated amounts made available to the Department of Education for fiscal year 2026, and transfer such amounts to States in accordance with section 611 of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act; to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. PAPPAS (for himself and Mr. LAWLER):

H.R. 6933. A bill to require the Secretary of Energy to complete a long-range strategic review of the Northeast Home Heating Oil Reserve, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

MEMORIALS

Under clause 3 of rule XII, memorials were presented and referred as follows:

ML-33. The SPEAKER presented a memorial of the Senate of the State of Michigan, relative to Senate Resolution No. 81, urging the Congress and the President of the United States to permanently extend the Affordable Care Act enhanced premium tax credit to help ensure that all individuals and families

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have equitable access to healthcare; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

ML-34. Also, a memorial of the Senate of the State of Louisiana, relative to Senate Resolution No. 1, to memorialize the Congress of the United States to take immediate action to approve funding to end the federal government shutdown and urge the United States Senate to adopt the continuing resolution passed by the United States House of Representatives that would ensure temporary funding and the uninterrupted operation of the federal government; jointly to the Committees on Oversight and Government Reform and Agriculture.

CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY STATEMENT

Pursuant 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. CRANE:

H.R. 6931.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 3 of the U.S. Constitution

By Mr. JAMES:

H.R. 6932.

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

Pursuant to clause 7(c)(1) of Rule XII the following statement is submitted regarding the specific powers granted to Congress in the U.S. Constitution to enact the accompanying bill or joint resolution.

By Mr. PAPPAS:

H.R. 6933.

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

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 18 of the United States Constitution states that "Congress shall have the authority to make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers, and all other Powers vested by the Constitution in the Government of the United States, or in any Department or Officer thereof."

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

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

H.R. 2711: Mr. MEUSER.

H.R. 4166: Mr. GOLDMAN of New York.

H.R. 5768: Mrs. BICE.