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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. MOORE of West Virginia).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
December 30, 2025.

I hereby appoint the Honorable RILEY M. MOORE 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:

Eternal God, another year has come and gone, a year that we have each experienced differently, with its challenges and successes, its joy and sadness.

Prevent us from reflecting only on the things we ourselves have accomplished or failed or from dwelling only on the wonderful and terrible moments that have embedded themselves in our memories.

Rather, let us pause to give thanks to You, O Lord, with hearts unencumbered by the events of our lives, laying these aside so that, with our whole hearts, we can recount all Your wonderful deeds in this past year, in our lifetimes, and since the beginning of creation.

Then may we discover our true joy, a gladness that can be found in our deep and dear awareness of Your steadfast love, which has remained with us through thick and thin, this year and always.

Hear our exultation and receive our gratitude for Your presence in our every day and for Your hand in the entirety of our lives.

In Your most precious 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.

APPOINTMENT OF INDIVIDUAL TO THE UNITED STATES-CHINA ECONOMIC AND SECURITY REVIEW COMMISSION

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces the Speaker's appointment, pursuant to section 1238(b)(3) of the Floyd D. Spence National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2001 (22 U.S.C. 7002), as amended, and the order of the House of January 3, 2025, of the following individual on the part of the House to the United States-China Economic and Security Review Commission for a term expiring on December 31, 2027:

Mr. Taylor Budowich, Washington, D.C.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE DEMOCRATIC LEADER

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

DECEMBER 30, 2025.

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

DEAR SPEAKER JOHNSON: Pursuant to section 1238(b)(3) of the Floyd D. Spence National Defense Authorization Act of Fiscal Year 2001 (22 U.S.C. 7002), as amended, I am pleased to appoint the following individual to the United States-China Economic and Security Review Commission:

Mr. Jonathan Nicholas Stivers of Falls Church, Virginia

Thank you for your attention to this appointment.

Sincerely,

HAKEEM JEFFRIES,
Democratic Leader.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE DEMOCRATIC LEADER

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

DECEMBER 30, 2025.

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

DEAR SPEAKER JOHNSON: Pursuant to section 1238(b)(3) of the Floyd D. Spence National Defense Authorization Act of Fiscal Year 2001 (22 U.S.C. 7002), as amended, I am pleased to appoint the following individual to the United States-China Economic and Security Review Commission:

Mr. Leland Miller of Alexandria, Virginia

As previously agreed, because of the change in Congress and the presumed statutory intent of the Commission, I am appointing Mr. Miller on behalf of the Speaker. As such, I am pleased to make this appointment.

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 4 p.m. on Friday, January 2, 2026.

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

Matter set in this typeface indicates words inserted or appended, rather than spoken, by a Member of the House on the floor.



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Thereupon (at 1 o'clock and 4 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Friday, January 2, 2026, at 4 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-2466. A letter from the Secretary, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting the Commission's notice of withdrawal of guidance — Withdrawal of Commission Guidance (RIN: 3038-AF63) 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 Agriculture.

EC-2467. A letter from the Secretary, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Amendments to CFTC Rules of Practice and Rules Relating to Investigations (RIN: 3038-AF44) 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 Agriculture.

EC-2468. A letter from the Board Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting the 2024 Annual Report of the Farm Credit Administration, pursuant to section 5.17 (a)(3) of the Farm Credit Act of 1971, as amended by (Public Law 92-181); to the Committee on Agriculture.

EC-2469. A letter from the Acting Under Secretary for International Affairs, Department of the Treasury, transmitting an Audit of the Exchange Stabilization Fund's Financial Statements for Fiscal Years 2024 and 2023, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 5302(c)(2); Jan. 30, 1934, ch. 6, Sec. 10 (as amended by Public Law 97-258, Sec. 5302(c)(2)); (96 Stat. 994); to the Committee on Financial Services.

EC-2470. A letter from the Senior Counsel, Legal Division, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, transmitting the Bureau's final rule — Consumer Leasing (Regulation M) [Docket No.: R-1879] (RIN: 7100-AH11) received December 18, 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-2471. A letter from the Senior Counsel, Legal Division, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, transmitting the Bureau's final rule — Truth in Lending (Regulation Z) Annual Threshold Adjustments (Credit Cards, HOEPA, and Qualified Mortgages) received December 18, 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-2472. A letter from the Senior Counsel, Legal Division, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, transmitting the Bureau's final rule — Fair Credit Reporting Act Disclosures received December 18, 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-2473. A letter from the Senior Counsel, Legal Division, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, transmitting the Bureau's final rule — Appraisals for Higher-Priced Mortgage Loans Exemption Threshold [Docket No.: OCC-2025-0306] (RIN: 1557-AF39) [Docket No.: R-1878] (RIN: 7100-AH12) received December 18, 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-2474. A letter from the Senior Counsel, Legal Division, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, transmitting the Bureau's final rule — Truth in Lending (Regulation Z)

[Docket No.: R-1880] (RIN: 7100-AH10) received December 18, 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-2475. A letter from the Senior Congressional Liaison, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, transmitting the Bureau's final rule — Truth in Lending (Regulation Z); Non-application to Earned Wage Access Products 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-2476. A letter from the President and Chairman, Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting a statement involving exports to various countries, pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 635(b)(3); July 31, 1945, ch. 341, Sec. 2 (as added by Public Law 102-266, Sec. 102); (106 Stat. 95); to the Committee on Financial Services.

EC-2477. A letter from the Chairman, National Credit Union Administration, transmitting the Administration's 2024 annual report to Congress on Minority Depository Institutions, pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1463 note; Public Law 101-73, section 308 (as amended by Public Law 111-203, section 367(4)); (124 Stat. 1556); to the Committee on Financial Services.

EC-2478. A letter from the Acting Associate General Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Office of Public and Indian Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting the Department's interim final rule — Revising Residency Requirements for the Section 184 Indian Housing Loan Guarantee Program [Docket No.: FR-6544-I-01] (RIN: 2577-AD25) 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-2479. A letter from the Regulations Coordinator, Office of Head Start, Administration for Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's direct final rule — COVID-19 Mitigation Policy Requirement in Head Start Programs; Recission (RIN: 0970-AD17) 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 Education and Workforce.

EC-2480. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting a report titled "2024 Trends in the Quality of U.S. Healthcare Services", pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 299b-2(b)(2); Public Law 106-129, Sec. 2(a); (113 Stat. 1658); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-2481. A letter from the Senior Bureau Official, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a determination and memorandum of justification pursuant to sections 1245(D)(4)(B) and (C) of the National Defense Authorization Act for FY 2012; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-2482. A letter from the Regulatory Management Branch, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Air Plan Approval: Arizona: Infrastructure Requirements for the 2012 Fine Particulate Matter National Ambient Air Quality Standard [EPA-R09-OAR-2023-0539; FRL-11747-02-R9] received December 18, 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-2483. A letter from the Regulatory Management Branch, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — New Source Performance Standards and National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants; Delegation of Author-

ity to Louisiana [EPA-R06-OAR-2010-1054; FRL-12688-02-R6] received December 18, 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-2484. A letter from the Regulatory Management Branch, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — New Source Performance Standards; Delegation of Authority to Oklahoma [EPA-R06-OAR-2010-0580; FRL-12826-02-R6] received December 18, 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-2485. A letter from the Regulatory Management Branch, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Thiamethoxam; Pesticide Tolerances [EPA-HQ-OPP-2024-0631; FRL-13060-01-OCSP] received December 18, 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-2486. A letter from the Regulatory Management Branch, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Flupyradifurone; Pesticide Tolerance for Emergency Exemption [EPA-HQ-OPP-2025-1973; FRL-13080-01-OCSP] received December 18, 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-2487. A letter from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's notice of proposed rulemaking — Amendment of Section 73.622(j) Television Broadcast Stations (Fort Bragg and Cloverdale, California) [MB Docket No.: 25-246] (RM-12007) 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 Energy and Commerce.

EC-2488. A letter from the Supervisory, Program Analyst, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Connect America Fund, Alaska Connect Fund, Connect America Fund — Alaska Plan, et al. WC Docket Nos. 10-90, 23-328, 16-271, 14-58, & 09-197; WT Docket No. 10-208 Order on Reconsideration and Clarification and Order (FCC 25-61) 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 Energy and Commerce.

EC-2489. A letter from the Bureau Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's direct final rule — Federal Communications Commission released a Direct Final Rule entitled Delete, Delete, Delete; GN Docket No. 25-133; FCC 25-68 (RIN: 3060-AK57) 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 Energy and Commerce.

EC-2490. A letter from the Policy and Rules Division, Chief, Office of Engineering and Technology, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Amendment of the Commission's Rules Regarding Implementation of the Final Acts of the World Radiocommunication Conference (Geneva, 2015) [ET Docket No.: 23-120] Amendment of Parts 2 and 97 of the Commission's Rules Regarding Implementation of Final Acts of the World Radiocommunication Conference (Geneva, 2015) [RM-11785] 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 Energy and Commerce.

EC-2491. A letter from the Deputy Chief, Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's direct final