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## Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Saturday, January 3, 2026, at 12 p.m.

## House of Representatives

SATURDAY, JANUARY 3, 2026

The House met at 11:30 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. SMITH of New Jersey).

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,  
January 3, 2026.

I hereby appoint the Honorable CHRISTOPHER H. 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:

Holy and eternal God, we commend to You this past year and pray Your blessing over all our efforts.

Should we be consumed with pride over our accomplishments, humble us, for nothing we do is outside of Your sovereign plan. Should we be overwhelmed with frustration, believing our best attempts have been thwarted, raise us up, for all things, when done in good faith, will find reward in the fullness of time.

All of this—our successes, our failures, our achievements, our losses—we commend to You. For any glory we gain is like the flowers of the field, and any defeat we suffer is like the grass that withers, but Your Word, O Lord, endures forever.

Speak then Your final Word over the first half of the 119th Congress, that we would know the might of Your righteousness and the mercy of Your reward.

All this we ask by Your endless grace and in Your matchless name.  
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.

### RESIGNATION FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following resignation from the House of Representatives:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
December 8, 2025, Washington, DC.

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

DEAR SPEAKER JOHNSON: Enclosed is my letter of retirement sent to Georgia Gov-

ernor Brian Kemp. I will leave the House of Representatives effective January 5, 2026, at 11:59 pm EST.

It has been my honor and privilege to serve the people of Georgia's 14th congressional district.

Sincerely,  
MARJORIE TAYLOR GREENE,  
Member of Congress.

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
December 8, 2025, Washington, DC.

Governor BRIAN KEMP,  
The Office of the Governor,  
Atlanta, GA.

DEAR GOVERNOR KEMP: I am writing to notify you of my retirement as a Member of the United States House of Representatives for the 14th Congressional District of Georgia effective January 5, 2026, at 11:59 pm EST.

It has been my honor and privilege to serve the people of Georgia's 14th congressional district.

Sincerely,  
MAJORIE TAYLOR GREENE,  
Member of Congress.

### RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 33 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess.

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### AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro

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

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tempore (Mr. SMITH of New Jersey) at 11 o'clock and 55 minutes a.m.

SINE DIE ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the 20th amendment to the Constitution of the United States, the

Chair declares the First Session of the 119th Congress adjourned sine die.

Thereupon (at 11 o'clock and 55 minutes a.m.), the House adjourned.

EXPENDITURE REPORTS CONCERNING OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL

Reports concerning the foreign currencies and U.S. dollars utilized for Official Foreign Travel during the third and fourth quarters of 2025, pursuant to Public Law 95-384, are as follows:

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, COMMITTEE ON THE BUDGET, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN JULY 1 AND SEPT. 30, 2025

Table with columns: Name of Member or employee, Date (Arrival, Departure), Country, Per diem (Foreign currency, U.S. dollar equivalent), Transportation (Foreign currency, U.S. dollar equivalent), Other purposes (Foreign currency, U.S. dollar equivalent), Total (Foreign currency, U.S. dollar equivalent). Rows include Hon. Ron Estes, Hon. Donald Norcross, etc.

1 Per diem constitutes lodging and meals.

2 If foreign currency is used, enter U.S. dollar equivalent; if U.S. currency is used, enter amount expended.

HON. JODEY C. ARRINGTON, Dec. 17, 2025.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, COMMITTEE ON HOUSE ADMINISTRATION, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN OCT. 1 AND DEC. 31, 2025

Table with columns: Name of Member or employee, Date (Arrival, Departure), Country, Per diem (Foreign currency, U.S. dollar equivalent), Transportation (Foreign currency, U.S. dollar equivalent), Other purposes (Foreign currency, U.S. dollar equivalent), Total (Foreign currency, U.S. dollar equivalent).

HOUSE COMMITTEES

Please note: If there were no expenditures during the calendar quarter noted above, please check the box at right to so indicate and return.

1 Per diem constitutes lodging and meals.

2 If foreign currency is used, enter U.S. dollar equivalent; if U.S. currency is used, enter amount expended.

HON. BRYAN STEIL, Dec. 15, 2025.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, COMMISSION ON SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE, EXPENDED BETWEEN JULY 1 AND SEPT. 30, 2025

Table with columns: Name of Member or employee, Date (Arrival, Departure), Country, Per diem (Foreign currency, U.S. dollar equivalent), Transportation (Foreign currency, U.S. dollar equivalent), Other purposes (Foreign currency, U.S. dollar equivalent), Total (Foreign currency, U.S. dollar equivalent). Rows include Hon. Joe Wilson, Hon. Steven Cohen, Hon. Robert Aderholt, etc.

1 Per diem constitutes lodging and meals.

2 If foreign currency is used, enter U.S. dollar equivalent; if U.S. currency is used, enter amount expended.

HON. JOE WILSON, Dec. 17, 2025.