

been silent all day that they may live to regret that silence.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to refrain from engaging in personalities toward the President.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 8 o'clock and 16 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, January 7, 2026, at 10 a.m. for morning-hour debate.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

EC-2562. A letter from the Legislative Affairs, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, transmitting the Bureau's Fall 2024 Semi-Annual Fair Lending Report, pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 5493(c)(2)(D); Public Law 111-203, Sec. 1013(c)(2)(D); (124 Stat. 1966) and 15 U.S.C. 1691f; Public Law 90-321, Sec. 707 (as added by Public Law 94-239, Sec. 7); (90 Stat. 255); to the Committee on Financial Services.

EC-2563. A letter from the Administrator, Regulatory Management Branch, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants; Delegation of Authority to Oklahoma [EPA-R06-OAR-2020-0086; FRL-12761-02-R6] received December 30, 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-2564. A letter from the Administrator, Regulatory Management Branch, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's Direct final rule — Air Plan Approval; CO; Revisions to Colorado Procedural Rules and Common Provisions Regulation [EPA-R08-OAR-2024-0550; FRL-13050-02-R8] received December 30, 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-2565. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to the Western Balkans that was declared in Executive Order 13219 of June 26, 2001, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1641(c); Public Law 94-412, Sec. 401(c); (90 Stat. 1257) and 50 U.S.C. 1703(c); Public Law 95-223, Sec 204(c); (91 Stat. 1627); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-2566. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting notification of an introduction of United States Armed Forces, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1543(a)(3); Public Law 93-148, Sec. 4(a); (87 Stat. 555) (H. Doc. No. 119-124); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed.

EC-2567. A letter from the Administrator, General Services Administration, transmitting the Semiannual Report of the Office of the Inspector General, for the period April 1, 2025, through September 30, 2025, pursuant to the Inspector General Act of 1978; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

EC-2568. A letter from the Clerk of the U.S. House of Representatives, transmitting a list of reports created by the Clerk which it is the duty of any officer or Department to make to Congress (H. Doc. No. 119-115); to the Committee on House Administration and ordered to be printed.

EC-2569. A letter from the Management Analyst, Office of the Executive Secretariat and Regulatory Affairs, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's Public Land Order — No. 7917 for Withdrawal of Federal Lands; Cook, Lake and Saint Louis Counties, MN received January 6, 2026, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

EC-2570. A letter from the Acting Deputy Division Chief, Regulatory Coordination Division, Citizenship and Immigration Services, Homeland Security, Executive Office for Immigration Review, Department of Justice, transmitting the Department's final rule — Security Bars and Processing; Confirmation of Effective Date; Partial Withdrawal [CIS No.: 2844-26; Docket No.: USCIS 2020-0013] (RIN: 1615-AC57) [Dir. Order No.: 03-2025] (RIN: 1125-AB08) received December 30, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2571. A letter from the Secretary, Judicial Conference of the United States, transmitting the Report of the Proceedings of the Judicial Conference of the United States for the September 2025 session; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2572. A letter from the Acting Deputy Division Chief, Regulatory Coordination Division, USCIS, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's Major final rule — Weighted Selection Process for Registrants and Petitioners Seeking to File Cap-Subject H-1B Petitions [CIS No.: 2847-26; DHS Docket No.: USCIS-2025-0040] (RIN: 1615-AD01) received December 29, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2573. A letter from the Administrator, Regulatory Management Branch, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's Major final rule — Effluent Limitations Guidelines and Standards for the Steam Electric Power Generating Point Source Category--Deadline Extensions [EPA-HQ-OW-2009-0819; FRL-8794.3-04-OW] (RIN: 2040-AG54) received December 30, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

#### 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. COLE:

H.R. 6938. A bill making consolidated appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Appropriations, and in addition to the Committee on the Budget, 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. BEGICH:

H.R. 6939. A bill to address data and research gaps to improve marine environmental data collection, particularly in the Bering Sea, Aleutian Islands, and Gulf of Alaska, prioritize technology that supports research, bycatch reduction, and marine

benthic habitat in Alaska fisheries, advance and streamline electronic monitoring and electronic reporting in United States fisheries, and establish a fund to provide financial assistance for fishermen purchasing gear and technology aimed at reducing bycatch and marine benthic habitat contact from trawl fishing gear; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mrs. BIGGS of South Carolina:

H.R. 6940. A bill to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to assess how Executive departments address mental health crisis prevention and awareness, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. CRANE:

H.R. 6941. A bill to direct the Secretary of Energy to conduct a study to identify the effects of covered geoengineering projects on the health of humans and the environment, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. CRANE:

H.R. 6942. A bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to Nick Shirley, in recognition of exemplary investigative journalism that uncovered waste, fraud, and abuse perpetrated against American taxpayers; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. EVANS of Colorado:

H.R. 6943. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to standardize the payment of burial and funeral expenses and plot allowances for deceased veterans under the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. FEENSTRA (for himself, Mr. RILEY of New York, Mr. FINSTAD, and Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina):

H.R. 6944. A bill to require the Secretary of Agriculture to make cost-share grants for retrofitting agricultural tractors with roll-over protection structures, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mrs. FISCHBACH (for herself, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, and Ms. TENNEY):

H.R. 6945. A bill to amend part A of title IV of the Social Security Act to clarify the authority of States to use funds for pregnancy centers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. HUNT:

H.R. 6946. A bill to amend section 244 of the Immigration and Nationality Act to terminate Temporary Protected Status designations for certain countries; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. KELLY of Illinois:

H.R. 6947. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to require each new motor vehicle to be equipped with a manual door release allowing timely exit regardless of failure of any electrical system, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. LATIMER (for himself and Mr. FITZPATRICK):

H.R. 6948. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to require each new electric and hybrid vehicle to be equipped with technology that allows the timely extinguishment of an electric vehicle battery fire, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. MOORE of Utah:

H.R. 6949. A bill to establish a pilot program in which States may use consolidated funds, through Upward Mobility Grants, for antipoverty programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on Financial Services, Agriculture, 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 Ms. NORTON:

H.R. 6950. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to treat the District of Columbia as a State for purposes of certain grant programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Ms. SCHAKOWSKY (for herself, Ms. BARRAGÁN, Ms. CASTOR of Florida, Mrs. CHERFILUS-MC CORMICK, Mr. COHEN, Mr. DOGGETT, Ms. GARCIA of Texas, Mr. GOLDMAN of New York, Ms. NORTON, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, Ms. MATSUI, Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ, Ms. OMAR, Ms. PINGREE, Mr. QUIGLEY, Mrs. RAMIREZ, Ms. STRICKLAND, Mr. TONKO, Mrs. TRAHAN, and Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ):

H.R. 6951. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to repeal the requirement that States establish a Medicaid Estate Recovery Program and to limit the circumstances in which a State may place a lien on a Medicaid beneficiary's property; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mrs. TORRES of California (for herself, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, Ms. FRIEDMAN, and Mrs. FLETCHER):

H.R. 6952. A bill to direct the American Folklife Center at the Library of Congress to establish an oral history program to collect certain video and audio recordings of personal histories and testimonials and written materials with respect to individuals who were affected by the events at the United States Capitol on January 6, 2021, and for other purposes; to the Committee on House Administration.

By Mrs. TORRES of California (for herself, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, Mrs. FLETCHER, and Ms. FRIEDMAN):

H.R. 6953. A bill to provide for an enhanced penalty for an act of violent insurrection; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. TORRES of California (for herself, Ms. FRIEDMAN, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, and Mrs. FLETCHER):

H.R. 6954. A bill to direct the Director of the Congressional Research Service to prepare a report extent of recidivism by individuals pardoned by the President under Presidential Proclamation 10887, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CROW (for himself, Mr. GOLDMAN of New York, Ms. GOODLANDER, Mr. BELL, Mr. QUIGLEY, Mr. MOULTON, Mr. COSTA, Mrs. TORRES of California, Ms. GARCIA of Texas, Mr. GOTTHEIMER, Ms. STEVENS, and Ms. TITUS):

H.J. Res. 136. A joint resolution amending title 36, United States Code, to direct the President to issue an annual proclamation establishing Democracy Day; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania:

H. Res. 974. A resolution providing for a committee to notify the President of the assembly of the House of Representatives; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania:

H. Res. 975. A resolution to inform the Senate that a quorum of the House has assembled; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania:

H. Res. 976. A resolution providing for the hour of meeting of the House; considered and agreed to.

## MEMORIALS

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

ML-45. The SPEAKER presented a memorial of the General Assembly of the State of Ohio, relative to House Resolution 243, to request the Secretary of the Air Force select the 121st Air Refueling Wing at the Rickenbacker Air National Guard Base in Columbus, Ohio, as the preferred main operating base for the KC-46 Pegasus refueling aircraft; to the Committee on Armed Services.

ML-46. Also, a memorial of the Legislature of the State of Texas, relative to Senate Concurrent Resolution 9, urging the Congress of the United States to propose and submit to the states for ratification the "Keep Nine" amendment to the United States Constitution, stating that "The Supreme Court of the United States shall be composed of nine justices"; 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. COLE:

H.R. 6938.

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

The principal constitutional authority for this legislation is clause 7 of section 9 of article I of the Constitution of the United States (the appropriation power), which states: "No Money shall be drawn from the Treasury, but in Consequence of Appropriations made by Law . . . ." In addition, clause 1 of section 8 of article I of the Constitution (the spending power) provides: "The Congress shall have the Power . . . to pay the Debts and provide for the common Defence and general Welfare of the United States . . ." Together, these specific constitutional provisions establish the congressional power of the purse, granting Congress the authority to appropriate funds, to determine their purpose, amount, and period of availability, and to set forth terms and conditions governing their use.

By Mr. BEGICH:

H.R. 6939.

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

Article 1, Section 8.

By Mrs. BIGGS of South Carolina:

H.R. 6940.

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

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution of the United States, including Clause 1 (relating to the power to provide for the general welfare of the United States) and Clause 18 (the Necessary and Proper Clause), which grant Congress the authority to oversee and direct the administration of Federal programs and to ensure effective coordination among Executive departments carrying out mental health, public health, and suicide prevention responsibilities.

By Mr. CRANE:

H.R. 6941.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 18.

By Mr. CRANE:

H.R. 6942.

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

Article 1 section 8 clause 18

By Mr. EVANS of Colorado:

H.R. 6943.

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

Article 1 Section 8

By Mr. FEENSTRA:

H.R. 6944.

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

Article 1, Section 8

By Mrs. FISCHBACH:

H.R. 6945.

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

Article 1, Section 8

By Mr. HUNT:

H.R. 6946.

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

Article 1, Section 8

By Ms. KELLY of Illinois:

H.R. 6947.

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

Clause 18 of Section 8 of Article 1 of the Constitution

By Mr. LATIMER:

H.R. 6948.

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

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 3 of the US Constitution

By Mr. MOORE of Utah:

H.R. 6949.

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

Article I, Section 8

By Ms. NORTON:

H.R. 6950.

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

Clause 18 of section 8 of article I of the Constitution

By Ms. SCHAKOWSKY:

H.R. 6951.

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

Section 8 of article 1 of the Constitution

By Mrs. TORRES of California:

H.R. 6952.

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

According to Article 1: Section 8: Clause 18: of the United States Constitution, seen below, this bill falls within the Constitutional Authority of the United States Congress.

Article 1: Section 8: Clause 18: 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 Mrs. TORRES of California:

H.R. 6953.

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

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