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## Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, January 26, 2026, at 3 p.m.

## House of Representatives

FRIDAY, JANUARY 23, 2026

The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. BOST).

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,  
January 23, 2026.

I hereby appoint the Honorable MIKE BOST, 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:

Exalted God and King, let us praise Your name today and always. We need only look at the handiwork of Your creation, and there we discover how great You are and due our praise. Who You are and what You have done are beyond our wildest imaginings.

Let our generation carry on the legacy of those who have gone before and told us of Your majesty. For in thick and thin You continued to reveal to them the wonder of Your care and provision. Though they had to endure challenges to their lives and well-being, nonetheless, they gave testimony to the awe of Your goodness and mercy.

As they meditated on Your presence in their lives, so may we. As they proclaimed Your great deeds, so may we.

As they acknowledged Your compassion and sang of Your righteousness, so may we.

For You are a God of eternity. In our lives, as in theirs, You remind us that You have been gracious and compassionate. Despite our mistakes, as with theirs, You have always been slow to anger and rich in mercy.

This day, O Lord, may we bear witness to Your goodness that those who follow us will know You.

In Your timeless and gracious 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 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 27, 2026.

Thereupon (at 10 o'clock and 2 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the

House adjourned until Tuesday, January 27, 2026, at 12:30 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-2753. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to hostage-taking and the wrongful detention of United States nationals abroad that was declared in Executive Order 14078 of July 19, 2022, 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-2754. A letter from the Branch Chief, Border Security Regulations Branch, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's correcting amendment — Enhanced Air Cargo Advance Screening (ACAS); Corrections [Docket No.: USCBP-2025-0053; CBP Dec. 26-04] (RIN: 1651-AB61) received January 21, 2026, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Homeland Security.

### 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 Mrs. BIGGS of South Carolina (for herself, Mr. TIMMONS, Mrs. BICE, Mr. CRANE, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mr. STEUBE, Ms. MACE, Mr. OGLES, Mr. TIFFANY, Ms. BOEBERT,

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Mr. ROY, Mrs. HARSHBARGER, Mr. PERRY, Mr. MOORE of Alabama, Ms. LETLOW, Mrs. MILLER of Illinois, and Mr. HARRIS of Maryland):

H.R. 7235. A bill to prohibit agencies from using the term "birthing person" in official documents; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Mr. SHREVE:

H.R. 7236. A bill to provide for the Secretary of Health and Human Services to maintain a national list of licensed private child placement agencies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. STUTZMAN (for himself and Mrs. HARSHBARGER):

H.R. 7237. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to ensure that a woman seeking a chemical abortion is made aware of the risks involved, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. TAKANO (for himself, Ms. NORTON, Mr. PETERS, Mr. POCAN, Ms. SIMON, Mr. GOTTHEIMER, Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas, Mr. MCGARVEY, Mr. GARCIA of California, Ms. RANDALL, Mr. LIEU, Mrs. RAMIREZ, Mr. DOGGETT, Ms. WILSON of Florida, Ms. TLAIB, Ms. LEE of Pennsylvania, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. TORRES of New York, Mr. VARGAS, Ms. JACOBS, Mr. CASE, Ms. TITUS, Mr. GOLDMAN of New York, Ms. MCBRIDE, Ms. BONAMICI, and Ms. BALINT):

H.R. 7238. A bill to establish the Commission on Equity and Reconciliation in the Uniformed Services; to the Committee on Armed Services, and in addition to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provi-

sions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Ms. SCHAKOWSKY (for herself, Mr. JOYCE of Ohio, Mr. TONKO, and Ms. BONAMICI):

H. Res. 1019. A resolution recognizing the roles and the contributions of America's Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNAs) and their critical role in providing quality health care for the public and our Nation's Armed Forces, for more than 150 years and through multiple public health emergencies and beyond; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

#### 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 Mrs. BIGGS of South Carolina:

H.R. 7235.

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

Article I, Section 8 of the United States Constitution.

By Mr. SHREVE:

H.R. 7236.

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

Article 1 Section 8

By Mr. STUTZMAN:

H.R. 7237.

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

Section 8 of article I of the Constitution.

By Mr. TAKANO:

H.R. 7238.

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

Article 1, Section 8

#### ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

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

H.R. 1227: Mr. THANEDAR.

H.R. 3562: Ms. TITUS.

H.R. 4194: Mr. RULLI.

H.R. 4206: Mr. HILL of Arkansas.

H.R. 4966: Mr. BOYLE of Pennsylvania and Mr. SWALWELL.

H.R. 5031: Mr. LANDSMAN, Mr. RILEY of New York, and Mr. ROGERS of Alabama.

H.R. 5710: Mr. ALLEN and Mr. ROUZER.

H.R. 6124: Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN.

H.R. 6298: Ms. MCBRIDE.

H.R. 6358: Ms. TITUS.

H.R. 6391: Mr. HUFFMAN.

H.R. 7022: Mr. HILL of Arkansas.

H.R. 7035: Mr. TRAN.

H.R. 7037: Ms. SALAZAR and Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS.

H.R. 7058: Mr. MCDOWELL and Mr. HARIDOPOLOS.

H.R. 7101: Mr. COSTA.

H.R. 7115: Mr. FINSTAD.

H.R. 7166: Mr. DAVIS of Illinois.

H.R. 7190: Mrs. GRIJALVA.

H. Res. 971: Mr. SHERMAN, Mr. MOYLAN, Mr. SWALWELL, and Mrs. RADEWAGEN.

H. Res. 996: Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi.