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## House of Representatives

The House met at 12:30 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,  
January 27, 2026.

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 Reverend John Kellogg, Christ Church Capitol Hill, Washington, D.C., offered the following prayer:

Almighty God, we thank You for all who serve in the House of Representatives and for their willingness to offer themselves in service and leadership to our country. Continue to grace them with discerning minds, humble hearts, and composed spirits as they work together for the good of the American people. Sustain them in their service, bless their families and staffs, and keep our Nation under Your watchful care.  
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 Repub-

lic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### BILL PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Kevin F. McCumber, Clerk of the House, reported that on January 22, 2026, the following bill was presented to the President of the United States for approval:

H.R. 6938. Making consolidated appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026, and for other purposes.

### ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 13 of rule I, the House stands adjourned until 10:30 a.m. on Friday, January 30, 2026.

Thereupon (at 12 o'clock and 32 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Friday, January 30, 2026, at 10:30 a.m.

### EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

EC-2755. A letter from the Acting Branch Supervisor, Regulatory Management Branch, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Air Plan Approval; Arkansas; Codification of the State Implementation Plan [EPA-R06-OAR-2025-0015; FRL-12949-02-R6] received January 22, 2026, 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-2756. A letter from the Acting Branch Supervisor, Regulatory Management Branch, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Air Plan Disapproval; Colorado; Regional Haze Plan for the Second Implementation Period [EPA-R08-OAR-2024-0607; FRL-12598-02-R8] received January 22, 2026, 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-2757. A letter from the Acting Branch Supervisor, Regulatory Management Branch, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Air Plan Approval; Indiana; Regional Haze Plan for the Second Implementation Period [EPA-R05-OAR-2021-0963; FRL-12589-02-R5] received January 22, 2026, 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-2758. A letter from the Acting Branch Supervisor, Regulatory Management Branch, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Air Plan Approval; Oklahoma; Revisions to Air Pollution Control Rules [EPA-R06-OAR-2025-0012; FRL-11140-02-R6] received January 22, 2026, 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.

### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. COMER: Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. H.R. 5183. A bill to amend the District of Columbia Home Rule Act to establish a uniform 60-day congressional review period for District of Columbia laws, to clarify the expedited procedures applicable to consideration of resolutions of disapproval of District of Columbia laws, to authority the use of resolutions of disapproval to disapprove provisions of District of Columbia laws and District of Columbia executive orders and regulations, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 119-463 Pt. 1). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. COMER: Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. H.R. 1295. A bill to amend chapter 9 of title 5, United States Code, to reauthorize the executive reorganization authority of the President and to ensure efficient executive reorganization, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 119-464 Pt. 1). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. JORDAN: Committee on the Judiciary. H.R. 6978. A bill to direct the Director of U.S.

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

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Citizenship and Immigration Services to conduct a review of certain approved immigration benefit requests, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 119-465). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. JORDAN: Committee on the Judiciary. H.R. 3497. A bill to establish a medal of service for law enforcement officers and first responders, with an amendment (Rept. 119-466). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. JORDAN: Committee on the Judiciary. H.R. 1958. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to clarify that aliens who have been convicted of defrauding the United States Government or the unlawful receipt of public benefits are inadmissible and deportable, with an amendment (Rept. 119-467). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. COMER: Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. Resolution Recommending that the House Of Representatives find Former President of the United States William J. Clinton in Contempt of Congress for Refusal to Comply with a Subpoena Duly Issued by the Committee On Oversight and Government Reform (Rept. 119-468). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. COMER: Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. Resolution Recommending that the House of Representatives find Former Secretary of State Hillary R. Clinton in Contempt of Congress for Refusal to Comply with a Subpoena Duly Issued by the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform (Rept. 119-469). Referred to the House Calendar.

#### DISCHARGE OF COMMITTEE

Pursuant to clause 2 of rule XIII, the Committee on Rules discharged from further consideration. H.R. 1295 referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Pursuant to clause 2 of rule XIII, the Committee on Rules discharged from further consideration. H.R. 5183 referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

#### 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. BARRETT:

H.R. 7239. A bill to require the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration to submit to Congress an action plan for advancing the deployment of the Airborne Collision Avoidance System-X, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. BARRETT:

H.R. 7240. A bill to direct the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration to revise regulations relating to ADS-B Out transmission exceptions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Ms. BUDZINSKI (for herself and Mr. BARRETT):

H.R. 7241. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to prohibit the Secretary of Veterans Affairs from entering into a contract pursuant to which the contractor may sell sensitive personal information maintained by the Secretary and to ensure the protection of personal information in certain contracts of the Department; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Ms. BYNUM:

H.R. 7242. A bill to amend the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act to train in-

dividuals in construction trades and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and Workforce.

By Ms. BYNUM (for herself and Mr. PAPPAS):

H.R. 7243. A bill to require the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to establish a grant program to provide amounts to developers to offset the State and local taxes associated with the building of housing developments, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Ms. BYNUM:

H.R. 7244. A bill to require the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to establish a first-time home buyers match program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Ms. BYNUM:

H.R. 7245. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to establish the mass timber plant investment credit, the mass timber workforce development credit, and the mass timber construction credit; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. CASTEN (for himself, Ms. CASTOR of Florida, Mr. LIEU, Mr. MULLIN, Ms. BONAMICI, Ms. ANSARI, Mr. HUFFMAN, Ms. STANSBURY, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Ms. BROWNLEY, Mr. EVANS of Pennsylvania, Mr. MIN, and Mr. GOLDMAN of New York):

H.R. 7246. A bill to establish the Climate Financial Risk Committee and Climate Financial Risk Advisory Committee on the Financial Stability Oversight Council; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. CLEAVER (for himself, Ms. BROWN, Mrs. FOUSHEE, Ms. SEWELL, Ms. SIMON, Mrs. CHERFILUS-MCCORMICK, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia, Mr. CASE, Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois, Mr. FIELDS, Ms. TLAIB, Mr. THANEDAR, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Mrs. MCIVER, Mr. EVANS of Pennsylvania, Ms. LEE of Pennsylvania, Ms. CROCKETT, Ms. JOHNSON of Texas, Ms. DELBENE, Ms. RANDALL, and Ms. NORTON):

H.R. 7247. A bill to establish a program to make grants for the establishment of prison libraries; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. COMER (for himself, Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky, Mr. GUTHRIE, Mr. ROSE, and Mr. LAWLER):

H.R. 7248. A bill to require the Corps of Engineers to take certain actions with respect to rental amounts and administrative fees charged to certain marinas, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. DELUZIO (for himself, Ms. LEE of Pennsylvania, and Mr. BEYER):

H.R. 7249. A bill to amend the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to establish additional considerations with regard to the adequacy of permit performance bonds, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. DOWNING:

H.R. 7250. A bill to reauthorize the Fort Peck Reservation Rural Water System Act of 2000; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Ms. ELFRETH (for herself, Ms. ANSARI, Ms. CHU, Mr. CLEAVER, Mr. COHEN, Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas, Mr. GOLDMAN of New York, Mr. HUFFMAN, Mr. LIEU, Ms. NORTON, Mr. PETERS, Ms. PINGREE, Mr. QUIGLEY, Mr. THANEDAR, Ms. TITUS, and Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN):

H.R. 7251. A bill to amend the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act to prohibit the use of the image of living political figures on the America the Beautiful—the National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands

Pass; to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, 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. GARCIA of Texas (for herself, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Ms. WILSON of Florida, Ms. TITUS, Mr. CARTER of Louisiana, Ms. SALINAS, Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois, and Ms. PINGREE):

H.R. 7252. A bill to repeal section 642 of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. HILL of Arkansas (for himself, Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina, Mr. MOORE of Utah, Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas, Mr. MILLER of Ohio, and Mr. COSTA):

H.R. 7253. A bill to amend title XI the Social Security Act to require the Commissioner to disseminate information related to the ticket to work program to certain individuals; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. HUFFMAN (for himself, Ms. LOFGREN, Ms. PELOSI, Mr. GARAMENDI, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Mr. MULLIN, Mr. KHANNA, Ms. SIMON, Mr. LICCARDO, Mr. DESAULNIER, Mr. SWALWELL, and Mr. PANETTA):

H.R. 7254. A bill to amend the National Trails System Act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study on the feasibility of designating the Bay Area Ridge National Scenic Trail, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. KILEY of California (for himself, Ms. TITUS, and Ms. LEE of Nevada):

H.R. 7255. A bill to amend Public Law 96-586 to modernize the authority of the Forest Service to acquire and administer land under that Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. LANGWORTHY:

H.R. 7256. A bill to amend section 3523 of title 5, United States Code, to increase the limit on voluntary separation incentive payments, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Mr. LATTA (for himself and Ms. MATSUI):

H.R. 7257. A bill to amend the Energy Policy and Conservation Act to require States to include supporting the physical security, cybersecurity, and resilience of local distribution systems in State energy security plans; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Ms. LEE of Florida (for herself and Mr. WALBERG):

H.R. 7258. A bill to amend the Department of Energy Organization Act with respect to functions assigned to Assistant Secretaries, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. LEVIN (for himself and Mr. MACKENZIE):

H.R. 7259. A bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to exclude certain military housing allowances from the calculation of household income, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and Workforce.

By Mr. MACKENZIE (for himself and Mr. MCGARVEY):

H.R. 7260. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit to Congress an annual report on the National Cemetery Administration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.