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

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
February 5, 2026.

I hereby appoint the Honorable DAN NEWHOUSE 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:

Our Father, who art in Heaven, You have taught us how to pray. And on this day with others who approach You from a multitude of faith traditions, we each offer prayers that reside deep in our souls, laying the petitions of our hearts before You. From wherever we have come, we draw near to You in reverence, trusting that You will accept our manner of worship as holy and acceptable to You.

Receive us, even as we speak in many languages and with a wide range of voices, that the prayers of Your children may ascend to Your hearing. As You answer our prayers with Your unconditional love, show us how to respond in love to one another. Even as You have loved us—with all our strengths and shortfalls, gifts and gaffs, differences and divisions—so may we show that love to those around us.

On this week, when we have taken time to acknowledge and defend religious freedom across the globe, may faith not be diminished by the divide of politics but find its strength in the diversity of belief. May not law but love

compel us to safeguard the freedom of religion for our fellow citizens. May not statute but stewardship of Your grace call us to honor the dignity of all peoples.

For this is Your great command: to love one another.

In the light of Your love, we pray in the name by which we know You, and I in the name of Jesus.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House the approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1 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. Without objection, the House stands adjourned until noon on Monday, February 9, 2026, for morning-hour debate and 2 p.m. for legislative business.

There was no objection.

Thereupon (at 10 o'clock and 3 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Monday, February 9, 2026, at noon for morning-hour debate.

OATH FOR ACCESS TO CLASSIFIED INFORMATION

Under clause 13 of rule XXIII, the following Member executed the oath for access to classified information:

Christian D. Menefee

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

EC-2821. A letter from the Secretary of Labor, Chair of Board of Directors, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's FY 2024 actuarial evaluation of expected operations and status, pursuant to 29 U.S.C. 1308(a); Public Law 93-406, Sec. 4008 (as amended by Public Law 109-280, Sec. 412); (120 Stat. 936); to the Committee on Education and Workforce.

EC-2822. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Hong Kong that was declared in Executive Order 13936 of July 14, 2020, 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-2823. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Libya that was declared in Executive Order 13566 of February 25, 2011, 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-2824. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to significant transnational criminal organizations that was declared in Executive Order 13581 of July 24, 2011, 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-2825. A letter from the Senior Bureau Official, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Department

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

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Notification Number: DDTC 25-105, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-2826. A letter from the Deputy Assistant General Counsel, Department of Agriculture, transmitting two (2) notifications of an action on nomination, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 3349(a); Public Law 105-277, Sec. 151(b); (112 Stat. 2681-614); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

EC-2827. A letter from the Deputy Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's Semiannual Inspector General Report for the period April 1, 2025 through September 30, 2025; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

EC-2828. A letter from the Associate General Counsel for General Law, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting three (3) notifications of an action on nomination and discontinuation of service in acting role, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 3349(a); Public Law 105-277, Sec. 151(b); (112 Stat. 2681-614); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

EC-2829. A letter from the Attorney Advisor, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting a notification of an action on nomination, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 3349(a); Public Law 105-277, Sec. 151(b); (112 Stat. 2681-614); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

EC-2830. A letter from the Attorney Advisor, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting a notification of an action on nomination, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 3349(a); Public Law 105-277, Sec. 151(b); (112 Stat. 2681-614); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

EC-2831. A letter from the Attorney Advisor, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting a notification of an action on nomination and designation of acting officer, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 3349(a); Public Law 105-277, Sec. 151(b); (112 Stat. 2681-614); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

EC-2832. A letter from the Acting Director of Executive Services, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting three (3) notifications of a nomination, and action on nomination, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 3349(a); Public Law 105-277, Sec. 151(b); (112 Stat. 2681-614); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

EC-2833. A letter from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting the Semiannual Report of the Inspector General and the Management Response for the period of April 1, 2025 to September 30, 2025; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

EC-2834. A letter from the Secretary of Labor, Chair of the Board of Directors, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's FY 2025 Annual Report, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 3515(a)(1); Public Law 101-576, Sec. 303(a)(1) (as amended by Public Law 107-289, Sec. 2(a)); (116 Stat. 2049); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

EC-2835. A letter from the President and CEO, National Safety Council, transmitting the Council's Audit Report for the year ended June 30, 2025; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2836. A letter from the Executive Director, Office of Congressional Workplace Rights, transmitting the Office's Annual Report on Awards and Settlements for Calendar Year 2025 for Employing Offices of the House of Representatives, pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 1381(1)(A); Public Law 104-1, title III, Sec. 301(1)(A) (as added by Public Law 115-397, title II, Sec. 201(a)(1)(B)); (132 Stat. 5315);

jointly to the Committees on House Administration and Education and Workforce.

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. DUNN of Florida (for himself and Ms. MCCLELLAN):

H.R. 7386. A bill to amend the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012 to reauthorize the First Responder Network Authority, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. GOODEN (for himself, Ms. TENNEY, Mr. ROUZER, Mr. MOORE of Alabama, Mr. TIFFANY, Mr. ROY, Mr. OGLE, Mr. PALMER, Mr. FRY, and Mr. MCDOWELL):

H.R. 7387. A bill to limit donations made pursuant to settlement agreements to which the United States is a party, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BURLISON:

H.R. 7388. A bill to direct the Administrator of General Services to convene consultation meetings to identify alternative financing solutions for the construction of new public buildings that will reduce costs to the Federal Government, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. GUTHRIE:

H.R. 7389. A bill to modernize the motor vehicle safety programs of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. LATTA:

H.R. 7390. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, regarding the authority of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration over vehicles with automated driving systems to provide safety measures for such vehicles, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, 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. BERGMAN (for himself, Mr. AUCHINCLOSS, Mr. MOULTON, Mr. LYNCH, Mr. SMUCKER, Ms. LOIS FRANKEL of Florida, Ms. NORTON, Mr. MANN, Mr. MRVAN, Ms. BALINT, Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas, Ms. MALOY, Mr. BRESNAHAN, Mr. CLEAVER, Ms. ANSARI, Mr. HUIZENGA, Ms. MCBRIDE, Ms. TITUS, Ms. TLAIB, Mr. NEGUSE, Mr. CRANK, Ms. LEE of Nevada, Mr. LUCAS, Mr. LARSEN of Washington, and Mr. COHEN):

H.R. 7391. A bill to amend title III of the Public Health Service Act to ensure that Federally-qualified health centers are not required to pay more than the 340B ceiling price for covered outpatient drugs at the time of purchase; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mrs. FLETCHER (for herself, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Ms. ESCOBAR, Mrs. FOUSHEE, Mr. GARAMENDI, Mr. GOLDMAN of New York, Ms. JACOBS, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, and Mrs. TORRES of California):

H.R. 7392. A bill to impose a hiring freeze on United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security.

By Mr. PATRONIS (for himself and Mr. BILIRAKIS):

H.R. 7393. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow distributions from qualified tuition programs for qualified housing expenses, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Ms. BALINT (for herself, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, and Ms. NORTON):

H.R. 7394. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services, acting through the Assistant Secretary for Mental Health and Substance Use, to establish a Mental and Behavioral Health Career Promotion Grant Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. BELL (for himself, Mr. GOLDMAN of New York, Mr. CLEAVER, and Mr. CARSON):

H.R. 7395. A bill to prohibit the obligation or expenditure by the Department of Homeland Security of funds for television advertisements promoting U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on Homeland Security, and Ways and Means, 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. DAVIDS of Kansas (for herself, Mr. ELLZEY, Ms. MORRISON, and Mr. CRANE):

H.R. 7396. A bill to establish an Office of Native American Affairs within the Small Business Administration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business.

By Mr. HERNÁNDEZ (for himself, Mr. SOTO, and Mr. GOLDMAN of New York):

H.R. 7397. A bill to require the Secretary of the Army to conduct a comprehensive assessment of the water and wastewater infrastructure modernization needs of Puerto Rico, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. LEVIN (for himself, Mr. BAIRD, Mr. PETERS, and Mrs. RADEWAGEN):

H.R. 7398. A bill to amend the Passport Act of 1920 to exempt from the collection of certain passport fees of an individual who was awarded the Purple Heart or the Medal of Honor, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mrs. LUNA:

H.R. 7399. A bill to prohibit users who are under age 13 from accessing social media platforms, to prohibit the use of personalized recommendation systems on individuals under age 17, and limit the use of social media in schools; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Ms. MACE (for herself and Ms. BOEBERT):

H.R. 7400. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude all gain from the sale of a principal residence or any residence which is sold to a first-time homebuyer, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. MEUSER (for himself and Ms. GOODLANDER):

H.R. 7401. A bill to require employees of the Small Business Administration to certify that the employee does not have any prohibited conflicts of interest with respect to loans in which the employee is involved, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business.

By Mr. MOORE of North Carolina:

H.R. 7402. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow distributions from qualified tuition programs for first home purchases, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. MOORE of Utah (for himself and Mr. VEASEY):