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## House of Representatives

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

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,  
February 13, 2026.

I hereby appoint the Honorable MICHAEL K. SIMPSON 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:

God, be patient with us. In Your kindness, do not begrudge us our unfaithfulness. Show us instead how You do not boast that You alone know all the answers that we can't seem to grasp. In Your humility, show us what honor is.

Do not deal with us in anger, but wipe clean any record of wrongs that we ourselves have tallied.

Remind us that You take no delight in evil, but You rejoice when truth prevails.

Protect us. Trust us. Place Your hope in us. Persevere with us. Love us. For love never fails. And You, O God, are love.

In Your compassionate and eternal 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.

### COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

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

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, February 12, 2026.

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

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on February 12, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.:

That the Senate agreed to without amendment H. Con. Res. 74.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely,

KEVIN F. MCCUMBER,  
Clerk.

### COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

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

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, February 12, 2026.

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

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representa-

tives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on February 12, 2026, at 3:30 p.m.:

That the Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 25.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.J. Res. 142.

Appointment:

United States Holocaust Memorial Council

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely,

KEVIN F. MCCUMBER,  
Clerk.

### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 4 of rule I, the following enrolled joint resolution was signed by the Speaker on Thursday, February 12, 2026:

H.J. Res. 142, disapproving the action of the District of Columbia Council in approving the D.C. Income and Franchise Tax Conformity and Revision Temporary Amendment Act of 2025.

### ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION SIGNED

Kevin F. McCumber, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly enrolled a joint resolution of the House of the following title, which was thereupon signed by the Speaker on Thursday, February 12, 2026:

H.J. Res. 142. Joint Resolution disapproving the action of the District of Columbia Council in approving the D.C. Income and Franchise Tax Conformity and Revision Temporary Amendment Act of 2025.

### ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 13 of rule I, the House stands adjourned until Tuesday, February 17, 2026, at 11 a.m.

Thereupon (at 10 o'clock and 3 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Tuesday, February 17, 2026, at 11 a.m.

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

Matter set in this typeface indicates words inserted or appended, rather than spoken, by a Member of the House on the floor.



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EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS,  
ETC.

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

EC-2893. A letter from the Manager, Legal Litigation and Support, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Helicopters Deutschland GmbH (AHD) Helicopters [Docket No.: FAA-2026-0731; Project Identifier MCAI-2025-01864-R; Amendment 39-23248; AD 2026-02-12] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received February 13, 2026, 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.

EC-2894. A letter from the Manager, Legal Litigation and Support, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Modification of Class E Airspace; Driggs/Reed Memorial Airport, Driggs, ID [Docket No.: FAA-2025-4543; Airspace Docket No.: 25-ANM-144] (RIN: 2120-AA66), 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. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania:

H.R. 7567. A bill to provide for the reform and continuation of agricultural and other programs of the Department of Agriculture through fiscal year 2031, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. AUCHINCLOSS (for himself and Mr. AMODEI of Nevada):

H.R. 7568. A bill to establish programs and requirements related to the production of geothermal energy in the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, and in addition to the Committees on Natural Resources, and Education and Workforce, 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. BEAN of Florida:

H.R. 7569. A bill to increase the penalties for health care fraud, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, 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 Mr. BELL (for himself and Ms. KELLY of Illinois):

H.R. 7570. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow certain advance refunding bonds for public school districts to be tax-exempt; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. CRAWFORD (for himself and Mr. NUNN of Iowa):

H.R. 7571. A bill to amend the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 with respect to the Gus Schumacher Nutrition Incentive Program and the sustainability of such program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. CRENSHAW:

H.R. 7572. A bill to protect the civil rights of individuals against unlawful vigilante checkpoints and identity demands, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. DEXTER (for herself and Mr. CAREY):

H.R. 7573. A bill to amend title XVI of the Social Security Act to adjust the minimum monthly personal needs allowances for institutionalized individuals and couples under the supplemental security income program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. EVANS of Colorado:

H.R. 7574. A bill to provide for the reorganization and realignment of the Engagement, Liaison, and Outreach Office of the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security.

By Mr. GOLDMAN of New York:

H.R. 7575. A bill to amend title 28, United States Code, to prohibit attorneys for the Government from being influenced by the political association, activities, or beliefs of a person in determining whether to commence or recommend prosecution or take other action against the person; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. GOTTHEIMER (for himself and Mr. LAWLER):

H.R. 7576. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to establish a credit for workforce artificial intelligence training, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. HORSFORD:

H.R. 7577. A bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to adjust the minimum wage for tipped workers and to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand and make permanent the qualified tip deduction; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Education and Workforce, 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. KENNEDY of Utah:

H.R. 7578. A bill to improve the ability of the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to carry out forest management activities that reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfires, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, and in addition to the Committee on Natural Resources, 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. LETLOW:

H.R. 7579. A bill to improve access to Department of Agriculture Rural Development discretionary grant programs by establishing a technical assistance set-aside to support low-capacity rural communities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mrs. LUNA:

H.R. 7580. A bill to amend the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 to prohibit the purchase of nutritionally deficient foods with supplemental nutrition assistance program benefits; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Ms. MALLIOTAKIS (for herself and Mr. GOTTHEIMER):

H.R. 7581. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to establish a demonstration program to provide payment under the Medicare program for living kidney donor transplant facilitator training; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on 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 Mr. PERRY:

H.R. 7582. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude automobiles

from being treated as collectibles for purposes of capital gains tax, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Ms. PRESSLEY (for herself, Ms. GARCIA of Texas, Ms. STRICKLAND, Ms. TLAIB, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Ms. NORTON, Ms. SCANLON, Ms. LEE of Pennsylvania, Mrs. RAMIREZ, Ms. PINGREE, Ms. SIMON, Ms. BROWNLEY, Mr. DESAULNIER, Ms. CHU, Mr. MCGOVERN, and Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ):

H.R. 7583. A bill to prevent discrimination, including harassment, in employment; to the Committee on Education and Workforce, and in addition to the Committees on the Judiciary, House Administration, Oversight and Government Reform, and Veterans' 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 Ms. RIVAS:

H.R. 7584. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a credit against tax for qualified multigenerational housing expenses, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. SCHNEIDER:

H.R. 7585. A bill to address the needs of workers in industries likely to be impacted by rapidly evolving technologies; to the Committee on Education and Workforce.

By Mr. STUTZMAN:

H.R. 7586. A bill to set restrictions on the sale of single-family homes financed by the Federal Government, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial 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 provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. VINDMAN:

H.R. 7587. A bill to amend the National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977 to modify the BARD Fund, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. COHEN (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY of New York, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, and Mr. GREEN of Texas):

H. Res. 1065. A resolution condemning and censuring President Donald Trump; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. FOSTER (for himself, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, Mrs. RAMIREZ, Mr. GARCIA of Illinois, Mr. QUIGLEY, Mr. CASTEN, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. SCHNEIDER, Ms. BUDZINSKI, Ms. UNDERWOOD, and Mr. SORENSEN):

H. Res. 1066. A resolution expressing the condolences of the House of Representatives and honoring the memory of the victims of the mass shooting in Aurora, Illinois, on February 15, 2019; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

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. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania:

H.R. 7567.

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

The ability to regulate interstate commerce and with foreign Nations pursuant to