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The House met at 11 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. SMITH of New Jersey).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
February 17, 2026.

I hereby appoint the Honorable CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH, 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:

May it be pleasing to You, O Lord, to accept our prayer of petition, intercession, and thanksgiving for all who are and who have been in leadership of this Nation. On this President's Day weekend, we give thanks for the 45 men who have served in the country's highest office. Each—whether bold or plain, wise or querulous, admirable or flawed—has called us as Americans to an awareness of our part in the equation that is democracy, a democracy not sustained by one office alone but by the character and participation of each citizen.

So, in faithfulness to You and in stewardship of our responsibility, we lift up our voices to petition You for Your blessing upon our present government. Clothe President Trump with Your righteousness. Gird him with Your truth. Direct the steps he takes in the understanding of the peace that You desire. Grant him a humble spirit, mindful that all authority is entrusted and sustained by You.

Protect him from the arrowlike aim of evil's influence. Defend him with the sword that only Your spirit can wield with pure and holy effect.

Such are the intercessions we offer, for both the man who holds this office and for all who bear the mantle of responsibility for our Nation's direction. May each strive to ensure that all may live peaceful and quiet lives—lives deemed Godly and honorable in Your sight.

In Your sovereign 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 11:30 a.m. on Friday, February 20, 2026.

Thereupon (at 11 o'clock and 3 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Friday, February 20, 2026, at 11:30 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-2895. A letter from the President, transmitting notification that the national emergency with respect to Libya, that was declared in Executive Order 13566 of February 25, 2011, and expanded in Executive

Order 13726 of April 19, 2016, is to continue in effect beyond February 25, 2026, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1622(d); Public Law 94-412, Sec. 202(d); (90 Stat. 1255) (H. Doc. No. 119-131); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed.

EC-2896. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting notification that the national emergency with respect to Cuba that was declared on March 1, 1996, in Proclamation 6867, and as amended, is to continue in effect beyond March 1, 2026, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1622(d); Public Law 94-412, Sec. 202(d); (90 Stat. 1255) (H. Doc. No. 119-132); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed.

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. JORDAN: Committee on the Judiciary. H.R. 1028. A bill to modify eligibility requirements for amateur sports governing organizations, with an amendment (Rept. 119-497). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas: Committee on Small Business. H.R. 7396. A bill to establish an Office of Native American Affairs within the Small Business Administration, and for other purposes (Rept. 119-498). 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. BARR:
H.R. 7588. A bill to amend the Consumer Financial Protection Act of 2010 to require the attestation of certain information as part of the consumer complaint submission process, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

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

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By Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas:

H.R. 7589. A bill to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to continue to carry out the Resilient Food Systems Infrastructure program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. DESAULNIER (for himself and Mr. STAUBER):

H.R. 7590. A bill to promote minimum State requirements for the prevention and treatment of concussions caused by participation in school sports, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and Workforce.

By Mr. GOLDMAN of New York (for himself, Mr. AUCHINCLOSS, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. MOSKOWITZ, Mr. BELL, Ms. NORTON, Mr. CARTER of Louisiana, Mrs. FOUSHEE, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Ms. PETERSEN, Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania, Mr. DELUZZO, Ms. JOHNSON of Texas, Ms. CROCKETT, Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY, Ms. WILSON of Florida, Ms. CRAIG, and Ms. KELLY of Illinois):

H.R. 7591. A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to require certain local educational agencies to distribute guidance to students, parents, and other local community members regarding firearm safety, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and Workforce.

By Mr. GOLDMAN of Texas (for himself, Mr. CRENSHAW, Mr. PFLUGER, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Ms. VAN DUYN, Mrs. LUNA, Mr. MOORE of Alabama, and Mr. HARRIGAN):

H.R. 7592. A bill to require certain agencies to impose extendable sunset dates on certain regulations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, 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 Mr. TONY GONZALES of Texas (for himself, Mr. MOYLAN, Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina, Mr. BACON, Mr. VAN ORDEN, and Mr. MCCORMICK):

H.R. 7593. A bill to amend title 37, United States Code, to reimburse a member of the uniformed services for costs incurred to rent a motor vehicle for travel relating to a period of reserve component inactive-duty training, or of Ready Reserve muster duty, performed more than 150 miles from the member's permanent residence; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. LAHOOD (for himself and Ms. SEWELL):

H.R. 7594. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude certain post-graduation scholarship grants from gross income in the same manner as qualified scholarships to promote economic growth; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. LAWLER:

H.R. 7595. A bill to direct the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct a study that identifies how many residential dwelling units, and how many dwelling units in public housing, are located within 1 mile of a superfund site; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. LAWLER:

H.R. 7596. A bill to direct the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct a study that identifies options to remove barriers and improve housing for persons who are elderly or disabled; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. LAWLER:

H.R. 7597. A bill to amend the Department of Housing and Urban Development Act to require that the annual report of the Department of Housing and Urban Development in-

clude an identification of significant regulatory barriers to affordable housing; to the Committee on Financial Services.

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

H.R. 7598. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to refund the amount of fees for a housing loans guaranteed by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for certain veterans with pending disability claims, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mrs. MCBATH (for herself, Mr. MOSKOWITZ, Mr. CARBAJAL, Ms. SEWELL, Ms. ANSARI, Mr. STANTON, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Ms. MATSUI, Mr. GARAMENDI, Mr. DESAULNIER, Ms. SIMON, Mr. SWALWELL, Mr. MULLIN, Ms. BROWNLEY, Ms. CHU, Mrs. TORRES of California, Mr. GARCIA of California, Mr. MIN, Mr. PETERS, Mr. VARGAS, Ms. DEGETTE, Mr. NEGUSE, Mr. CROW, Ms. PETERSEN, Mr. COURTNEY, Mrs. HAYES, Ms. NORTON, Mr. FROST, Ms. CASTOR of Florida, Mrs. CHERFILUS-MCCORMICK, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia, Ms. TOKUDA, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, Mrs. RAMIREZ, Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois, Mr. QUIGLEY, Mr. CASTEN, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. SCHNEIDER, Mr. FOSTER, Ms. UNDERWOOD, Mr. MRVAN, Mr. CARSON, Mr. MCGARVEY, Mrs. TRAHAN, Mr. AUCHINCLOSS, Mr. MOULTON, Mr. LYNCH, Mrs. MCCLAINE DELANEY, Ms. PINGREE, Ms. SCHOLTEN, Mrs. DINGELL, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Ms. OMAR, Mr. CLEAVER, Mrs. FOUSHEE, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. TITUS, Ms. MENG, Mr. GOLDMAN of New York, Mr. NADLER, Mr. TORRES of New York, Mr. LATIMER, Mr. TONKO, Mr. KENNEDY of New York, Mrs. BEATTY, Ms. BROWN, Mrs. SYKES, Ms. BONAMICI, Ms. SALINAS, Mr. EVANS of Pennsylvania, Ms. SCANLON, Mr. DELUZZO, Mr. AMO, Mr. MAGAZINER, Mrs. FLETCHER, Mr. CASTRO of Texas, Ms. GARCIA of Texas, Ms. MCCLELLAN, Mr. BEYER, Mr. SUBRAMANYAM, Mr. WALKINSHAW, Ms. BALINT, Ms. DELBENE, Ms. JAYAPAL, Ms. SCHRIER, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Ms. STRICKLAND, Mr. POCAN, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, Mr. CORREA, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Ms. DELAURO, Mr. HIMES, Mr. SOTO, Ms. LOIS FRANKEL of Florida, Ms. WILSON of Florida, Ms. MORRISON, Mr. BELL, Mr. RYAN, Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania, Mr. BOYLE of Pennsylvania, and Mr. MFUME):

H.R. 7599. A bill to authorize the issuance of extreme risk protection orders; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. WALKINSHAW (for himself and Mr. BOST):

H.R. 7600. A bill to amend title 39, United States Code, to modify procedures for negotiating pay and benefits of supervisory and other managerial personnel of the United States Postal Service, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Mr. MEEKS:

H.J. Res. 150. A joint resolution terminating the national emergency declared to impose global tariffs; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. FITZPATRICK:

H. Res. 1067. A resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 6856) to impose sanctions and other measures with respect to the Russian Federation if the Government of the Russian Federation refuses to negotiate a peace agreement with Ukraine, violates any such agreement, or initiates another

military invasion of Ukraine, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Rules.

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. BARR:

H.R. 7588.

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

Article I, Section 8 of the United States Constitution.

By Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas:

H.R. 7589.

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

This legislation is enacted pursuant to Article I, Section 8 of the United States Constitution.

By Mr. DESAULNIER:

H.R. 7590.

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

Article I, Section 8

By Mr. GOLDMAN of New York:

H.R. 7591.

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

Under Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution, Congress has the power "to make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into the Execution for the foregoing Powers, and all other Powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United States, or any Department or Officer thereof."

By Mr. GOLDMAN of Texas:

H.R. 7592.

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

Article I, Section 8

By Mr. TONY GONZALES of Texas:

H.R. 7593.

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

Article I, Section 8

By Mr. LAHOOD:

H.R. 7594.

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

Article I, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution

By Mr. LAWLER:

H.R. 7595.

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

Article I of the U.S. Constitution, section 8

By Mr. LAWLER:

H.R. 7596.

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

Article I of the U.S. Constitution, section 8

By Mr. LAWLER:

H.R. 7597.

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

Article I of the U.S. Constitution, section 8

By Mr. LEVIN:

H.R. 7598.

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

Article I, Section 8

By Mrs. MCBATH:

H.R. 7599.

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