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Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, February 23, 2026, at 3:00 p.m.

House of Representatives

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2026

The House met at 11:30 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. MOORE of West Virginia).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
February 20, 2026.

I hereby appoint the Honorable RILEY M. MOORE to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

MIKE JOHNSON,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

Reverend Lisa Wink Schultz, Office of the Senate Chaplain, Washington, D.C., offered the following prayer:

Lord, though many Members are traveling and serving beyond this Chamber today, we thank You that Your presence goes with them.

Grant them safety in their journeys, clarity in their decisions, and humility in their leadership. Help them to carry out their responsibilities with integrity, remembering the people they are called to serve.

Where their work brings challenge, give endurance. Where it requires discernment, give wisdom. And in all things, guide their efforts toward unity and the common good.

Bless this House, those who serve within it including the staff, doorkeepers, and Capitol Police. May their work, whether here or afar, reflect a

commitment to service and the dignity of every person.

We pray in Your loving name.
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 noon on Monday, February 23, 2026, for morning-hour debate, and 2 p.m. for legislative business.

Thereupon (at 11 o'clock and 32 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Monday, February 23, 2026, at noon for morning-hour debate.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

EC-2897. A letter from the Assistant to the Board, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting the Board's rescission of final interagency guidance — Rescission of Principles for Climate-Related Financial Risk Management for Large Financial Institutions [Docket No.: OP-1793] received February 11, 2026, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Financial Services.

EC-2898. A letter from the Acting Branch Chief, Regulatory Management Branch, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Air Plan Approval; Ohio; Second Maintenance Plan for 2008 Ozone NAAQS [EPA-R05-OAR-2024-0537; EPA-R05-OAR-2024-0538; EPA-R05-OAR-2024-0539; FRL-12534-02-R5] received February 12, 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-2899. A letter from the Acting Branch Chief, Regulatory Management Branch, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Hexythiazox; Pesticide Tolerances [EPA-HQ-OPP-2024-0322; FRL-13116-01-OCSPP] received February 12, 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-2900. A letter from the Acting Branch Chief, Regulatory Management Branch, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Afidopyropen; Pesticide Tolerances [EPA-HQ-OPP-2024-0509; FRL-13127-01-OCSPP] received February 12, 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-2901. A letter from the Acting Branch Chief, Regulatory Management Branch, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Rice bran wax in Pesticide Formulations; Exemption from the Requirement for a Tolerance [EPA-HQ-OPP-2023-0514; FRL-13128-01-OCSPP] received

□ 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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February 12, 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-2902. A letter from the Acting Branch Chief, Regulatory Management Branch, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Sulfonic acids, C14-16-alkane hydroxy and C14-16-alkene, sodium salts in Pesticide Formulations; Exemption from the Requirement for a Tolerance [EPA-HQ-OPP-2023-0485; FRL-13167-01-OCSP] received February 12, 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-2903. A letter from the Acting Branch Chief, Regulatory Management Branch, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's Major final rule — Rescission of the Greenhouse Gas Endangerment Finding and Motor Vehicle Greenhouse Gas Emission Standards Under the Clean Air Act [EPA-HQ-OAR-2025-0194; FRL-12715-02-OAR] (RIN: 2060-AW71) received February 17, 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-2904. A letter from the Supervisory, Program Analyst, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Amendment of section 73.202(b) Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations. (Various Locations) [MB Docket No.: 25-298] received February 17, 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-2905. A letter from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Amendment of Section 73.622(j), Table of TV Allotments, Television Broadcast Stations (Hutchinson, Kansas) [MB Docket No.: 25-287] [RM-12010] received February 17, 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-2906. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting a six-month period report on the national emergency with respect to Lebanon that was declared in Executive Order 13441 of August 1, 2007, 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-2907. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting notification that the national emergency with respect to Ukraine declared in Executive Order 13660 March 6, 2014, and expanded, is to continue in effect beyond March 6, 2026, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1622(d); Public Law 94-412, Sec. 202(d); (90 Stat. 1255) (H. Doc. No. 119-133); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed.

EC-2908. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting notification that the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13692 of March 8, 2015, with respect to the situation in Venezuela is to continue in effect beyond March 8, 2026, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1622(d); Public Law 94-412, Sec. 202(d); (90 Stat. 1255) (H. Doc. No. 119-137); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed.

EC-2909. A letter from the Senior Counsel, Bureau of Economic Analysis, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Department's final rule — Survey of International Trade in Services Between U.S. and Foreign Persons and Surveys of Direct Investment [Docket ID: 260108-0021] (RIN: 0691-AA95) received February 9, 2026, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110

Stat. 868); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-2910. A letter from the Congressional and Public Affairs Specialist, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Department's final rule — Conforming Change to the Export Administration Regulations for Cambodia [Docket No.: 260127-0035] (RIN: 0694-AK41) received February 17, 2026, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-2911. A letter from the Congressional and Public Affairs Specialist, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Department's interim final rule — Streamlining Export Controls for Drone Exports [Docket No.: 251222-0187] (RIN: 0694-AK30) received February 17, 2026, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-2912. A letter from the Senior Bureau Official, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a determination with respect to Syria, pursuant to section 620(q) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 and section 7012 of the Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriation Act, 2024; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-2913. A letter from the General Counsel, National Archives and Records Administration, transmitting notification of a 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-2914. A letter from the NPS Federal Register Liaison Officer, Division of Regulations, Jurisdiction, and Special Park Uses, National Park Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — Whiskeytown Unit, Whiskeytown-Shasta-Trinity National Recreation Area; Bicycling [NPS-WHIS-NPS0041005; NPS-2024-0008; FX.P0234207B.00.1-PPPWWHISM0-PFE00FEP.R.YP0000] (RIN: 1024-AE52) 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 Natural Resources.

EC-2915. A letter from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — Pennsylvania Regulatory Program [SATS No.: PA-166-FOR; Docket ID: OSM-2017-0008; S1D1S SS08011000 SX064A000 256S180110; S2D2S SS08011000 SX064A000 25XS501520] received February 17, 2026, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

EC-2916. A letter from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — Texas Regulatory Program [SATS No.: TX-072-FOR; Docket ID: OSM-2020-0006; S1D1S SS08011000 SX064A000 256S180110; S2D2S SS08011000 SX064A000 25XS501520] received February 17, 2026, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

EC-2917. A letter from the Manager, Branch of Delisting and Foreign Species, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Removal of the Southeast U.S. Distinct Population Segment of the Wood Stork From the List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife [Docket No.: FWS-R4-ES-2022-0099; FXES11130900000FEDR-

267-FF09E22000] (RIN: 1018-BF53) received February 17, 2026, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

EC-2918. A letter from the Senior Attorney Advisor, Federal Protective Service, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Protection of Federal Property; Technical Amendment (RIN: 1601-AB17) received February 10, 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-2919. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Office of the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's report on the Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 711(j); Aug. 14, 1935, ch. 521, title V, Sec. 511 (as amended by Public Law 117-328, div. FF, title VI, Sec. 6101(f)(1)); (136 Stat. 5961); jointly to the Committees on Energy and Commerce and Ways and Means.

EC-2920. A letter from the Inspector General, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting a data snapshot titled, "Total Medicare Part B Spending on Lab Tests Rose in 2024, Driven by Increased Spending on Genetic Tests (OEI-09-25-00330)", pursuant to the Protecting Access to Medicare Act of 2014; jointly to the Committees on Ways and Means and 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. WILLIAMS of Texas: Committee on Small Business. H.R. 7412. A bill to amend the Small Business Act to establish the Office of Whistleblower Awards, and for other purposes (Rept. 119-499). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas: Committee on Small Business. 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 (Rept. 119-500). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. BABIN: Committee on Science, Space, and Technology. H.R. 390. A bill to utilize the Advanced Capabilities for Emergency Response to Operations project of NASA to improve aerial responses to wildfires, and for other purposes; with amendments (Rept. 119-501). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. BABIN: Committee on Science, Space, and Technology. H.R. 2600. A bill to require the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration to establish a program to identify, evaluate, acquire, and disseminate commercial Earth remote sensing data and imagery in order to satisfy the scientific, operational, and educational requirements of the Administration, and for other purposes (Rept. 119-502). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. BABIN: Committee on Science, Space, and Technology. H.R. 3679. A bill to require the Director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology to develop resources for small businesses in utilizing artificial intelligence, and for other purposes;