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House of Representatives

The House met at 9 a.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,
March 2, 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

Dr. Edrees Bridges, United States Capitol Police, Washington, D.C., offered the following prayer:

Oh, merciful benefactor, and wise sustainer, we pause in gratitude for the time entrusted and the work set before us.

Bless these leaders with patience to labor faithfully in the duties of this day, knowing that the quiet work of the present shapes the direction and strength of the future.

Grant them vision to build with care, courage to act with conviction, and steadiness to continue when progress unfolds slowly.

Allow their efforts to become foundations of hope for generations yet unseen and guide their decisions with wisdom that seeks the good of all.

May their service honor the trust placed in them and strengthen the path for those who follow.

Let their labor be carried forward with integrity today and remembered with gratitude tomorrow.

As they labor in trust and responsibility, protect the Members of this House, their staff, and all who serve within these solemn Halls, and guide their efforts toward justice, peace, and the flourishing of this Nation.

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 tomorrow for morning-hour debate and 2 p.m. for legislative business.

There was no objection.

Thereupon (at 9 o'clock and 2 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Tuesday, March 3, 2026, at noon for morning-hour debate.

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. COLE:

H.R. 7744. A bill making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Appropriations, and in addition to the Committee on the Budget, for a period to be sub-

sequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. ARRINGTON (for himself, Mr. MCDOWELL, Mrs. LUNA, Mr. ROSE, Mr. VAN EPPS, and Mr. LAWLER):

H.R. 7745. A bill to establish certain requirements relating to wellness checks for the health and welfare of certain members of the Armed Forces, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. BELL:

H.R. 7746. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 8390 North Broadway in St. Louis, Missouri, as the "Chuck Stone Post Office"; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Mr. BERGMAN (for himself, Mr. SUOZZI, and Mr. OWENS):

H.R. 7747. A bill to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to streamline the certification process for State Veterans Homes by allowing certain facilities certified by the Department of Veterans Affairs to be deemed in compliance with specified Medicare and Medicaid requirements, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, 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 Mr. DELUZIO (for himself, Mr. LALOTA, Mr. GARAMENDI, and Mr. RULL):

H.R. 7748. A bill to enhance safety requirements for trains transporting hazardous materials, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, 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. FEENSTRA (for himself, Ms. STEVENS, Mr. VALADAO, Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS, Mr. KEAN, Mr. WITTMAN, Mr. YAKYM, Mr. LAWLER, Ms. MCBRIDE, and Ms. LOFGREN):

H.R. 7749. A bill to amend the National Quantum Initiative Act to make certain additions relating to quantum modeling and simulation, and for other purposes; to the

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Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

By Mr. LATIMER:

H.R. 7750. A bill to prevent election interference; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, 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 Mrs. McIVER (for herself and Mrs. MCBATH):

H.R. 7751. A bill to direct the Secretary of Transportation to carry out a program to make grants for the improvement or construction of greenway paths, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. SCHMIDT (for himself, Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas, Mr. ESTES, and Mr. MANN):

H.R. 7752. A bill to amend section 2703 of title 18, United States Code, to require emergency disclosure of location information to law enforcement or public safety answering point; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. HOULAHAN (for herself and Mr. OBERNOLTE):

H. Res. 1091. A resolution expressing support for declaring 2026 the "Year of Math" in the United States; to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

By Mr. KHANNA:

H. Res. 1092. A resolution condemning Israeli settlement expansion, settler violence, and related human rights abuses in the West Bank, and calling for accountability and specific United States policy responses to deter further violations and protect the viability of a negotiated two-State solution; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, 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. KHANNA (for himself and Ms. LEE of Pennsylvania):

H. Res. 1093. A resolution acknowledging oppression, forced eviction, and suffering experienced by tens of thousands of Bhutanese citizens during the late 1980s and early 1990s, and encouraging steps toward justice, reconciliation, and lasting peace; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Ms. NORTON (for herself, Ms. WILSON of Florida, and Mrs. DINGELL):

H. Res. 1094. A resolution calling on the Senate to ratify the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

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. COLE:

H.R. 7744.

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

The principal constitutional authority for this legislation is clause 7 of section 9 of article I of the Constitution of the United

States (the appropriation power), which states: "No Money shall be drawn from the Treasury, but in Consequence of Appropriations made by Law . . ." In addition, clause 1 of section 8 of article I of the Constitution (the spending power) provides: "The Congress shall have the Power . . . to pay the Debts and provide for the common Defence and general Welfare of the United States . . ." Together, these specific constitutional provisions establish the congressional power of the purse, granting Congress the authority to appropriate funds, to determine their purpose, amount, and period of availability, and to set forth terms and conditions governing their use.

By Mr. ARRINGTON:

H.R. 7745.

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

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

By Mr. BELL:

H.R. 7746.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 7

By Mr. BERGMAN:

H.R. 7747.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 18 of the United States Constitution

By Mr. DELUZIO:

H.R. 7748.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 18

By Mr. FEENSTRA:

H.R. 7749.

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

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

By Mr. LATIMER:

H.R. 7750.

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

Article I, Section 4, Clause 1

By Mrs. McIVER:

H.R. 7751.

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

The Constitution's Spending Clause (Article I, Section 8, clause 1) and the Necessary and Proper Clause (Article I, Section 8, clause 18) grant Congress the authority to enact this legislation.

By Mr. SCHMIDT:

H.R. 7752.

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

section 8 of article 1 of the Constitution

H.R. 2315: Mr. PATRONIS and Mr. McCLINTOCK.

H.R. 2678: Mr. POCAN.

H.R. 2705: Mr. McCLINTOCK.

H.R. 3002: Mr. GREEN of Texas.

H.R. 3069: Mr. LARSON of Connecticut.

H.R. 3144: Mr. VAN ORDEN and Mr. CRANK.

H.R. 3151: Mrs. KIM.

H.R. 3304: Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia and Mr. GARCIA of California.

H.R. 3723: Mr. GOLDMAN of Texas.

H.R. 4008: Mr. VAN ORDEN.

H.R. 4062: Ms. CHU.

H.R. 4448: Mr. FULCHER and Mr. COMER.

H.R. 5128: Mr. SORENSEN.

H.R. 5363: Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina.

H.R. 5512: Mr. FULCHER.

H.R. 5653: Ms. TITUS.

H.R. 5732: Mr. CONAWAY.

H.R. 5890: Mr. FULCHER.

H.R. 6124: Mr. JACKSON of Illinois and Mr. THANEDAR.

H.R. 6677: Mr. NADLER, Ms. SANCHEZ, and Mrs. GRIJALVA.

H.R. 6856: Ms. BROWNLEY and Mr. AUCHINCLOSS.

H.R. 6857: Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia and Mr. LIEU.

H.R. 7088: Mr. NADLER and Ms. PINGREE.

H.R. 7099: Ms. TLAI, Ms. CRAIG, and Mr. SORENSEN.

H.R. 7118: Ms. SCHRIER and Mrs. MILLER of West Virginia.

H.R. 7146: Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ and Mr. MCGUIRE.

H.R. 7382: Mr. MAGAZINER.

H.R. 7481: Mr. OLSZEWSKI, Ms. ADAMS, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. COSTA, Mr. GARAMENDI, Mr. GOLDMAN of New York, Ms. SCHRIER, Mr. WHITESIDES, Mr. MANNION, Mr. COHEN, and Mr. LIEU.

H.R. 7616: Mr. LAWLER.

H.R. 7622: Mr. CARTER of Georgia, Mr. AUCHINCLOSS, Mr. FINSTAD, Mrs. KIM, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina, and Ms. ANSARI.

H.R. 7651: Mr. STEUBE, Mr. SIMPSON, Mr. DOWNING, and Mrs. BIGGS of South Carolina.

H.R. 7657: Ms. NORTON.

H.R. 7658: Mr. RILEY of New York.

H.R. 7678: Mr. GUEST, Mr. KELLY of Mississippi, and Mr. MANN.

H.R. 7702: Mr. FINE.

H.R. 7716: Ms. ADAMS.

H. Res. 321: Ms. SALINAS.

H. Res. 930: Mr. KEAN.

H. Res. 981: Mr. SUOZZI and Mr. EDWARDS.

H. Res. 1035: Mr. MAGAZINER.

H. Res. 1072: Mrs. LUNA.

H. Res. 1076: Mr. GOODEN.

H. Res. 1087: Ms. NORTON.

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

Under clause 7 of rule XII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions, as follows:

H.R. 637: Mr. VASQUEZ.

H.R. 722: Mr. LAHOOD.

H.R. 885: Ms. BOEBERT, Mr. WIED, Mr. GOODEN, Mrs. LUNA, and Mr. CRENSHAW.

H.R. 1464: Ms. LEE of Pennsylvania and Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE.

H.R. 1529: Ms. WILSON of Florida and Mr. QUIGLEY.

H.R. 1657: Mrs. FOUSHEE, Mr. LANDSMAN, Mr. DELUZIO, Mr. RUIZ, Mrs. TRAHAN, Mr. MOULTON, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. IVEY, Ms. LEE of Pennsylvania, and Mr. BISHOP.

H.R. 1993: Mr. VAN ORDEN, Mrs. FOUSHEE, and Mr. VASQUEZ.

CONGRESSIONAL EARMARKS, LIMITED TAX BENEFITS, OR LIMITED TARIFF BENEFITS

Under clause 9 of rule XXI, lists or statements on congressional earmarks, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits were submitted as follows:

OFFERED BY MR. COLE

The following table is submitted in compliance with clause 9 of rule XXI, and lists the congressional earmarks (as defined in paragraph (e) of clause 9) contained in H.R. 7744. The bill does not contain any limited tax benefits or limited tariff benefits as defined in paragraphs (f) and (g) of clause 9 of rule XXI.