

watching—functioning zero is the proposal right now coming from the administration. Instead of redesigning the program and getting rid of—let’s just call it—I won’t call it waste and fraud. We will call it the misalignment that has been identified in the MedPAC reports, whether they be 20 percent more than fee-for-service or a future one that may come down to 17 percent, but that is still, over 10 years, like \$2 trillion of additional spending; or you can actually get crammed down here, which is what is coming; or work with offices like ours that want to take the program back to its original design where these insurers make money by helping their populations be healthier; or you can basically start to just get undercompensated over and over and over.

Once again, let’s come back to the basics. If you go back to the MedPAC report, this is just the overpayment portion. This is not some of the other things that are in the MedPAC report that drive us insane. That was \$84 billion last year. We will sit here on the floor and fight for hours over a fraction of a fraction of a fraction of that because this is hard to talk about. It is complex, and there is an army of lobbyists to stop us from doing it.

Maybe we should learn to do the complex things because, once again, we borrowed \$7.4 billion today.

Let’s do some happy talk. Last Saturday, in Scottsdale, we actually did a Joint Economic hearing, a field hearing. We brought in some incredibly creative companies in the healthcare space. We had one there that has actually come up with a type of multicancer detection. I am still having a little trouble on their technology. They think they can do it with a handful of drops of your blood that you could actually extract at home, and they put it on a plate, and they are looking for a type of peptide—it is not the ones you do when you are bodybuilding—a type of peptide that would help identify different types of cancer. They think they can get this product down to about \$150. You would do a multicancer test multiple times a year.

We had the gentleman sitting over next to me over here, he is from Doctor AI. If anyone is watching and you are interested, go look. Utah has just done a sandbox with them, so the State of Utah where the AI is doing renewals of your prescriptions. Why aren’t we all doing that? There are ideas here where you had a revolution to crash the cost of healthcare.

WHOOP was there, and they were talking about some of the things that are coming in the future where you can be basically wearing your medical lab on your body. It can talk to the Doctor AI, and then the healthcare provider there knows whether you need to come in or whether it can be prescribed to you just automatically.

Mr. Speaker, my point is if we could get our act together and start being creative and doing the hard things and stop making the technology disruptions, because they are functioning illegal today, you know, allowing AI to prescribe, allowing the wearables. Remember, the newest version of Apple Watch is an FDA-approved medical device for the heart, just a thought experiment within its scope of what has been approved by the FDA should be allowed to prescribe. Are we ready to start doing things like that?

If we don’t start telling the truth about the math, the next few years are going to be hell around here. I won’t be here for it, but you will. Is winning the next election that much more important than telling the truth? I am in a 50/50 District. I get up into entire meetings on how to save Social Security, how to save Medicare, how to save these things, and I have been rewarded over and over and over. I think I am one of the most expensive races and losses for the Democrats in all of America.

You can win. Treat your voters with respect. Treat them as having an intellect and treat them that it doesn’t have to be a dystopian darkness if you are willing to innovate. But if you are not willing, it gets ugly.

With that, Mr. Speaker, I yield back.

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COMMUNICATION FROM THE SPEAKER

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
March 5, 2026.

I hereby designate the period from Thursday, March 5, 2026, through Sunday, March 15, 2026, as a “district work period” under clause 13 of Rule I.

MIKE JOHNSON,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Kevin F. McCumber, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly enrolled bills of the House of the following titles, which were thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 3377. An act to authorize the President to award the Medal of Honor to James Capers, Jr., for acts of valor as a member of the Marine Corps during the Vietnam War.

H.R. 7194. An act to authorize the President to award the Medal of Honor to Nicholas Dockery for acts of valor as a member of the Army while serving in Afghanistan.

H.R. 7211. An act to authorize the President to award the Medal of Honor to John W. Ripley for acts of valor during the Vietnam War, and for other purposes.

SENATE ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The Speaker announced his signature to an enrolled bill of the Senate of the following title:

S. 723.—An act to require the Bureau of Indian Affairs to process and complete all mortgage packages associated with residential and business mortgages on Indian land by certain deadlines, and for other purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 13 of rule I, the House stands adjourned until Monday, March 9, 2026.

Thereupon (at 7 o’clock and 30 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Monday, March 9, 2026, at 1 p.m.

EXPENDITURE REPORTS CONCERNING OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL

Reports concerning the foreign currencies and U.S. dollar utilized for Official Foreign Travel during the first, second, third, and fourth quarters of 2024, the fourth quarter of 2025, and the first quarter of 2026 pursuant to Public Law 95–384, are as follows:

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, COURTNEY BUTCHER, EXPENDED BETWEEN JAN. 15 AND JAN. 19, 2026

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem ¹		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²
Courtney Butcher	1/15	1/16	Panama		254.00		(³)				254.00
	1/16	1/18	Guatemala		440.25		(³)				440.25
	1/18	1/19	El Salvador		91.00		(³)				91.00
Committee total											785.25

¹ Per diem constitutes lodging and meals.

² If foreign currency is used, enter U.S. dollar equivalent; if U.S. currency is used, enter amount expended.

³ Military air transportation.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, WYNDEE PARKER, EXPENDED BETWEEN JAN. 25 AND JAN. 28, 2026

Table with columns: Name of Member or employee, Date (Arrival, Departure), Country, Per diem (Foreign currency, U.S. dollar equivalent), Transportation (Foreign currency, U.S. dollar equivalent), Other purposes (Foreign currency, U.S. dollar equivalent), Total (Foreign currency, U.S. dollar equivalent). Rows include Wyndee Parker and Committee total.

1 Per diem constitutes lodging and meals.
2 If foreign currency is used, enter U.S. dollar equivalent; if U.S. currency is used, enter amount expended.

HON. MIKE JOHNSON, Feb. 27, 2026.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, DR. BRIAN MONAHAN, EXPENDED BETWEEN JAN. 24 AND JAN. 29, 2026

Table with columns: Name of Member or employee, Date (Arrival, Departure), Country, Per diem (Foreign currency, U.S. dollar equivalent), Transportation (Foreign currency, U.S. dollar equivalent), Other purposes (Foreign currency, U.S. dollar equivalent), Total (Foreign currency, U.S. dollar equivalent). Rows include Dr. Brian Monahan and Committee total.

1 Per diem constitutes lodging and meals.
2 If foreign currency is used, enter U.S. dollar equivalent; if U.S. currency is used, enter amount expended.
3 Military air transportation.

HON. MIKE JOHNSON, Feb. 27, 2026.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, AMELIA LITYNSKI, EXPENDED BETWEEN JAN. 25 AND JAN. 30, 2026

Table with columns: Name of Member or employee, Date (Arrival, Departure), Country, Per diem (Foreign currency, U.S. dollar equivalent), Transportation (Foreign currency, U.S. dollar equivalent), Other purposes (Foreign currency, U.S. dollar equivalent), Total (Foreign currency, U.S. dollar equivalent). Rows include Amelia Litynski and Committee total.

1 Per diem constitutes lodging and meals.
2 If foreign currency is used, enter U.S. dollar equivalent; if U.S. currency is used, enter amount expended.

HON. MIKE JOHNSON, Feb. 27, 2026.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, DELEGATION TO THE UNITED KINGDOM, EXPENDED BETWEEN JAN. 16 AND JAN. 20, 2026

Table with columns: Name of Member or employee, Date (Arrival, Departure), Country, Per diem (Foreign currency, U.S. dollar equivalent), Transportation (Foreign currency, U.S. dollar equivalent), Other purposes (Foreign currency, U.S. dollar equivalent), Total (Foreign currency, U.S. dollar equivalent). Rows list multiple members and Committee total.

1 Per diem constitutes lodging and meals.
2 If foreign currency is used, enter U.S. dollar equivalent; if U.S. currency is used, enter amount expended.
3 Military air transportation.

HON. MIKE JOHNSON, Feb. 18, 2026.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, PERMANENT SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN OCT. 1 AND DEC. 31, 2025

Table with columns: Name of Member or employee, Date (Arrival, Departure), Country, Per diem (Foreign currency, U.S. dollar equivalent), Transportation (Foreign currency, U.S. dollar equivalent), Other purposes (Foreign currency, U.S. dollar equivalent), Total (Foreign currency, U.S. dollar equivalent). Rows list various committee members.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, PERMANENT SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN OCT. 1 AND DEC. 31, 2025—Continued

Table with columns: Name of Member or employee, Date (Arrival, Departure), Country, Per diem (Foreign currency, U.S. dollar equivalent), Transportation (Foreign currency, U.S. dollar equivalent), Other purposes (Foreign currency, U.S. dollar equivalent), Total (Foreign currency, U.S. dollar equivalent). Rows include Matthew Pyypciw, Griffin Decker, Henry Wilson, Frank Garcia, Lesley Byers, and a Total row.

1 Per diem constitutes lodging and meals.
2 If foreign currency is used, enter U.S. dollar equivalent; if U.S. currency is used, enter amount expended.

HON. ERIC A. "RICK" CRAWFORD, Feb. 25, 2026.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE STRATEGIC COMPETITION BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE CHINESE COMMUNIST PARTY, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN JAN. 1 AND MAR. 31, 2024

Table with columns: Name of Member or employee, Date (Arrival, Departure), Country, Per diem (Foreign currency, U.S. dollar equivalent), Transportation (Foreign currency, U.S. dollar equivalent), Other purposes (Foreign currency, U.S. dollar equivalent), Total (Foreign currency, U.S. dollar equivalent). Rows include Landon Heid, Kit Conklin, Melodie Ha, Xiyue Wang, Joe Bauer, Jack Wroldsen, Julissa Walsh, Jake Parker, Jake Gilluly, James Cunningham, Linda Zhang, Tyler Brace, James Julluly, and a Committee total row.

1 Per diem constitutes lodging and meals.
2 If foreign currency is used, enter U.S. dollar equivalent; if U.S. currency is used, enter amount expended.

HON. JOHN R. MOOLENAAR, Feb. 6, 2026.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, COMMITTEE ON THE STRATEGIC COMPETITION BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE CHINESE COMMUNIST PARTY, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN APR. 1 AND JUNE 30, 2024

Table with columns: Name of Member or employee, Date (Arrival, Departure), Country, Per diem (Foreign currency, U.S. dollar equivalent), Transportation (Foreign currency, U.S. dollar equivalent), Other purposes (Foreign currency, U.S. dollar equivalent), Total (Foreign currency, U.S. dollar equivalent). Rows include Caroline Vik, David Dorfman, Xiyue Wang, William Poplawski, Jacob Parker, John Gilluly, Jacob Goldschlager, Charles Morrison, John Noh, Jenna Lifhits, "Linda" Tingyun Zhang, and a Committee total row.

1 Per diem constitutes lodging and meals.
2 If foreign currency is used, enter U.S. dollar equivalent; if U.S. currency is used, enter amount expended.

HON. JOHN R. MOOLENAAR, Feb. 6, 2026.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE STRATEGIC COMPETITION BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE CHINESE COMMUNIST PARTY, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN JULY 1 AND SEPT. 30, 2024

Table with columns: Name of Member or employee, Date (Arrival, Departure), Country, Per diem (Foreign currency, U.S. dollar equivalent), Transportation (Foreign currency, U.S. dollar equivalent), Other purposes (Foreign currency, U.S. dollar equivalent), Total (Foreign currency, U.S. dollar equivalent). Rows include John Noh, Charles Morrison, Jason Li, Matthew Cronin, Andrew Eich, Joe Bauer, David Dorfman, Landon Heid, Melodie Ha, Xiyue Wang, Kelvin Giang, Dwayne Clark, Jake Parker, Jake Julluly, and Adam Jackman.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE STRATEGIC COMPETITION BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE CHINESE COMMUNIST PARTY, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN JULY 1 AND SEPT. 30, 2024—Continued

Table with columns: Name of Member or employee, Date (Arrival, Departure), Country, Per diem (Foreign currency, U.S. dollar equivalent), Transportation (Foreign currency, U.S. dollar equivalent), Other purposes (Foreign currency, U.S. dollar equivalent), Total (Foreign currency, U.S. dollar equivalent). Rows include Linda Zhang, Hon. John Moolenaar, Hon. Ro Khanna, etc.

1 Per diem constitutes lodging and meals. 2 If foreign currency is used, enter U.S. dollar equivalent; if U.S. currency is used, enter amount expended.

HON. JOHN R. MOOLENAAR, Feb. 9, 2026.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE STRATEGIC COMPETITION BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE CHINESE COMMUNIST PARTY, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN OCT. 1 AND DEC. 31, 2024

Table with columns: Name of Member or employee, Date (Arrival, Departure), Country, Per diem (Foreign currency, U.S. dollar equivalent), Transportation (Foreign currency, U.S. dollar equivalent), Other purposes (Foreign currency, U.S. dollar equivalent), Total (Foreign currency, U.S. dollar equivalent). Rows include Landon Heid, Xiyue Wang, Melodie Ha, etc.

1 Per diem constitutes lodging and meals. 2 If foreign currency is used, enter U.S. dollar equivalent; if U.S. currency is used, enter amount expended.

HON. JOHN R. MOOLENAAR, Feb. 9, 2026.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

EC-2965. A letter from the Chairman of the Council, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 26-262, "Extreme Heat Eviction Protection Amendment Act of 2026", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 813); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

EC-2966. A letter from the Chairman of the Council, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 26-263, "Anacostia Business Improvement District Amendment Act of 2026", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 813); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

EC-2967. A letter from the Chairman of the Council, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 26-264, "Soul of the City Business Improvement District Amendment Act of 2026", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 813); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

EC-2968. A letter from the Chairman of the Council, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 26-265, "LIHTC Rent Stabilization Exemption Clarification Amendment Act of 2026", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 813); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

EC-2969. A letter from the Chairman of the Council, Council of the District of Columbia,

transmitting D.C. Act 26-266, "First Responder Retention Efforts Temporary Amendment Act of 2026", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 813); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

EC-2970. A letter from the Chairman of the Council, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 26-267, "Pretrial Detention Reporting Temporary Amendment Act of 2026", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 813); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

EC-2971. A letter from the Chairman of the Council, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 26-274, "Clemency Board Waiver Authority Temporary Amendment Act of 2026", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 813); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

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. HURD of COLORADO (for himself and Ms. DEGETTE):

H.R. 7811. A bill to amend the Uranium Mill Tailings Radiation Control Act of 1978 to extend the authorization of a disposal site in Mesa County, Colorado, until the site is filled to designed capacity; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. ARRINGTON:

H.R. 7812. A bill to amend the Tariff Act of 1930 to impose additional requirements with respect to importers of record, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. BABIN (for himself, Mr. FLOOD, Mr. SORESENSEN, Mrs. BICE, and Mr. AMO):

H.R. 7813. A bill to amend the Weather Research and Forecasting Innovation Act of 2017 to require the Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere to expand and modernize the weather radio system of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

By Mr. BELL:

H.R. 7814. A bill to establish an independent statutory commission within the legislative branch responsible for ensuring oversight, transparency, and accountability over the Department of Justice operations and handling of the Epstein Files, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BERGMAN (for himself, Mr. CORREA, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mrs. LUNA, Mr. BOST, and Mr. DUNN of Florida):

H.R. 7815. A bill to amend title 36, United States Code, to establish the Red Star Service Banner as an officially recognized service banner, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BIGGS OF ARIZONA (for himself, Mr. CRANE, and Mr. CLYDE):