

by Democratic President Lyndon Johnson from the oil rich State of Texas. Thousands of conscripted U.S. soldiers were unloaded off ships to fight in that undeclared conflict. Many boarded vessels, as they viewed and reported huge oil derricks operating in the South China Sea ringing the coasts of Vietnam, and adjacent countries. Many came home from that confusing deployment wondering what they had fought for and against. Records indicate oil drilling in the South China waters continues until today. Oil and gas companies in Vietnam made huge profits in 2025.

Kuwait Gulf War—1991—147 U.S. War Dead:

About a decade later came the Gulf War. U.S. troops were deployed to save the Royal Kingdom's dirty crude oil for the monarchy of Kuwait. Republican President George Herbert Walker Bush of Texas was buddies with the Saudi Family and its lobbyists and the Kuwaiti and Saudi royalty. Together they mobilized the U.S. military and other nations to push neighboring Iraqi despot Saddam Hussein back into Kuwait's border. Hussein's objective was to steal from Kuwait's crude oil fields which extended across the adjoining borders of Kuwait and Iraq. The Coalition of the Willing Forces rolled back Saddam's forces inside his own borders. When I landed in Kuwait during the Iraq War that came two decades later, I entered the headquarters complex of the U.S. military command. It was huge. It looked like a massive Mission Control for a U.S. space launch. Video screens, hundreds of employees, and a full color, smiling portrait of former President and oil man George Bush Senior—probably 5 feet by 6 feet plastered on the wall of the secure entryway. So, another U.S.

President also from Texas supported another crude, dirty oil kingdom war in the complex Middle East political array of undemocratic states.

2001—Iraq War—U.S. War dead—3,481:

Saudi religious dissidents snuck into the U.S. under the tutelage of Saudi religious zealot Osama bin Laden—they hijacked four airplanes and flew those planes into New York City's tallest buildings—the World Trade Towers—the first foreign attack on U.S. soil in American history. Another plane hit the Pentagon and a fourth headed for Washington, DC crashed near Johnstown, Pennsylvania.

In New York City, the demise of the World Trade Center occurred with the first plane crashing into its North tower above the 80th floor. That impact brought down the Cantor Fitzgerald trading company whose President is Howard Lutnick (who today serves as the U.S. Secretary of Commerce). That firm handled Wall Street's major oil trader called e-bond's from the Middle East through its New York World Trade Center offices by denominating them in dollars. It also ran a London Office. Had the London office not existed on 9–11, it is likely the U.S. financial bond markets would have collapsed that day. Chaos would have reigned across our entire financial markets.

By way of history, Ronald Reagan who had served as President from 1981 through 1989—importantly with oil man George Bush Senior of Texas as his Vice President—had negotiated an agreement during his Presidency with the Saudis to dollar denominate all its oil revenue trades, bringing enormous financial benefit to the U.S. financial markets. Moreover, it is important to follow the footsteps of Richard "Dick" Cheney, then Sec-

retary of Defense, and late Vice President during the George Bush II Presidency from 2001 to 2009. When he left his position as U.S. Secretary of Defense for George Bush I, he worked for Haliburton company whose purpose is earning money off drilling, and refining dirty crude oil from everywhere in the world. Oil is not liberty. But its presence has impacted liberty throughout modern history. Osama bin Laden was intelligent. He understood the finances of Middle East oil interests. I believe he knew exactly how Cantor Fitzgerald and U.S. bond markets were directly tied to the Middle East kingdoms' stability, and U.S. markets.

History demonstrates our nation has rewarded tens of thousands of American lives for dirty crude oil interests. We should not be sending our sons and daughters to die in Venezuelan jungles so oil companies can squeeze wealth out of that sovereign nation to pad their profit margins, and fill the pockets and bank accounts of the influential president's billionaire buddies, or presidents and financial interests whose top priority is not the American people, nor liberty.

To remain strong and energy independent in perpetuity, the United States of America must continue its steady progress in building competitive modern energy systems forward here in our homeland. May God bless America.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to direct their remarks to the Chair.

NOTICE

***Incomplete record of House proceedings except for concluding business that follows.
The Explanatory Statement regarding H.R. 6938 will be continued in Book II.***

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 8 o'clock and 47 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Friday, January 9, 2026, at 9 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-2603. A letter from the Senior Counsel, Legal Division, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, transmitting the Bureau's final rule — Home Mortgage Disclosure (Regulation C) Adjustment to Asset-Size Exemption Threshold [Billing Code: 4810-AM-P] received January 6, 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-2604. A letter from the Senior Counsel, Legal Division, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, transmitting the Bureau's final rule — Truth in Lending Act (Regulation Z) Adjustment to Asset-Size Exemption Threshold [Billing Code: 4810-AM-P] received January 6, 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-2605. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's final rule — Allocation of Assets in Single-Employer Plans; Valuation of Benefits and Assets; Expected Retirement Age; Missing Participants Mortality Assumption, received January 5, 2026, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Education and Workforce.

EC-2606. A letter from the Supervisory, Program Analyst, Office of Economic and Analytics/Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Auction of Advanced Wireless Services (AWS-3) Licenses Notice and Filing Requirements, Minimum Opening Bids, Upfront Payments, and Other Procedures for Auction 113, Bidding Scheduled to Begin June 2, 2026 [AU Docket No.: 25-117] received January 7, 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-2607. A letter from the Acting Chief, Office of Engineering and Technology, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Delete, Delete, Delete [ET Docket No.: 25-133] received January 5, 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-2608. A letter from the Acting Branch Supervisor, Regulatory Management Branch, Office of Policy, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Air Plan Approval; Ohio; 2015 Ozone Moderate Reasonably Available Control Technology [EPA-R05-OAR-2022-0352; EPA-R05-OAR-2023-0093; FRL-9995-02-R5] received January 5, 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-2609. A letter from the Acting Branch Supervisor, Regulatory Management Branch, Office of Policy, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Extension of the State Implementation Plan Due Date for the Regional Haze Third Implementation Period [EPA-HQ-OAR-2023-0262; FRL-12160-02-OAR] (RIN: 2060-AW41) received January 5, 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-2610. A letter from the Acting Branch Supervisor, Regulatory Management Branch, Office of Policy, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Air Plan Approval; Michigan and Minnesota; Revision to Taconite Federal Implementation Plan [EPA-R05-OAR-2024-0215; FRL-12351-02-R5] received January 5, 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-2611. A letter from the Acting Branch Supervisor, Regulatory Management Branch, Office of Policy, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Air Plan Revision; California; Placer County Air Pollution Control District; New Source Review [EPA-R09-OAR-2024-0620; FRL-12530-03-R9] received January 5, 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-2612. A letter from the Acting Branch Supervisor, Regulatory Management Branch, Office of Policy, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Air Plan Approval; California; San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District [EPA-R09-OAR-2025-0300; FRL-12832-02-R9] received January 5, 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-2613. A letter from the Acting Branch Supervisor, Regulatory Management Branch, Office of Policy, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Utah; Northern Wasatch Front; 2015 8-Hour Ozone Nonattainment Area Boundary Expansion and Applicability of Certain Clean Air Act Requirements [EPA-R08-OAR-2025-0001; FRL-12971-02-R8] received January 5, 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-2614. A letter from the Acting Branch Supervisor, Regulatory Management Branch, Office of Policy, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Air Plan Approval; Michigan; Infrastructure SIP Requirements for the 2015 Ozone NAAQS; Michigan State Board Requirements; Withdrawal of Direct Final Rule [EPA-R05-OAR-2019-0215; FRL-13010-03-R5] received January 5, 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-2615. A letter from the Supervisory, Program Analyst, Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Wireless Emergency Alerts [PS Docket No.: 15-91] Amendments to Part 11 of the Commission's Rules Regarding the Emergency Alert System [PS Docket No.: 15-94] received January 5, 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-2616. A letter from the Supervisory, Program Analyst, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Numbering Policies for Modern Communications [WC Docket No.: 13-97] Telephone Number Requirements for IP-Enabled Service Providers [WC Docket No.: 07-243] Implementation of TRACED Act Section 6(a) — Knowledge of Customers by Entities with Access to Numbering Resources [WC Docket No.: 20-67] received January 5, 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-2617. A letter from the Senior Bureau Official, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting the Department's final rule — International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Exemption for Defense Trade and Cooperation Among Australia, the United Kingdom, and the United States [Public Notice: 12799] (RIN: 1400-AF84) received January 5, 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.

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. WESTERMAN: Committee on Natural Resources. H.R. 178. A bill to require the Secretary of Agriculture to carry out activities to suppress wildfires, and for other purposes, with an amendment (Rept. 119-429, Pt. 1). Ordered to be printed.

Mr. WESTERMAN: Committee on Natural Resources. H.R. 179. A bill to direct the Secretary concerned to coordinate with impacted parties when conducting a forest management activity, and for other purposes, with an amendment (Rept. 119-430, Pt. 1). Ordered to be printed.

Mr. WESTERMAN: Committee on Natural Resources. H.R. 2250. A bill to reauthorize the National Landslide Preparedness Act, and for other purposes, with an amendment (Rept. 119-431, Pt. 1). Ordered to be printed.

Mr. WESTERMAN: Committee on Natural Resources. H.R. 435. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide direct hire authority to appoint individuals to Federal wildland firefighting and firefighting support positions in the Forest Service or the Department of the Interior, and for other purposes (Rept. 119-432, Pt. 1). Ordered to be printed.

Mr. WESTERMAN: Committee on Natural Resources. H.R. 1110. A bill to require the Secretary of Agriculture to develop and implement a strategy to increase opportunities to utilize livestock grazing as a means of wildfire risk reduction, with amendments (Rept. 119-433, Pt. 1). Ordered to be printed.

Mr. WESTERMAN: Committee on Natural Resources. H.R. 2405. A bill to direct the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to carry out activities to provide for white oak restoration, and for other purposes, with an amendment (Rept. 119-434, Pt. 1). Ordered to be printed.

Mr. WESTERMAN: Committee on Natural Resources. H.R. 839. A bill to prohibit the implementation of a Land Protection Plan for Muleshoe National Wildlife Refuge, with an amendment (Rept. 119-435). 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. ARRINGTON:

H.R. 6974. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security to permit additional accrediting organizations to approve specialized MA plans for special needs individuals; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, 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. CARTER of Georgia (for himself, Mr. WIED, and Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania):

H.R. 6975. A bill to subject aliens convicted of fraud to deportation and to bestow concurrent jurisdiction to revoke the citizenship of any naturalized United States citizen convicted of fraud on any court that enters such a conviction; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CISNEROS (for himself, Mr. BERGMAN, Mr. LIEU, and Mr. GRAVES):

H.R. 6976. A bill to amend laws relating to duty performed by members of the reserve components of the Armed Forces, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services, and in addition to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure, Oversight and Government Reform, Agriculture, Small Business, Financial Services, the Judiciary, Education and Workforce, Veterans' Affairs, Ways and Means, Homeland Security, and House Administration, 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. DEXTER (for herself and Mr. LAWLER):

H.R. 6977. A bill to provide for the periodic issuance of up-to-date clinical guidance on addressing the health effects of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. FINSTAD:

H.R. 6978. A bill to direct the Director of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services to conduct a review of certain approved immigration benefit requests, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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

H.R. 6979. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for youth sports, to establish a grant program for recreational youth sports, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on Education and Workforce, and Energy and Commerce, 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. KRISHNAMOORTHY (for himself and Mr. CASTRO of Texas):

H.R. 6980. A bill to prohibit the availability of Federal funds for certain United States assertions with respect to Venezuela, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, 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 Ms. LEE of Nevada (for herself, Mr. CISCOMANI, Mr. TONKO, and Mr. LAWLER):

H.R. 6981. A bill to require the Secretary of Energy to further develop and support the adoption of a voluntary streamlined permitting and inspection process for authorities having jurisdiction over the permitting of qualifying distributed energy systems, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Ms. MACE (for herself and Mr. FINE):

H.R. 6982. A bill to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to provide for reporting requirements for certain grantees for grants to combat violence against women; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself and Mr. CASAR):

H.R. 6983. A bill to require data centers to generate electricity, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself and Mr. CASAR):

H.R. 6984. A bill to require reports on the effects of data centers on air quality and water quality, and on electricity consumption by data centers; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. MILLER of Ohio (for himself and Mr. HORSFORD):