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Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, March 30, 2026, at 10:30 a.m.

House of Representatives

FRIDAY, MARCH 27, 2026

The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker.

PRAYER

The Reverend Roger Reece, Associated Churches of Fort Wayne and Allen County, Indiana, offered the following prayer:

Gracious and loving God, we come before You, quieting our hearts in Your presence.

As Your Word reminds us again and again:

“The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.”

“He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul.”

Father, we lift up those who serve in this place. O God, grant them wisdom, as You have promised that those who ask will receive.

Give them clarity in their decisions, compassion in their care, and humility in their service.

In moments of burden, dear God, be their strength.

In the moments of uncertainty, dear God, be their light.

Help them remember, Father, that every person bears Your image and is worthy of that dignity and care.

May Your peace rest in this place, and may Your grace guide every step.

In Jesus’ name, we pray.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. 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 stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Mississippi (Mr. EZELL) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. EZELL 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.

WELCOMING REVEREND ROGER REECE

The SPEAKER. Without objection, Mr. STUTZMAN of Indiana is recognized for 1 minute.

There was no objection.

Mr. STUTZMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to welcome today’s guest chaplain, my friend Roger Reece.

Roger is a faith-driven leader, an Army veteran, and a longtime nonprofit executive.

Roger has faithfully served as executive director of the Associated Churches of Fort Wayne and Allen County for over 16 years. He has guided the organization through significant growth and expanded its impact across our community. He is equipped with a strong theological foundation from both Purdue University and the Methodist Theological School of Ohio.

Roger has served in a variety of roles, including parish pastor, city manager, and Army chaplain, with dis-

tinguished service in the 82nd Airborne Division.

Through his leadership, Roger has fostered collaboration across congregations, nonprofits, and civic institutions to better serve the most vulnerable in northeast Indiana.

I thank Roger for today’s opening prayer and wish him continued blessings in his work serving others across the Hoosier State.

May God bless him.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Ms. Lasky, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed with an amendment in which the concurrence of the House is requested, a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 7147. An act making further consolidated appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the Senate has passed bills of the following titles in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 858. An act to authorize the National Medal of Honor Museum Foundation to establish a commemorative work on the National Mall to honor the extraordinary acts of valor, selfless service, and sacrifice displayed by Medal of Honor recipients.

S. 1142. An act to adjust the boundaries of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area to include the Scarper Ridge property.

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ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER
PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. EZELL). The Chair will entertain up to five further requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

RECOGNIZING SWEET BRIAR
COLLEGE ON 125TH ANNIVERSARY

(Mr. MCGUIRE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MCGUIRE. Mr. Speaker, I stand before you today to recognize and celebrate the historic 125th anniversary of Sweet Briar College in Amherst County of Virginia's Fifth Congressional District.

Founded in 1901 by Indiana Fletcher Williams, Sweet Briar has spent more than a century preparing women to lead with integrity, resilience, and purpose in critical roles throughout America's workforce.

Sweet Briar's many notable alumnae, including Mary Pope Hutson, the current president of the college, hold true to the mission of guiding and inspiring the next generation of female leaders.

For 125 years, Sweet Briar has stood as a testament to academic excellence and preparing women for lifelong leadership. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating this extraordinary institution.

RECOGNIZING FRANKIE MUSE
FREEMAN

(Mr. BELL asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to talk about a woman who changed St. Louis and, in doing so, changed America. Her name is Frankie Muse Freeman.

In 1954, segregation was still the law of the land. Despite that, Frankie Muse Freeman walked into a St. Louis courtroom with her law degree. The result: the end of legal racial discrimination in public housing in Missouri. She was the lead attorney. She was a Black woman. She won.

She didn't wait for permission anywhere in her life. When law firms wouldn't write her back, she opened her own practice.

Mr. Speaker, during Women's History Month, when I think about what this administration is doing—gutting programs that Black women built careers and communities around, eliminating the pathways to economic stability—I think about what Frankie Muse Freeman would say.

I think she would say: Get back to work and, most importantly, win.

END WAR IN IRAN

(Mr. KHANNA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. KHANNA. Mr. Speaker, this body needs to vote on THOMAS MASSIE's and my resolution to end the war in Iran.

The President has sent 2,000 more soldiers from the Army's 82nd Airborne Division to Iran. This is on top of the 4,500 marines we already have there.

We cannot afford to put ground troops in Iran. This body needs to say no to the \$200 billion request and vote to end a war that is causing gas to skyrocket. Gas is up to nearly \$4 a gallon, up 34 percent, and we have already lost 13 American servicemembers.

Let's end the war. Let's bring the troops home. Let's make sure we are putting Americans first.

REMEMBERING VICTIMS OF OLD
NATIONAL BANK SHOOTING

(Mr. MCGARVEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MCGARVEY. Mr. Speaker, it is hard to believe, but it has been 3 years now since my hometown of Louisville, Kentucky, was forever changed by the mass shooting at Old National Bank on the Monday morning after Easter.

It has been 3 years since we lost Josh Barrick; Deana Eckert; Juliana Farmer; Jim Tutt; and my good friend Tommy Elliott.

Mr. Speaker, 3 years have passed, and it is still shocking. It still hurts. We are still grieving.

I still haven't found the words to heal those wounds, but I want to read what Tommy's wife, Maryanne, courageously shared after this tragedy:

"May I continue to receive the gifts of grief to help heal my heart.

"May it offer me clarity, help me realize what matters and what doesn't, and then let the rest go.

"May I honor the unsolved questions and mysteries of life, the cracks; and look for the light that shines through them."

May we all.

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HONORING MINARD DUNCAN

(Mr. CORREA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of my very good friend, Minard Duncan, a devoted educator and public servant whose impact on our community will be felt for generations.

Before dedicating his life to education, Mr. Duncan proudly served our country in the U.S. Army during the Korean war from 1952 to 1954.

Later, he served at the Fullerton Unified School District for more than 40 years as an educator and principal, during which time he helped developed programs that strengthen student literacy and success.

After retirement, he wasn't over. He went on to work at Cal State Fullerton

in the area of education. Then he was elected to the Fullerton School District Board of Trustees for 8 years.

Beyond his profession, he was a man who cherished his family, friendships, and life's simple joys. He is survived today by his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren who will carry on his legacy.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in celebrating the life of Minard Duncan, a man who served his country, his community, his family, all with distinction.

May he rest in peace.

HONORING BETTYE JEAN MASON
ODOM

(Mr. JACKSON of Illinois asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. JACKSON of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today during Women's History Month with both reverence and sorrow to honor the life and legacy of Bettye Jean Mason Odom, a trailblazer whose recent passing marks the loss of a visionary leader and beloved pillar of the Chicago community.

In 1978, after studying in Paris, France, Mrs. Odom returned home with an idea: the concept of total skin care for the African-American community. She founded Bettye O, Incorporated, which has since become Chicago's premier and most imitated day spa. For more than four decades, her Hyde Park institution provided world-class wellness services, skin care, and affirmed the beauty and dignity of people of color through her groundbreaking Skins of Colour products.

Mrs. Odom's life is a remarkable tapestry of service and achievement. A graduate of Fisk University and Meharry Medical College, she served our Nation as a First Lieutenant in the United States Army Nurse Corps.

She is also an accomplished actress, model, television host, author, entrepreneur, and educator inspiring generations of young people through her lectures on confidence, purpose, and professional ambition.

Even into her later years, Mrs. Odom's light never dimmed. We celebrate her extraordinary life. We mourn her passing and give thanks for the profound and lasting impacts of Mrs. Bettye Odom.

Mrs. Odom is survived by her daughter, Lori Odom.

Mr. Speaker, may her memory continue to inspire all of us.

DEFENDING AMERICAN PROPERTY
ABROAD ACT OF 2026

Mr. EZELL. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to House Resolution 1131, I call up the bill (H.R. 7084) to amend title 46, United States Code, with respect to the types of vessels that may enter or operate in navigable waters of the United States or transfer cargo in any port or place under the jurisdiction of the