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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. McDOWELL).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
April 6, 2026.

I hereby appoint the Honorable ADDISON P. McDOWELL to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

MIKE JOHNSON,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

How grateful we are, O Lord, our creator, that You have given us life. As the trees burst forth from their winter slumber, awaken us to the renewal that is ours when we receive from Your hand the gifts of this season.

As the deer longs for water, so our souls seek refreshment from their deepest thirst. Quench our desires with the assurance that from You alone flows all the blessing we require for this day.

As deep calls to deep, so we call to You, who by day bestow Your steadfast love and by night offer us the solace of Your tender care.

Our help and our God, we offer ourselves and our prayers to You.
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.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 4 of rule I, the following enrolled bills were signed by Speaker pro tempore VAN EPPS on Thursday, April 2, 2026:

S. 1884, to clarify the Holocaust Expropriated Art Recovery Act of 2016, to appropriately limit the application of defenses based on the passage of time and other non-merits defenses to claims under that Act;

S. 3971, to extend the SBIR and STTR programs, and for other purposes.

SENATE ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The Speaker pro tempore, Mr. VAN EPPS, on Thursday, April 2, 2026, announced his signature to enrolled bills of the Senate of the following titles:

S. 1884.—An act to clarify the Holocaust Expropriated Art Recovery Act of 2016, to appropriately limit the application of defenses based on the passage of time and other non-merits defenses to claims under that Act.

S. 3971.—An act to extend the SBIR and STTR programs, and for other purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 13 of rule I, the House stands adjourned until 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, April 9, 2026.

Thereupon (at 10 o'clock and 2 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Thursday, April 9, 2026, at 11:30 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-3190. A letter from the General Counsel, Federal Housing Finance Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Correcting Amendment Reinstating "Grandfather" Exceptions to Restrictions on Private Transfer Fee Covenants (RIN: 2590-AB61) received March 26, 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-3191. A letter from the Acting Branch Chief, Regulatory Management Branch, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Florida: Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revisions [EPA-R04-RCRA-2025-1577; FRL-13183-02-R4] received March 26, 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-3192. A letter from the Associate Director/OCA, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Risk-Informed, Technology-Inclusive Regulatory Framework for Advanced Reactors [NRC-2019-0062] (RIN: 3150-AK31) received March 30, 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-3193. A letter from the Senior Counsel, Office of the Secretary, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Department's final rule — Removing Unnecessary Regulations Regarding the Seal of the Department of Commerce [Docket ID: 260107-0011] (RIN: 0605-AA71) 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 Energy and Commerce.

EC-3194. A letter from the Senior Counsel, Office of the Secretary, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Department's final rule — Removing Obsolete Regulations Establishing Procedures for a Voluntary Labeling Program for Household Appliances and Equipment to Effect Energy Conservation [Docket ID: 260107-0005] (RIN: 0605-AA72) received February 9, 2026, pursuant to 5 U.S.C.

□ This symbol represents the time of day during the House proceedings, e.g., □ 1407 is 2:07 p.m.

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801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-3195. A letter from the Senior Counsel, Census Bureau, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Department's final rule — Streamlining the Regulations Governing Requests for Special Census Services and Studies [Docket No.: 260213-0046] (RIN: 0607-AA73) received March 26, 2026, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

EC-3196. A letter from the Chairman, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's FY 2025 No FEAR Act report, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 2301 note; Public Law 107-174, Sec. 203(a) (as amended by Public Law 109-435, Sec. 604(f)); (120 Stat. 3241); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

EC-3197. A letter from the Director, National Credit Union Administration, transmitting the Administration's FY 2025 No FEAR Act report, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 2301 note; Public Law 107-174, Sec. 203(a) (as amended by Public Law 109-435, Sec. 604(f)); (120 Stat. 3241); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

EC-3198. A letter from the Senior Counsel, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Eliminating Redundant Regulatory Part Related to Public Information and Disclosure [Docket No.: 260108-0022] (RIN: 0648-BO37) 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 Oversight and Government Reform.

EC-3199. A letter from the Senior Counsel, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Department's final rule — Removing Unnecessary Department-Specific Regulations Related to Employee Responsibilities and Conduct [Docket ID: 260107-0010] (RIN: 0605-AA75) 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 Oversight and Government Reform.

EC-3200. A letter from the Secretary and Chief Administrative Officer, Postal Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's 2025 No Fear Act report, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 2301 note; Public Law 107-174, Sec. 203(a) (as amended by Public Law 109-435, Sec. 604(f)); (120 Stat. 3241); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

EC-3201. A letter from the Fisheries Biologist, Office of Protected Resources, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Takes of Marine Mammals Incidental to Specified Activities; Taking Marine Mammals Incidental to Hilcorp Alaska, LLC Oil and Gas Activities in Cook Inlet, Alaska [Docket No.: 260213-0047] (RIN: 0648-BN57) received March 26, 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-3202. A letter from the Agency Representative, Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Department's final rule — Required Use by Foreign Applicants and Patent Owners of a Patent Practitioner [Docket No.: PTO-P-2025-0008] (RIN: 0651-AD85) received March 26, 2026, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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. WALBERG: Committee on Education and Workforce. H.R. 7720. A bill to amend the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990 to require States to account for fraudulent payments made under such Act; with an amendment (Rept. 119-586). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. WALBERG: Committee on Education and Workforce. H.R. 7721. A bill to amend the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990 to implement an improper payment threshold under such Act; with an amendment (Rept. 119-587). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. WALBERG: Committee on Education and Workforce. H.R. 7722. A bill to amend the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990 to require triennial comprehensive reviews of State performance under such Act; with an amendment (Rept. 119-588). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. WALBERG: Committee on Education and Workforce. H.R. 7723. A bill to amend the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990 to debar child care providers that committed fraud from receiving financial assistance under the Act, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 119-589). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. WALBERG: Committee on Education and Workforce. H.R. 7724. A bill to amend the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990 to sustain sanctions against non-compliant State under such Act; with an amendment (Rept. 119-590). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. WALBERG: Committee on Education and Workforce. H.R. 7725. A bill to amend the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990 to require States disclose agency regulatory participation under such Act; with an amendment (Rept. 119-591). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. WALBERG: Committee on Education and Workforce. H.R. 7726. A bill to amend the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990 to withhold funds from non-compliant States under such Act; with an amendment (Rept. 119-592). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. WALBERG: Committee on Education and Workforce. H.R. 7677. A bill to require the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct a study regarding fraud prevention measures in certain Federal early childhood education, child care, and child nutrition programs, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 119-593). 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. BAUMGARTNER:

H.R. 8196. A bill to amend the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act to add the Workforce data quality initiative; to the Committee on Education and Workforce.

By Mr. BURCHETT:

H.R. 8197. A bill to terminate the All-domain Anomaly Resolution Office of the Department of Defense, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services, and in

addition to the Committee on Intelligence (Permanent Select), 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. FONG:

H.R. 8198. A bill to amend title 51, United States Code, to advance American space operations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

By Mr. SCOTT FRANKLIN of Florida (for himself, Mr. PANETTA, Mr. PATRONIS, and Mr. MOYLAN):

H.R. 8199. A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a comprehensive standard for timing between referrals and appointments for care from the Department of Veterans Affairs and to submit a report with respect to that standard, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. LALOTA (for himself and Mr. COURTNEY):

H.R. 8200. A bill to amend title 23, United States Code, so that a privately or majority-privately owned ferry or ferry terminal facility is an eligible entity for purposes of participation in the Ferry Boat Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Ms. LEE of Nevada:

H.R. 8201. A bill to amend Public Health Service Act to require community health centers to provide behavioral and mental health and substance use disorder services, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. MACKENZIE (for himself and Mr. CASTRO of Texas):

H.R. 8202. A bill to amend the Export Control Reform Act of 2018 to provide for a ten-year statute of limitations for export control violations; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. MACKENZIE (for himself and Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY):

H.R. 8203. A bill to amend the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act to provide to States and local areas information on the best practices for addressing the effects that substance use disorder has on the workforce, and to provide local areas with grants to provide training activities related to the treatment and prevention of substance use disorder; to the Committee on Education and Workforce.

By Ms. MALOY:

H.R. 8204. A bill to direct the Secretary of Energy to establish a Western Refined Fuel Storage Reserve as part of the Strategic Petroleum Reserve, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. QUIGLEY (for himself and Mr. CALVERT):

H.R. 8205. A bill to amend the Accelerating Access to Critical Therapies for ALS Act to reauthorize the provisions of such Act through fiscal year 2031, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. ROY:

H.R. 8206. A bill making further consolidated appropriations 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 subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. SCHNEIDER (for himself, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. BEYER, and Mr. CASTEN):

H.R. 8207. A bill to amend the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 to provide leave because of the death of a son or daughter,