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## House of Representatives

The House met at 11:30 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. SMITH of New Jersey).

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,  
April 9, 2026.

I hereby appoint the Honorable CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH, 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:

Lord, make Yourself known to us. Reveal Yourself even in the simple things: a meal shared, a helping hand, a kind word spoken. Grant us Your peace as we travel the roads on which we find ourselves, that in these small gestures, we may be aware of Your abiding presence in every aspect of our lives.

And when our hearts are troubled, when questions arise from fear—fear of an unknown future, fear of harm or retribution, fear of loneliness—show us the lengths to which You go to guide us, to protect us, and to assure us that You will never leave or forsake us.

Grant that our eyes would be opened to see the fulfillment of Your timeless promises, to understand the divine purposes You are working out, to trust in the plans You have designed, which stand eternal against the fleeting adversities of our lives.

Then may we bear witness, in the face of all we endure, to Your steadfast and redeeming work in our lives and in the world.

In Your sovereign name, we pray.

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.

### COMMUNICATION FROM THE DEMOCRATIC LEADER

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Honorable HAKEEM JEFFRIES, Democratic Leader:

APRIL 8, 2026.

Hon. MIKE JOHNSON,  
*Speaker of the House,*  
*Washington, DC.*

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to section 1095 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2026 (Public Law 119-60), I am pleased to recommend the appointment of the following individual to serve on the Commission on the National Defense Strategy:

The Honorable Jane Harman of Venice, California

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

HAKEEM JEFFRIES,  
*Democratic Leader.*

### ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 13 of rule I, the House stands adjourned until 2:30 p.m. on Monday, April 13, 2026.

Thereupon (at 11 o'clock and 33 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Monday, April 13, 2026, at 2:30 p.m.

### EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

EC-3203. A letter from the Counsel, Chief Counsel Office, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's rescission of final interagency guidance — Rescission of Principles for Climate-Related Financial Risk Management for Large Financial Institutions [Docket ID: OCC-2022-0023] received March 31, 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-3204. A letter from the Acting Branch Chief, Regulatory Management Branch, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants: Chemical Manufacturing Area Sources Technology Review [EPA-HQ-OAR-2024-0303; FRL-7623-02-OAR] (RIN: 2060-AU73) received March 31, 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-3205. A letter from the Acting Branch Chief, Regulatory Management Branch, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's Major final rule — Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) Program: Standards for 2026 and 2027, Partial Waiver of 2025 Cellulosic Biofuel Volume Requirement, and Other Changes [EPA-HQ-OAR-2024-0505; FRL-11947-02-OAR] (RIN: 2060-AW23) received March 31, 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-3206. A letter from the Acting Branch Chief, Regulatory Management Branch, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's correcting amendments — Air Quality Plan; California; Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District; Replacing Outdated Requirements; Correction [EPA-R09-OAR-2024-0210; FRL-11949-03-R9] received

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March 31, 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-3207. A letter from the Acting Branch Chief, Regulatory Management Branch, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Air Plan Approval; Michigan; Detroit 2010 Sulfur Dioxide Redesignation and Maintenance Plan [EPA-R05-OAR-2025-0238; FRL-12841-02-R5] received March 31, 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-3208. A letter from the Acting Branch Chief, Regulatory Management Branch, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Air Plan Approval; Oregon; 2024 Vehicle Inspection Program Updates [EPA-R10-OAR-2025-0181; FRL-12873-02-R10] received March 31, 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-3209. A letter from the Acting Branch Chief, Regulatory Management Branch, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Air Plan Approval; Ohio; Ohio Permit Rules Revisions [EPA-R05-OAR-2025-0143; FRL-13000-02-R5] received March 31, 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-3210. A letter from the Acting Branch Chief, Regulatory Management Branch, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Air Plan Approval; Connecticut; New Source Review Permit Program State Plan Revision [EPA-R01-OAR-2026-0653; FRL-13092-02-R1] received March 31, 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-3211. A letter from the General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Critical Infrastructure Protection Reliability Standard CIP-003-11 — Cyber Security — Security Management Controls [Docket No.: RM25-8-000; Order No. 918] (RIN: 1902-AG37) received March 31, 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-3212. A letter from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Categorical Exclusions From Environmental Review [NRC-2018-0300] (RIN: 3150-AK54) received March 31, 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-3213. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting notification that the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13536 of April 12, 2010, with respect to Somalia is to continue in effect beyond April 12, 2026, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1622(d); Public Law 94-412, Sec. 202(d); (90 Stat. 1255) (H. Doc. No. 119-146); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed.

EC-3214. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting DC Act 26-278, "Short-Term Disability Insurance Benefit Protection Clarification 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-3215. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting DC Act 26-289, "Rhode Island Avenue

Corridor Long-Term Lease Adjustment 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-3216. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting DC Act 26-284, "Gardner Bishop Elementary School Redesignation 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-3217. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting DC Act 26-285, "Friends of Wangari Gardens Grant 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-3218. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting DC Act 26-286, "Residential Building Permit Classification 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-3219. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting DC Act 26-287, "Parking Enforcement Modernization Technical Correction 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-3220. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting DC Act 26-276, "Purple Heart License Plate 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-3221. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting DC Act 26-277, "PrEP DC 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-3222. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting DC Act 26-283, "Tree Preservation Enhancement 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-3223. A letter from the Acting Branch Manager, Branch of Coastal and Marine Resources, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — Marine Mammals; Incidental Take of Northern Sea Otters During Specified Activities; Seward, Sitka, and Kodiak, Alaska [Docket No.: FWS-R7-ES-2024-0195; FXES111607MRG01-267-FF07CMM00] (RIN: 1018-BI08) received April 2, 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-3224. A letter from the Chief Justice, Supreme Court of the United States, transmitting an amendment to the Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure, pursuant to Section 2072 of Title 28 (H. Doc. No. 119-147); to the Committee on the Judiciary and ordered to be printed.

#### 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. GUTHRIE: Committee on Energy and Commerce. H.R. 6409. A bill to amend the

Clean Air Act to clarify standards for emissions emanating from outside of the United States, and for other purposes (Rept. 119-594). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. GUTHRIE: Committee on Energy and Commerce. H.R. 6387. A bill to amend the Clean Air Act to require revisions to regulations governing the review and handling of air quality monitoring data influenced by exceptional events or actions to mitigate wildfire risk (Rept. 119-595). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. GUTHRIE: Committee on Energy and Commerce. H.R. 6398. A bill to amend the Clean Air Act relating to review by the Environmental Protection Agency of proposed legislation (Rept. 119-596). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. GUTHRIE: Committee on Energy and Commerce. H.R. 5200. A bill to direct the Federal Communications Commission to issue reports after activation of the Disaster Information Reporting System and to make improvements to network outage reporting, and for other purposes (Rept. 119-597). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. GUTHRIE: Committee on Energy and Commerce. H.R. 2076. A bill to require the Federal Communications Commission to issue an order providing that a shark attack is an event for which a wireless emergency alert may be transmitted, and for other purposes (Rept. 119-598). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. SMITH of Missouri: Committee on Ways and Means. H.R. 2347. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude from gross income any damages, other than punitive damages, received on account of any sexual acts or sexual contact, with an amendment (Rept. 119-599). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. SMITH of Missouri: Committee on Ways and Means. H.R. 5334. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow early childhood educators to take the educator expense deduction, and for other purposes, with an amendment (Rept. 119-600). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. JORDAN: Committee on the Judiciary. H.R. 6260. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit fraud in connection with posting bail, with an amendment (Rept. 119-601). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. JORDAN: Committee on the Judiciary. H.R. 5625. A bill to direct the Attorney General to make publicly available a list of each State and unit of local government that permits cashless bail, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 119-602). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. JORDAN: Committee on the Judiciary. H.R. 1071. A bill to provide that any foreign government official who engages in censorship of American speech is inadmissible and deportable; with an amendment (Rept. 119-603). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. COMER: Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. H.R. 5750. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to modify probationary periods with respect to positions in the competitive service, to establish trial periods for positions in the excepted service, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 119-604). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. SMITH of Missouri: Committee on Ways and Means. H.R. 5366. A bill to amend