

Chamber mindful of Your holiness, goodness, justice, and mercy.

From our founding, this Nation has known its need for You, and we confess that we have often strayed from Your ways. Have mercy on us and forgive us.

We thank You for sustaining, preserving, and protecting this Nation through these 250 years and for every undeserved blessing You have given.

Grant wisdom, integrity, and humility to these lawmakers, that they may govern justly and serve faithfully. Restrain and frustrate all who seek evil, ruin, or violence against this land.

Turn the heart of our Nation back to You, and grant our children a future marked by truth, righteousness, peace, and freedom to walk in Your ways.

We ask this in the name of Your glorious Son, our only Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ.

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 PASTOR CHAD WEEKS

The SPEAKER. Without objection, Mr. BEAN of Florida was recognized for 1 minute.

There was no objection.

Mr. BEAN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, in a world that often feels out of control, marked by anxiety and fear, how do we respond to this chaos?

Pastor Chad Weeks reminds us of a simple but powerful answer: faith.

Today, I rise to honor Pastor Chad Weeks of Russell Baptist Church in Green Cove Springs, Florida, and to thank him for serving as the House's guest chaplain.

As lead pastor of a historic church founded by his great-grandparents in 1916, Pastor Weeks carries a legacy of service. Under his leadership, Russell Baptist has become a place to find strength in adversity and hope in times of hardship.

In a season of rapid growth, he has remained steadfast in holding firm to biblical truths while investing in the next generation through thriving youth ministries and community outreach.

It is a true honor to welcome Pastor Weeks to our Nation's Capital, along

with his parents, Jimmy and Joan Weeks; his wife, Ashley; and their four children: Ava, Eden, Ella, and John.

I am grateful for his friendship, Mr. Speaker, and his ministry in Clay County, Florida, and particularly for his boldness in sharing the Gospel.

### HONORING THE LIFE AND ULTIMATE SACRIFICE OF DEPUTY MICHAEL LEROY JIMERSON

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

Mr. EZELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and ultimate sacrifice of Deputy Michael Leroy Jimerson of the Jackson County Sheriff's Department, who was tragically killed in the line of duty on April 2, 2026.

Deputy Jimerson made the ultimate sacrifice in service to his community. He put others before himself, living out the oath he took with courage, selflessness, and an unwavering commitment to protect those around him.

Mike served his community for 16 years with the Sheriff's Department, beginning as a volunteer before becoming a deputy. He answered the call to serve not because he had to, but because he believed in it.

He was a devoted husband to his high school sweetheart, Sheila, a proud father, and a loving grandfather. To his family, he was a protector and a steady presence. To his community, he was someone people could depend on.

This loss of the deputy is deeply felt across south Mississippi. As a former sheriff of this same organization, I know the risks that come with the badge and the kind of character it takes to wear it every day.

We honor his memory, we pray for his family, and we stand with the men and women who have come to serve.

Mike, you will not be forgotten. Rest in peace, brother.

### WISHING SENATOR PAT ROBERTS A VERY HAPPY 90TH BIRTHDAY

(Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to wish former Senator Pat Roberts a very happy 90th birthday.

For decades, Senator Roberts showed up for Kansas, first as a marine, and then for our rural communities as chairman of both the Senate and House Agriculture Committees. When he was elected to the Senate in 1996, he promised that "when Kansas spoke, Washington would listen."

Mr. Speaker, no matter your political party, that kind of commitment is something that we should all respect and emulate.

Personally, I have appreciated the guidance he has shared with me over the years, especially on the farm bill. He understands still today that agriculture isn't just part of our State's economy, it is in our blood.

His mentorship is a reminder that even in a place like D.C., we can still come together, share stories, and learn from one another.

Today, we celebrate a Kansan who spent a lifetime working on our behalf.

Happy 90th birthday, Senator Roberts, and I thank you for all of your service.

### PRAY FOR SHREVEPORT ON LOSING EIGHT PRECIOUS CHILDREN IN A SENSELESS ACT OF VIOLENCE

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

Mr. FIELDS. Mr. Speaker, yesterday morning, Shreveport lost eight precious children in a senseless act of violence. Eight children, the youngest just 3 years of age, are gone way too soon. There are simply no words.

Our hearts break for the families and everyone in the Cedar Grove neighborhood who are dealing with this unimaginable grief. We extend our deepest condolences to each of the families who lost loved ones and will continue lifting up the two women who were injured.

I encourage Louisiana and the Nation to join me in praying for these families and for this community.

I would also like to commend the officers and first responders who had to witness this tragedy firsthand for their bravery and dedication.

Shreveport is hurting now, but we have seen tough times before, and I know we will get through it again.

To the people of Cedar Grove, you are not alone. The Nation stands with you, and we will work through this together.

### CONGRATULATING THE ARTEMIS II CREW

(Ms. ROSS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. ROSS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Artemis II crew on their successful mission around the Moon.

On this historic journey, Christina Koch made history as the first woman to travel this far into space. I am especially excited to celebrate Christina's achievement because she is a proud graduate of NC State University in my district.

Go Pack.

She is an inspiration to women and girls everywhere who want to pursue a career in a field that has been dominated by men.

Artemis II reminds us of the power of investing in space, science, and innovation, and, as Christina shared, the power of a crew. These four extraordinary astronauts set the stage for the future of the space program and for future generations of scientists.

Let's continue to make robust investments in science that will propel us to new heights.

□ 1410

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. HARRIGAN) laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives: OFFICE OF THE CLERK, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, Washington, DC, April 17, 2026.

Hon. MIKE JOHNSON, The Speaker, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on April 17, 2026, at 11:15 a.m.:

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 8322.

With best wishes, I am,  
Sincerely,

KEVIN F. MCCUMBER,  
Clerk.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 4 of rule I, the following enrolled bill and joint resolution were signed by the Speaker on Friday, April 17, 2026:

H.R. 8322, to amend the FISA Amendments Act of 2008 to extend the authorities of title VII of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 through April 30, 2026, and for other purposes; and

H.J. Res. 140, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Bureau of Land Management relating to Public Land Order No. 7917 for Withdrawal of Federal Lands; Cook, Lake, and Saint Louis Counties, MN.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 2 o'clock and 11 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

□ 1600

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. YAKYM) at 4 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas

and nays are ordered, or votes objected to under clause 6 of rule XX.

The House will resume proceedings on postponed questions at a later time.

FIRST RESPONDER NETWORK AUTHORITY REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2026

Mr. ALLEN. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 7386) to amend the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012 to reauthorize the First Responder Network Authority, and for other purposes, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.  
The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 7386

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the “First Responder Network Authority Reauthorization Act of 2026”.

(b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents for this Act is as follows:

- Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.
- Sec. 2. Reauthorization of First Responder Network Authority.
- Sec. 3. Authority of NTIA over First Responder Network Authority.
- Sec. 4. Board of First Responder Network Authority.
- Sec. 5. Associate Administrator.
- Sec. 6. Components of nationwide public safety broadband network.
- Sec. 7. Flexibility in establishing fee amounts.
- Sec. 8. Reports to Congress on First Responder Network Authority.
- Sec. 9. Business continuity and disaster recovery plan.
- Sec. 10. Outage notifications.
- Sec. 11. Submission to Congress of FirstNet contract.
- Sec. 12. Definitions.

SEC. 2. REAUTHORIZATION OF FIRST RESPONDER NETWORK AUTHORITY.

Section 6206 of the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012 (47 U.S.C. 1426) is amended—

(1) in subsection (f), by striking “the date that is 15 years after the date of enactment of this title” and inserting “September 30, 2037”; and

(2) in subsection (g)—

(A) by striking “Not later than 10 years after the date of the enactment of this Act” and inserting “Not later than 7 years after the date of the enactment of the First Responder Network Authority Reauthorization Act of 2026”; and

(B) by striking “15-year sunset” and inserting “termination”; and

(C) by adding at the end the following: “Such report shall also contain recommendations for Congress and the NTIA regarding preparations for the expiration of any contract between the First Responder Network Authority and the FirstNet contractor with respect to building, operating, or maintaining the nationwide public safety broadband network.”.

SEC. 3. AUTHORITY OF NTIA OVER FIRST RESPONDER NETWORK AUTHORITY.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Subtitle B of title VI of the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012 (47 U.S.C. 1421 et seq.) is amended—

(1) in section 6204(a), by striking “as an independent authority”; and

(2) in section 6206—

(A) by redesignating subsections (d), (e), (f), and (g) as subsections (e), (f), (g), and (h), respectively;

(B) by inserting after subsection (c) the following:

“(d) ACTIONS SUBJECT TO APPROVAL OF NTIA.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Any action taken by the First Responder Network Authority shall be subject to the approval of the NTIA.

“(2) MANNER OF APPROVAL.—

“(A) PRIOR APPROVAL.—Except as provided in subparagraph (B), the First Responder Network Authority may not take an action unless the NTIA has provided prior approval for such action.

“(B) ACTIONS FOR WHICH PRIOR APPROVAL NOT REQUIRED.—The First Responder Network Authority may take any of the following actions without prior approval by the NTIA:

“(i) Deploying emergency response capabilities and resources to emergencies and disasters.

“(ii) Setting strategic priorities and conducting planning activities with respect to the nationwide public safety broadband network.

“(iii) Maintaining and updating the First Responder Network Authority Strategic Plan and Roadmap or a similar document with respect to the growth, evolution, and advancement of the nationwide public safety broadband network.

“(iv) Establishing performance expectations and investment priorities with respect to the nationwide public safety broadband network.

“(v) Developing and adopting the annual budget of the First Responder Network Authority and outlining all network reinvestment decisions and task orders with respect to the nationwide public safety broadband network.

“(vi) Making written recommendations to the NTIA for action upon network reinvestment decisions and task orders with respect to the nationwide public safety broadband network.

“(vii) Managing the device and application ecosystem with respect to the nationwide public safety broadband network.

“(viii) Receiving reports from the Public Safety Advisory Committee or other advisory committees established by the First Responder Network Authority.

“(ix) Communicating with and conducting outreach to public safety entities and public safety professionals.

“(x) Reporting to and briefing Congress, in accordance with this subtitle.

“(xi) Such other actions as the NTIA may specify.

“(C) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this paragraph may be construed to alter the requirement of subsection (c) of section 6208 that fees may only be assessed under such section if approved by the NTIA.”; and

(C) in subsection (h) (as so redesignated), by striking “subsection (f)” and inserting “subsection (g)”; and

(3) in section 6208(d)—

(A) by striking “The First Responder Network Authority” and inserting the following:

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The First Responder Network Authority”; and

(B) by adding at the end the following:

“(2) NTIA ACTION ON NETWORK REINVESTMENT DECISIONS AND TASK ORDERS.—Not later than 60 days after the date on which the NTIA receives a written recommendation from the First Responder Network Authority for action upon a network reinvestment decision or task order with respect to the nationwide public safety broadband network, the NTIA shall take action upon such network reinvestment decision or task order.”.

(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 6205(b)(2) of the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012 (47 U.S.C. 1425(b)(2)) is amended by striking “If” and inserting “Subject to section 6206(d), if”.

(c) APPLICABILITY.—The amendments made by this section shall apply with respect to—

(1) except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, actions taken by the First Responder Network Authority on or after the date of the enactment of this Act; and

(2) in the case of paragraph (2) of section 6208(d) of the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job