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## House of Representatives

The House met at 6:30 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker.

### PRAYER

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

Eternal God, You who hold the past, the present, and the future in Your hand, may we, like the wise of old, make haste to give You honor, and offer our hearts to Your presence.

Then as we stand in the nearness of Your spirit, may we who mourn the death of our friend and colleague DOUG LAMALFA, and the deep loss of his generous friendship and affable nature among us, be consoled in the hope that he has been received into Your everlasting arms. May this promise give his wife, Jill, his family, and those who loved him a measure of comfort and peace in the distress of these days.

Then as this body returns to its regular order of business, we pray that You protect and uphold each one in this new year. As we stand on the cusp of its promise, buoyed by its opportunities, yet uncertain as to what lies ahead, trusting in You, may we be grateful for the new hope and the new attitudes You inspire in each of us.

This day, this year, may we take on conviction of character tempered with gentleness of demeanor.

May we demonstrate perseverance in righteousness, all the while preserving self-control and faithfulness in our relationships.

May we hold fast to our commitment to peace and justice, while never ignoring the divine law of love for our neighbor, be they friend or foe.

Whatever it is we bring to this year, to this day, to this place, may we allow it all to be transformed by the renewal You are working in us.

Now to You who is able to do immeasurably more than we can ask or imagine, according to Your power at

work among us, to You we offer both ourselves and our prayers.  
Amen.

### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. Under clause 5(d) of rule XX, the Chair announces to the House that, in light of the resignation of the gentlewoman from Georgia (Ms. GREENE) and the passing of the gentleman from California (Mr. LAMALFA), the whole number of the House is 431.

### CALL OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. YAKYM). A call of the House is ordered to ascertain the presence of a quorum.

Members will record their presence by electronic device.

The call was taken by electronic device, and the following Members responded to their names:

[Roll No. 1]

### ANSWERED "PRESENT"—406

Adams	Bishop	Clark (MA)	DeLauro	Harrigan	Liccardo
Aderholt	Boebert	Clarke (NY)	DelBene	Harris (MD)	Lieu
Aguilar	Bonamici	Cleaver	Deluzio	Harris (NC)	Lofgren
Alford	Bost	Cline	DeSaulnier	Harshbarger	Loudermilk
Allen	Boyle (PA)	Cloud	Dexter	Hayes	Lucas
Amo	Brecheen	Clyburn	Dingell	Hern (OK)	Luna
Amodei (NV)	Bresnahan	Clyde	Doggett	Higgins (LA)	Luttrell
Ansari	Brown	Cohen	Donalds	Hill (AR)	Lynch
Arrington	Brownley	Cole	Downing	Himes	Mace
Auchincloss	Budzinski	Collins	Edwards	Hinson	Mackenzie
Babin	Burchett	Comer	Elfreth	Horsford	Magaziner
Bacon	Burlison	Conaway	Ellzey	Houchin	Malliotakis
Balderson	Bynum	Correa	Emmer	Houlahan	Maloy
Balint	Calvert	Costa	Escobar	Hoyer	Mann
Barr	Cammack	Courtney	Espallat	Hoyle (OR)	Mannon
Barragán	Carbajal	Craig	Estes	Hudson	Massie
Barrett	Carey	Crane	Evans (CO)	Huffman	Mast
Baumgartner	Carson	Crank	Evans (PA)	Huizenga	Matsui
Bean (FL)	Carter (GA)	Crawford	Ezell	Hurd (CO)	McBath
Beatty	Carter (LA)	Crenshaw	Fallon	Issa	McBride
Begich	Carter (TX)	Crockett	Fedorchak	Ivey	McClain
Bell	Case	Crow	Feenstra	Jack	McClain Delaney
Bentz	Casten	Cuellar	Fields	Jackson (IL)	McClellan
Bera	Castor (FL)	Davids (KS)	Figures	Jackson (TX)	McClintock
Bergman	Castro (TX)	Davidson	Fine	Jacobs	McClintock
Beyer	Cherfilus-	Davis (IL)	Finstad	James	McCormick
Bice	McCormick	Davis (NC)	Fischbach	Jayapal	McCollum
Biggs (AZ)	Chu	De La Cruz	Fitzgerald	Jeffries	McDowall
Biggs (SC)	Ciscomani	Dean (PA)	Fitzpatrick	Johnson (GA)	McGarvey
Bilirakis	Cisneros	DeGette	Fleischmann	Johnson (SD)	McGovern
			Fletcher	Johnson (TX)	McGuire
			Flood	Jordan	McIver
			Fong	Joyce (OH)	Meeks
			Foster	Joyce (PA)	Menendez
			Foushee	Kamlager-Dove	Meng
			Fox	Kaptur	Messmer
			Franklin, Scott	Kean	Meuser
			Friedman	Keating	Mfume
			Frost	Kelly (IL)	Miller (IL)
			Fry	Kelly (MS)	Miller (OH)
			Fulcher	Kelly (PA)	Miller (WV)
			Garamendi	Kennedy (NY)	Miller-Meeks
			Garbarino	Kennedy (UT)	Mills
			Garcia (CA)	Khanna	Min
			Garcia (IL)	Kiggans (VA)	Moolenaar
			Garcia (TX)	Kiley (CA)	Moore (AL)
			Gill (TX)	Kim	Moore (NC)
			Gillen	Knott	Moore (UT)
			Gimenez	Krishnamoorthi	Moore (WI)
			Goldman (TX)	Kustoff	Moore (WV)
			Gomez	LaHood	Moran
			Gonzales, Tony	LaLota	Morelle
			Gooden	Landsman	Morrison
			Goodlander	Langworthy	Moskowitz
			Gosar	Larsen (WA)	Mrvan
			Graves	Larson (CT)	Mullin
			Gray	Latimer	Nadler
			Green, Al (TX)	Latta	Neal
			Grothman	Lawler	Neguse
			Guest	Lee (FL)	Nehls
			Guthrie	Lee (NV)	Newhouse
			Hageman	Lee (PA)	Norcross
			Hamadeh (AZ)	Leger Fernandez	Norman
			Harder (CA)	Letlow	Nunn (IA)
			Haridopolos	Levin	Oberholte

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Ocasio-Cortez	Scanlon	Thanedar
Ogles	Schakowsky	Thompson (CA)
Olzewski	Schmidt	Thompson (MS)
Omar	Schneider	Thompson (PA)
Onder	Scholten	Tiffany
Owens	Schrier	Timmons
Pallone	Schweikert	Titus
Palmer	Scott (VA)	Tlaib
Panetta	Scott, Austin	Tokuda
Pappas	Scott, David	Tonko
Patronis	Self	Torres (CA)
Pelosi	Sessions	Torres (NY)
Perez	Sewell	Trahan
Perry	Sherman	Tran
Peters	Shreve	Turner (OH)
Pfleger	Simon	Underwood
Pingree	Simpson	Valadao
Pocan	Smith (MO)	Van Dune
Pressley	Smith (NE)	Van Epps
Quigley	Smith (NJ)	Van Orden
Ramirez	Smith (WA)	Vargas
Randall	Smucker	Vasquez
Raskin	Sorensen	Veasey
Reschenthaler	Spartz	Velázquez
Riley (NY)	Stansbury	Vindman
Rivas	Stanton	Walberg
Rogers (AL)	Stauber	Walkinshaw
Rogers (KY)	Stefanik	Wasserman
Rose	Stell	Schultz
Ross	Steube	Waters
Rouzer	Stevens	Watson Coleman
Roy	Strickland	Weber (TX)
Ruiz	Strong	Westerman
Rulli	Stutzman	Whitesides
Rutherford	Subramanyam	Wied
Ryan	Suozzi	Williams (GA)
Salazar	Swalwell	Williams (TX)
Salinas	Sykes	Wilson (SC)
Sánchez	Takano	Wittman
Scalise	Taylor	Yakym
	Tenney	Zinke

## NOT VOTING—24

Baird	Goldman (NY)	Murphy
Buchanan	Gonzalez, V.	Pettersen
Casar	Gottheimer	Soto
DesJarlais	Griffith	Van Drew
Diaz-Balart	Grijalva	Wagner
Dunn (FL)	Hunt	Webster (FL)
Frankel, Lois	McCauley	Wilson (FL)
Golden (ME)	Moulton	Womack

□ 1858

The SPEAKER pro tempore. On this roll call, 406 Members have recorded their presence.

A quorum is present.

## THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the proceedings of January 3, 2026, and announces to House the approval thereof.

Pursuant to the clause 1 of rule I, the Journal stands approved.

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. ROSE) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. ROSE 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.

## PROVIDING FOR A COMMITTEE TO NOTIFY THE PRESIDENT OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I send to the desk a privileged resolution and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 974

*Resolved*, That a committee of two Members be appointed by the Speaker to notify the President of the United States that a quorum of the House has assembled and that the House is ready to receive any communication that he may be pleased to make.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

## APPOINTMENT AS MEMBERS OF COMMITTEE TO NOTIFY THE PRESIDENT, PURSUANT TO HOUSE RESOLUTION 974

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 974, the Chair appoints the following Members to the committee to notify the President of the United States that a quorum of the House has assembled and that the House is ready to receive any communication that he may be pleased to make:

the gentleman from Louisiana (Mr. SCALISE) and  
the gentleman from New York (Mr. JEFFRIES).

## TO INFORM THE SENATE THAT A QUORUM OF THE HOUSE HAS ASSEMBLED

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I send to the desk a privileged resolution and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 975

*Resolved*, That the Clerk of the House inform the Senate that a quorum of the House is present and that the House is ready to proceed with business.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

## PROVIDING FOR THE HOUR OF MEETING OF THE HOUSE

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I send to the desk a privileged resolution and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 976

*Resolved*, That unless otherwise ordered, the hour of daily meeting of the House shall be 2 p.m. on Mondays; noon on Tuesdays (or 2 p.m. if no legislative business was conducted on the preceding Monday); noon on Wednesdays and Thursdays; and 9 a.m. on all other days of the week.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

## MAKING IN ORDER MORNING-HOUR DEBATE

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent

that the order of the House of January 3, 2025, providing for morning-hour debate be extended for the remainder of the 119th Congress, except that House Resolution 976 shall supplant House Resolution 6.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Pennsylvania?

There was no objection.

## NOTICE OF INTENTION TO OFFER MOTION TO DISCHARGE COMMITTEE ON RULES FROM FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE RESOLUTION 780

Mr. JEFFRIES. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to clause 2(c) of rule XV, I rise to provide notice of my intent to offer a motion to discharge the Committee on Rules from the further consideration of House Resolution 780.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Does did the gentleman sign the petition?

Mr. JEFFRIES. Yes, Mr. Speaker, I did.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 2(c) of rule XV, a motion to discharge is privileged only at a time designated by the Speaker within 2 legislative days after the intent to offer such motion is offered.

The Chair will entertain the gentleman's motion at that time.

## RESIGNATION AS MEMBER OF COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following resignation as a member of the Committee on Ethics:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, January 6, 2026.

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

DEAR SPEAKER JOHNSON: As we begin this new session for the 119th Congress, I write today to offer my resignation from the House Committee on Ethics.

It has been my privilege these last five years to participate in the Committee's vital role in educating and upholding the laws and rules of the House. The Committee plays an important role in protecting the integrity of this institution, and I sincerely appreciate each of my House colleagues who understand the solemn duty we uphold for the American people.

Both the Committee members and the team of exceptional staff with whom I have served are points of pride in this body. Serving alongside individuals of such strong character has been an honor. It is my hope that my departure from the Committee creates an opportunity for other members to serve their colleagues in this unique way.

Thank you again, Mr. Speaker, for the opportunity to serve on the House Committee on Ethics.

Sincerely,

JOHN H. RUTHERFORD,  
Member of Congress.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the resignation is accepted.  
There was no objection.