

two countries. Since its founding, more than 2,300 scholarships have been awarded, opening doors for Americans from all walks of life to study at the United Kingdom's leading universities.

So as we look toward the next 250 years, we must also reflect on our shared responsibility to safeguard nature, our most precious and irreplaceable asset.

Millennia—millennia before our nations existed, before any border drawn, the mountains of Scotland and Appalachia were one—a single, continuous range, forged in the ancient collision of continents.

The natural wonders of the United States of America are indeed a unique asset, and generations of Americans have risen to this calling. Indigenous, political, and civic leaders, people in rural communities and cities alike, have all helped to protect and nurture what President Theodore Roosevelt called the glorious heritage of this land's extraordinary natural splendor, on which so much of its prosperity has always depended.

Yet, even as we celebrate the beauty that surrounds us, our generation must decide how to address the collapse of critical natural systems, which threatens far more than the harmony and essential diversity of nature. We ignore at our peril the fact that these natural systems—in other words, nature's own economy—provide the foundation for our prosperity and our national security.

The story of the United Kingdom and the United States is, at its heart, a story of reconciliation, renewal, and remarkable partnership.

From the bitter divisions of 250 years ago, we forged a friendship that has grown into one of the most consequential alliances in human history.

I pray with all my heart that our alliance will continue to defend our shared values with our partners in Europe and the Commonwealth and across the world and that we ignore the clarion calls to become ever more inward-looking.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Vice President, distinguished ladies and gentlemen: America's words carry weight and meaning, as they have since independence. The actions of this great Nation matter even more. President Lincoln understood this so well, with his reflection in the magisterial Gettysburg Address that: The world may little note what we say but will never forget what we do.

And so, to the United States of America: On your 250th birthday, let our two countries rededicate ourselves to each other in the selfless service of our peoples and of all the peoples of the world.

God bless the United States, and God bless the United Kingdom.

(Applause, the Members rising.)

At 3 o'clock and 39 minutes p.m., His Majesty King Charles III, accompanied by the committee of escort, retired from the Hall of the House of Representatives.

The Assistant Sergeant at Arms escorted the invited guests from the Chamber in the following order:

The members of the President's Cabinet;

The Dean of the Diplomatic Corps.

JOINT MEETING DISSOLVED

The SPEAKER. The purpose of the joint meeting having been completed, the Chair declares the joint meeting of the two Houses now dissolved.

Accordingly (at 3 o'clock and 40 minutes p.m.), the joint meeting of the two Houses was dissolved.

The Members of the Senate retired to their Chamber.

The SPEAKER. The House will continue in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. MOORE of Utah) at 7 p.m.

PRINTING OF PROCEEDINGS HAD DURING RECESS

Mr. JACK. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the proceedings had during the recess be printed in the RECORD.

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

There was no objection.

HOURLY MEETING ON TOMORROW

Mr. JACK. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. tomorrow.

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

There was no objection.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. JACK. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 7 o'clock and 1 minute p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, April 29, 2026, at 9 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-3446. A letter from the Management Analyst, Rural Housing Service: Rural Development, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's Major final rule — Changes Related to Insurance Requirements in Multi-Family Housing (MFH) Direct Loan and Grant Programs [Docket No.: RHS-23-MFH-0019] (RIN: 0575-AD29) received April 22, 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-3447. A letter from the President and CEO, Securities Investor Protection Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's Order Approving the Determination of the Board of Directors of the Securities Investor Protection Corporation Not to Adjust for Inflation the Standard Maximum Cash Advance Amount and Notice of the Standard Maximum Cash Advance Amount [Release No.: SIPA-186; File No.: SIPC-2026-01], pursuant to 15 U.S.C. 78fff-3(e)(3)(B); Public Law 91-598, Sec. 9(e)(3) (as amended by Public Law 111-203, Sec. 929H(a)(2)); (124 Stat. 1857); to the Committee on Financial Services.

EC-3448. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's 2025 State Performance and Best Practices for the Prevention and Reduction of Underage Drinking Report, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 290bb-25b(c)(1)(F)(i); Public Law 109-422, Sec. 2; (120 Stat. 2892); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-3449. A letter from the Director, Executive Resources Staff Office, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting a notification of a vacancy and designation of acting officer, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 3349(a); Public Law 105-277, Sec. 151(b); (112 Stat. 2681-614); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

EC-3450. A letter from the Board Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting the Administration's Strategic Plan for FY 2026 to 2030, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 306(a); Public Law 103-62, Sec. 3 (as amended by Public Law 111-352, Sec. 2); (124 Stat. 3866); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

EC-3451. A letter from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's Major final rule — Occupations that Customarily and Regularly received Tips; Definition of Qualified Tips [TD: 10044] (RIN: 1545-BR63) received April 22, 2026, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

EC-3452. A letter from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's IRB only rule — Examination of returns and claims for refund, credit, or abatement; determination of tax liability (Rev. Proc. 2026-19) received April 22, 2026, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

EC-3453. A letter from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Opportunity Zone Designation Revenue Procedure (Rev. Proc. 2026-14) received April 22, 2026, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

EC-3454. A letter from the Director, Regulations and Disclosure Law Division, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Extension of Emergency Import Restrictions Imposed on Archaeological and Ethnological Material of Afghanistan (RIN: 1685-AA43) received April 24, 2026, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

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. 161. A bill to amend sections 111, 169, and 171 of the Clean Air Act to clarify when a physical change in, or change in the method of operation of, a stationary source constitutes a modification or construction, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 119-625). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. GUTHRIE: Committee on Energy and Commerce. H.R. 4214. A bill to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to publish, concurrently with any final rule establishing or revising a national ambient air quality standard, regulations and guidance for implementing the standard, including information relating to submission and consideration of a preconstruction permit application under the new or revised standard, and for other purposes (Rept. 119-626). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. GUTHRIE: Committee on Energy and Commerce. H.R. 6373. A bill to amend the Clean Air Act to establish authority for the President to waive the requirement for an advanced manufacturing facility or a critical mineral facility to offset increased emissions of any air pollutant, and for other purposes (Rept. 119-627). 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. ARRINGTON (for himself and Mr. MORAN):

H.R. 8536. A bill to amend the Clean Air Act to reform the Renewable Fuel Standard, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Ms. BOEBERT (for herself and Mr. GRIFFITH):

H.R. 8537. A bill to authorize the construction of a ballroom on the grounds of the White House, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and in addition to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, 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. CARTER of Georgia (for himself, Ms. SEWELL, Mr. BEAN of Florida, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Mr. STEUBE, Mr. MURPHY, and Mr. MORAN):

H.R. 8538. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow for limited full expensing of certain reforestation expenditures; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas (for herself and Mr. GOLDMAN of New York):

H.R. 8539. A bill to amend title 54, United States Code, to ensure historically accurate exhibits at National Park Service sites, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mrs. DINGELL (for herself and Ms. SCHAKOWSKY):

H.R. 8540. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to require coverage of, and expand access to, home and community-based services under the Medicaid program; to award grants for the creation, recruitment, training and education, retention, and advancement of the direct care workforce and to award grants to support family care-

givers; and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Education and Workforce, Oversight and Government Reform, and Ways and Means, 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 Mrs. DINGELL (for herself and Ms. MATSUI):

H.R. 8541. A bill to support the direct care professional workforce, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Education and Workforce, Ways and Means, the Judiciary, House Administration, and Oversight and Government Reform, 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. EZELL (for himself, Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana, Mr. CARTER of Louisiana, and Mr. FIGURES):

H.R. 8542. A bill to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act and the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to provide for the delegation of authority to Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama to manage certain expanded submerged lands, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. FINE:

H.R. 8543. A bill to authorize the construction of a ballroom on the grounds of the White House, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mrs. HINSON (for herself and Mr. GOLDEN of Maine):

H.R. 8544. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to establish a 5-year post-employment ban on lobbying by former senior executive branch personnel and to prohibit such personnel from lobbying at any time on behalf of foreign governments or entities controlled by foreign governments, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. HOULAHAN (for herself, Mrs. BICE, and Ms. SALAZAR):

H.R. 8545. A bill to protect and expand access to pasteurized, donor human milk, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Education and Workforce, 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. ISSA (for himself and Mr. CALVERT):

H.R. 8546. A bill to amend the Pechanga Band of Luiseño Mission Indians Water Rights Settlement Act to make technical corrections, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE (for herself, Mrs. MCIVER, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Ms. TLAI, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Ms. SIMON, Mr. COHEN, and Mr. THANEDAR):

H.R. 8547. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to account for the age of certain incarcerated juveniles and to amend title IV of the Social Security Act to allow the Secretary of Health and Human Services to award competitive grants to enhance collaboration between State child welfare and juvenile justice systems, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, 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 Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE (for herself, Mrs. MCIVER, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Ms. TLAI, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Ms. NORTON, Mrs. BEATTY, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Ms. SIMON, Mr. COHEN, Mr. THANEDAR, and Ms. BROWN):

H.R. 8548. A bill to authorize implementation grants to community-based nonprofits to operate one-stop reentry centers; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE (for herself, Mrs. MCIVER, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Ms. TLAI, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Ms. SIMON, Mr. COHEN, and Mr. THANEDAR):

H.R. 8549. A bill to enable incarcerated persons to petition a Federal court for a second look at sentences longer than 10 years, where the person is not a danger to the safety of any person or the community and has shown they are ready for reentry, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia (for herself, Mr. MOORE of Utah, and Ms. BALINT):

H.R. 8550. A bill to allow States to require payment of State fees related to boating as a condition for issuance of a vessel number and to collect such fees in conjunction with other fees related to vessel numbering; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. LAWLER:

H.R. 8551. A bill to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act and title XXVII of the Public Health Service Act to provide no-cost coverage for annual screening mammography beginning at 30 years of age; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, 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. LUTTRELL (for himself and Mr. MCGARVEY):

H.R. 8552. A bill to increase, effective as of December 1, 2026, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. MURPHY (for himself and Mr. CONAWAY):

H.R. 8553. A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a precision oncology program for cancer of the prostate, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. PATRONIS:

H.R. 8554. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to include installations of the Coast Guard in the defense community infrastructure program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mrs. RAMIREZ (for herself, Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois, Ms. MEJIA, Ms. SIMON, Mr. THANEDAR, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Ms. TLAI, Mr. GOLDMAN of New York, Ms. ANSARI, Mrs. GRIMALVA, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mr. CASAR, Ms. WILSON of Florida, Mr. KHANNA, Ms. NORTON, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Mr. ESPALLAT, Ms. TOKUDA, Ms. STANSBURY, Ms. JAYAPAL, Mr. NORCROSS, Mr. MENEFFEE, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. LIEU, Mrs. MCIVER, and Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi):

H.R. 8555. A bill to place the Federal minimum wage on a durable path toward a living wage aligned with the national median wage, to require large, highly profitable corporations to lead the transition, to end all subminimum wages, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and Workforce.