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Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, January 12, 2026, at 3 p.m.

House of Representatives

FRIDAY, JANUARY 9, 2026

The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker.

PRAYER

Major General William Green, Jr., Chief of Chaplains, U.S. Army, Washington, D.C., offered the following prayer:

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, in the quiet before this session begins, we lift our eyes to You. Beneath the weight of duty and the press of time, we need Your grace. Help us hear the whisper of conscience, the voice of the forgotten, and wisdom from above.

Remind us that our labor is not for ourselves alone, but our words and work shape the soul of a nation and echo through unborn generations. Let us not grow weary in well-doing.

Breathe into this Chamber, O Lord, a spirit of humility, courage, and hope. May we walk this day by the light of Your eternal truth.

Grant wisdom to our legislators and let liberty's light shine brightly on our Nation.

In Your holy name we pray.

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 Illinois (Mr. SCHNEIDER) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. SCHNEIDER 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

The SPEAKER. The Chair will entertain up to five requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT APPRECIATION DAY

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

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day, which is observed annually on January 9.

Established in 2015, this day allows us to recognize the brave men and women who serve and protect in the line of duty.

I extend my deepest gratitude to the more than 900,000 sworn officers serving across the United States, who dedicate their lives to keep our communities safe.

I thank the Capitol Police, the Secret Service, and the Metropolitan Police

Department for their continuous efforts to keep us safe here in our Nation's Capital. I am grateful for the law enforcement officers in my home State of Pennsylvania and the local officers who safeguard the communities across Pennsylvania's 15th Congressional District.

Our officers know that they can be in harm's way at any moment. They answer the calls in times of distress. They follow rules, and they wear the badge proudly.

Mr. Speaker, I thank all our law enforcement officers for answering the call to serve our communities.

THE LIGHT WILL WIN

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

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Mr. Speaker, yesterday morning the House Abraham Accords Caucus hosted Rabbi Yehoram Ulman and Ahmed al-Ahmed, survivors of the terrorist attack at Bondi Beach last month.

When terrorists began massacring Jews during a Hanukkah celebration—Rabbi Ulman's son-in-law among them—Ahmed, a Muslim who was at the event by serendipity, rushed to cover.

As one of the terrorists approached his position, rather than fleeing, Ahmed heroically rose to the moment, charged, and singlehandedly disarmed the attacker, saving countless lives.

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The Abraham Accords are premised on a simple tenet. Arabs and Jews belong to the same land and that, by elevating the people, we will separate the land and bring peace to the entire region.

Today, Rabbi Ulman and Ahmed al-Ahmed showed that the spirit of the Abraham Accords extend far beyond the Middle East.

As I told Ahmed, he not only is a hero to us all, he teaches us that love of the stranger will lift us all and defeat hatred. Rabbi Ulman and Mr. Al-Ahmed have titled their visit around the world: "The Light Will Win."

HONORING SENATOR BEN NIGHTHORSE CAMPBELL

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

Mr. HURD of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of former United States Senator Ben Nighthorse Campbell of Colorado who passed away at the age of 92.

Senator Campbell lived a remarkable life. He was a decorated veteran, a champion for Native American communities, and a trailblazer in Congress. He was the first Native American elected to the Senate in more than 60 years, and he never forgot who he was or who he served.

He represented Colorado's Third Congressional District in this Chamber and then served two terms in the Senate. He was always guided by integrity, independence, and a deep sense of duty. He didn't care about party lines. He cared about doing what was right.

Colorado has lost a great leader. Our country has lost a great public servant. I join many in keeping his wife, Linda, and their family in our prayers.

CELEBRATING EAST CAROLINA UNIVERSITY FOOTBALL

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

Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, our dynamic band, die-hard fans, Steve the Pirate, Pirate Marissa, and ECU brought it in Annapolis.

I am honored to recognize Coach Blake Harrell and the entire East Carolina University football team. Their remarkable back-to-back Military Bowl wins make eastern North Carolina incredibly proud.

These victories reflect the hard work, discipline, grit, resilience, and heart that define Pirate football. They represented eastern North Carolina with toughness and determination against a well-respected, well-coached, and talented Pitt football team.

Their success is a testament to teamwork, leadership, and the unshakeable belief in one another. Pirate Nation stands united in celebrating what they have accomplished and what is still ahead.

Go Pirates. Arrgh.

SUPPORTING AFFORDABLE HOUSING

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

Mr. EDWARDS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 5184, the Affordable HOMES Act. I thank Representative HOUCHIN for her leadership in advancing this important piece of legislation.

Housing affordability is one of the top issues that I hear about in western North Carolina. Working families, seniors on fixed incomes, first responders, and young people are often priced out of the communities where they live and work because housing supply just hasn't kept up with demand. This bill will help change that.

It cuts the unnecessary red tape that slows construction and increases costs. It modernized outdated regulations and gives local communities greater flexibility to build the housing that they need.

For western North Carolina, that means more workforce housing, attainable options for seniors, and fewer workers forced into long commutes.

Mr. Speaker, this legislation focuses on solutions and not bureaucracy, and I urge my colleagues to support H.R. 5184.

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HONORING FOOD MARKET LA CHIQUITA

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

Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Food Market La Chiquita on their 40th anniversary. In 1986, Alfredo Linares, an immigrant from Mexico, took a chance. He got a loan and bought a corner store in my neighborhood of Little Village.

Four decades later, you can find La Chiquita stores throughout the metro Chicago area, and it continues to be a family-owned business that makes each customer feel welcome and part of the family.

When you walk into any of their stores, you are greeted by the vibrant colors of the fresh produce and the unmistakable aromas coming from the kitchen, an invitation not just to shop but to feel at home.

It is almost impossible to go shopping and not get some tacos from La Chiquita's in-store restaurants. Some days, you will find me chowing down on a torta and chatting with constituents on their break from work.

The secret to their success is simple but powerful: high-quality products, exceptional service for their customers, and a deep understanding of the community.

I look forward to many more decades of success for La Chiquita. I congratulate them.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF DARRELL WALKER

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

Ms. HAGEMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the life and legacy of Mr. Darrell Walker, who dutifully served his Sublette County community across many roles for over 50 years.

As the longest serving conservation district board supervisor in Wyoming, Darrell showed a lifelong commitment to conservation, ranching, and many of the values we hold dear in the Cowboy State.

In recognition of Darrell's decades of selfless leadership, the Wyoming Association of Conservation Districts named the Darrell Walker Outstanding Supervisor Award in his honor.

Darrell leaves behind a legacy of service, dedication to conservation, and many loving children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Please join me in recognizing the legacy of Mr. Darrell Walker as we send our condolences to his family.

GREATEST CASUALTY IS TRUTH

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

Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, perhaps the greatest casualty of the Donald Trump administration is the truth.

The President and the courtiers who encircle him traffic, intentionally and carelessly, in falsehoods, misinformation, and lies.

Consider just the last 7 days.

On Venezuela, they lied when they said it was about drugs. It never was. It was about oil. Witness the January and December Presidential pardons of the two biggest narcotraffickers. Whether it was the repeated murder of unidentified people in small boats or last Saturday's extraordinary capture of Maduro, they lied, saying they would not attack Venezuela before going to Congress.

On this week's fifth anniversary of January 6, the President continues his dangerous lies, supported by the Speaker of the House. The White House is going so far as an attempt to whitewash history on the official website of the White House, even blaming Capitol Police for the President's deadly insurrection.

Now, on the deadly ICE shooting of Renee Good, a 37-year-old mother in Minneapolis, they are grotesquely lying and misidentifying a woman they did not know, even before her family could identify her body.

Mr. Speaker, we are better than this. America is better than this craven crowd.