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House of Representatives

The House met at 3 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. BEGICH).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
January 16, 2026.

I hereby appoint the Honorable NICHOLAS J. BEGICH, III, 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:

Merciful God, as we look back on the past week, we pray that You will be pleased with our efforts and would forgive our shortcomings.

Cause us to remember that when we have fulfilled Your purpose, readily received the opportunities You have laid before us, and completed Your work without hesitation, it was You who empowered us and You who should be praised.

Jars of clay that we are, we confess the times when we have dehumanized our enemies, when we have been slow to respond to the needs of others and quick to ensure our own comfort. Give us grace to approach You with humility and honesty.

Reveal to us that the treasure we steward is not our own well-being, but the bounty of Your gracious desire to transform all things, even us, so that Your surpassing power may be revealed in our lives and over all that seeks to distract and dissuade us from following You and living our lives in accordance with Your will.

We commend this past week and our work to Your care and Your blessing,

praying in the power of Your merciful name.
Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. 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 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 CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, January 15, 2026.

Hon. MIKE JOHNSON,
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 January 15, 2026, at 5:27 p.m.:

That the Senate agrees to return the papers to the House at their request H.R. 1834.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 6938.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely,

KEVIN F. MCCUMBER,
Clerk.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the House stands adjourned until noon on Tuesday, January 20, 2026, for morning-hour debate and 2 p.m. for legislative business.

There was no objection.

Thereupon (at 3 o'clock and 3 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Tuesday, January 20, 2026, at noon for morning-hour debate.

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. WALBERG: Committee on Education and Workforce. H.R. 1723. A bill to clarify the rights of Indians and Indian Tribes on Indian lands under the National Labor Relations Act, with an amendment (Rept. 119-458). 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. MEUSER:

H.R. 7127. A bill to amend the Securities Act of 1933 to exempt off-exchange secondary trading from State regulation where such trading is with respect to securities of an issuer that makes publicly available certain current information, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. FLOOD (for himself and Mr. GARBARINO):

H.R. 7128. A bill to extend the Terrorism Risk Insurance Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Ms. BONAMICI (for herself and Mr. BEGICH):

H.R. 7129. A bill to amend the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 to reauthorize water power research, development, demonstration, and commercial application

□ This symbol represents the time of day during the House proceedings, e.g., □ 1407 is 2:07 p.m.

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activities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, 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. DOWNING (for himself, Mr. FITZGERALD, and Mr. OGLES):

H.R. 7130. A bill to eliminate the Federal Insurance Office of the Department of the Treasury and to establish a United States Insurance Representative within the Department of the Treasury, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. FITZGERALD:

H.R. 7131. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to eliminate the dollar limitations on the exclusion of gain from sales of principal residences, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. FOSTER (for himself, Mr. SHERMAN, Mrs. BEATTY, Mr. CASTEN, and Ms. VELÁZQUEZ):

H.R. 7132. A bill to amend the Financial Stability Act of 2010 to preserve the independent funding in the Office of Financial Research, to establish minimum staffing levels for the Financial Stability Oversight Council, to establish minimum funding levels for such staff, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. FROST:

H.R. 7133. A bill to prohibit States from prohibiting or otherwise deterring the usage of any merchant category code established by the International Organization for Standardization, including codes that identify firearm merchants and ammunition merchants; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. FROST:

H.R. 7134. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to improve firearm destruction practices, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. FROST:

H.R. 7135. A bill to improve the licensing requirements for the retail sale of firearms, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. HUDSON (for himself and Mr. HARRIGAN):

H.R. 7136. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit doxing of special operations personnel, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota (for himself, Mr. GOTTHEIMER, Mr. MACKENZIE, Ms. GOODLANDER, Mr. MANN, Mr. PANETTA, Mr. WITTMAN, Mr. CARBAJAL, Mr. STEIL, Mr. GOLDEN of Maine, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. SOTO, Mr. BRESNAHAN, Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY, Mr. GARBARINO, and Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina):

H.R. 7137. A bill to appropriate funds for pay and allowances of Federal employees, contract employees, and members of the Armed Forces during a lapse in appropriations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Appropriations, and in addition to the Committees on Armed Services, Oversight and Government Reform, House Administration, and the Judiciary, 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. KHANNA (for himself, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Mr. DELUZIO, Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Ms. SIMON, Mr. TAKANO, Mr. FROST, Ms. TLAIB, Ms. TOKUDA, Ms. LEE of Pennsylvania, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, Mrs. CHERFILUS-McCORMICK, and Mr. THANEDAR):

H.R. 7138. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to disallow the deduction of certain expenses relating to ownership of single-family homes by specified large investors, to impose an excise tax on the sale of such homes by such investors, and to prohibit Federal mortgage assistance relating to certain large investors; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Financial Services, 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. KILEY of California:

H.R. 7139. A bill to amend the United States Housing Act of 1937 to address the payment of tenant-based assistance in cases where a family moves, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Ms. LEE of Florida (for herself and Ms. LOFGREN):

H.R. 7140. A bill to protect main street retailers and end users in secondary patent actions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS:

H.R. 7141. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to modify the maximum guaranty amount of certain home loans guaranteed by the Department of Veterans Affairs; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. PANETTA (for himself and Mr. FEENSTRA):

H.R. 7142. A bill to amend the National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977 to extend and permanently authorize the Agriculture Advanced Research and Development Authority, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. PANETTA (for himself, Mr. CARBAJAL, and Mr. MOORE of Utah):

H.R. 7143. A bill to amend title 23, United States Code, to improve and reauthorize the pollinator-friendly practices on roadside highways and rights-of-way program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. TORRES of New York:

H.R. 7144. A bill to amend the Emergency Food Assistance Act of 1983 to establish a national food rescue system through partnerships with food rescue organizations; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mrs. TRAHAN (for herself, Mr. VALADAO, Mr. CISCOMANI, Mr. CARTER of Louisiana, Mr. VEASEY, and Mr. SOTO):

H.R. 7145. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to establish a definition of essential health system in statute and for other related purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. WITTMAN (for himself, Mr. BERA, Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina, and Mr. MACKENZIE):

H.R. 7146. A bill to amend the Arms Export Control Act to include Taiwan among the list of recipient countries with respect to which shorter certification and reporting periods apply and to expedite licensing for allies transferring military equipment to Taiwan, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. STEIL (for himself and Mr. LYNCH):

H. Res. 1007. A resolution expressing the sense of the House of Representatives with respect to the use of artificial intelligence in the financial services and housing industries; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Ms. ANSARI (for herself, Ms. FOX, Mr. HIMES, Mrs. BICE, Mr. SCHNEIDER, Mr. CAREY, Mr. SUOZZI, and Mr. FITZPATRICK):

H. Res. 1008. A resolution recognizing and expressing support for the Iranian people

protesting for a free and democratic Iran; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY STATEMENT

Pursuant to clause 7 of rule XII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the following statements are submitted regarding the specific powers granted to Congress in the Constitution to enact the accompanying bill or joint resolution.

By Mr. MEUSER:

H.R. 7127.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8 of the United States Constitution.

By Mr. FLOOD:

H.R. 7128.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 18 of the United States Constitution

By Ms. BONAMICI:

H.R. 7129.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution

By Mr. DOWNING:

H.R. 7130.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8

By Mr. FITZGERALD:

H.R. 7131.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

clause 18 of section 8 of article I of the Constitution.

By Mr. FOSTER:

H.R. 7132.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

This bill is enacted pursuant to the power granted to Congress under Article I, Section 8, Clauses 1 and 18 of the United States Constitution.

By Mr. FROST:

H.R. 7133.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clauses 1 and 18 of the U.S. Constitution

By Mr. FROST:

H.R. 7134.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clauses 1 and 18 of the U.S. Constitution

By Mr. FROST:

H.R. 7135.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clauses 1 and 18 of the U.S. Constitution

By Mr. HUDSON:

H.R. 7136.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8

By Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota:

H.R. 7137.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, section 8

By Mr. KHANNA:

H.R. 7138.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I Section 8

By Mr. KILEY of California:

H.R. 7139.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following: