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House of Representatives

The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. McDOWELL).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
April 6, 2026.

I hereby appoint the Honorable ADDISON P. McDOWELL 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:

How grateful we are, O Lord, our creator, that You have given us life. As the trees burst forth from their winter slumber, awaken us to the renewal that is ours when we receive from Your hand the gifts of this season.

As the deer longs for water, so our souls seek refreshment from their deepest thirst. Quench our desires with the assurance that from You alone flows all the blessing we require for this day.

As deep calls to deep, so we call to You, who by day bestow Your steadfast love and by night offer us the solace of Your tender care.

Our help and our God, we offer ourselves and our prayers to You.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 13 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.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 4 of rule I, the following enrolled bills were signed by Speaker pro tempore VAN EPPS on Thursday, April 2, 2026:

S. 1884, to clarify the Holocaust Expropriated Art Recovery Act of 2016, to appropriately limit the application of defenses based on the passage of time and other non-merits defenses to claims under that Act;

S. 3971, to extend the SBIR and STTR programs, and for other purposes.

SENATE ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The Speaker pro tempore, Mr. VAN EPPS, on Thursday, April 2, 2026, announced his signature to enrolled bills of the Senate of the following titles:

S. 1884.—An act to clarify the Holocaust Expropriated Art Recovery Act of 2016, to appropriately limit the application of defenses based on the passage of time and other non-merits defenses to claims under that Act.

S. 3971.—An act to extend the SBIR and STTR programs, and for other purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 13 of rule I, the House stands adjourned until 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, April 9, 2026.

Thereupon (at 10 o'clock and 2 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Thursday, April 9, 2026, at 11:30 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-3190. A letter from the General Counsel, Federal Housing Finance Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Correcting Amendment Reinstating "Grandfather" Exceptions to Restrictions on Private Transfer Fee Covenants (RIN: 2590-AB61) received March 26, 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-3191. A letter from the Acting Branch Chief, Regulatory Management Branch, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Florida: Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revisions [EPA-R04-RCRA-2025-1577; FRL-13183-02-R4] received March 26, 2026, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-3192. A letter from the Associate Director/OCA, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Risk-Informed, Technology-Inclusive Regulatory Framework for Advanced Reactors [NRC-2019-0062] (RIN: 3150-AK31) received March 30, 2026, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-3193. A letter from the Senior Counsel, Office of the Secretary, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Department's final rule — Removing Unnecessary Regulations Regarding the Seal of the Department of Commerce [Docket ID: 260107-0011] (RIN: 0605-AA71) received February 9, 2026, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-3194. A letter from the Senior Counsel, Office of the Secretary, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Department's final rule — Removing Obsolete Regulations Establishing Procedures for a Voluntary Labeling Program for Household Appliances and Equipment to Effect Energy Conservation [Docket ID: 260107-0005] (RIN: 0605-AA72) received February 9, 2026, pursuant to 5 U.S.C.

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801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-3195. A letter from the Senior Counsel, Census Bureau, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Department's final rule — Streamlining the Regulations Governing Requests for Special Census Services and Studies [Docket No.: 260213-0046] (RIN: 0607-AA73) received March 26, 2026, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

EC-3196. A letter from the Chairman, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's FY 2025 No FEAR Act report, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 2301 note; Public Law 107-174, Sec. 203(a) (as amended by Public Law 109-435, Sec. 604(f)); (120 Stat. 3241); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

EC-3197. A letter from the Director, National Credit Union Administration, transmitting the Administration's FY 2025 No FEAR Act report, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 2301 note; Public Law 107-174, Sec. 203(a) (as amended by Public Law 109-435, Sec. 604(f)); (120 Stat. 3241); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

EC-3198. A letter from the Senior Counsel, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Eliminating Redundant Regulatory Part Related to Public Information and Disclosure [Docket No.: 260108-0022] (RIN: 0648-BO37) received February 9, 2026, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

EC-3199. A letter from the Senior Counsel, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Department's final rule — Removing Unnecessary Department-Specific Regulations Related to Employee Responsibilities and Conduct [Docket ID: 260107-0010] (RIN: 0605-AA75) received February 9, 2026, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

EC-3200. A letter from the Secretary and Chief Administrative Officer, Postal Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's 2025 No Fear Act report, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 2301 note; Public Law 107-174, Sec. 203(a) (as amended by Public Law 109-435, Sec. 604(f)); (120 Stat. 3241); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

EC-3201. A letter from the Fisheries Biologist, Office of Protected Resources, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Takes of Marine Mammals Incidental to Specified Activities; Taking Marine Mammals Incidental to Hilcorp Alaska, LLC Oil and Gas Activities in Cook Inlet, Alaska [Docket No.: 260213-0047] (RIN: 0648-BN57) received March 26, 2026, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

EC-3202. A letter from the Agency Representative, Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Department's final rule — Required Use by Foreign Applicants and Patent Owners of a Patent Practitioner [Docket No.: PTO-P-2025-0008] (RIN: 0651-AD85) received March 26, 2026, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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. 7720. A bill to amend the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990 to require States to account for fraudulent payments made under such Act; with an amendment (Rept. 119-586). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. WALBERG: Committee on Education and Workforce. H.R. 7721. A bill to amend the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990 to implement an improper payment threshold under such Act; with an amendment (Rept. 119-587). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. WALBERG: Committee on Education and Workforce. H.R. 7722. A bill to amend the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990 to require triennial comprehensive reviews of State performance under such Act; with an amendment (Rept. 119-588). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. WALBERG: Committee on Education and Workforce. H.R. 7723. A bill to amend the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990 to debar child care providers that committed fraud from receiving financial assistance under the Act, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 119-589). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. WALBERG: Committee on Education and Workforce. H.R. 7724. A bill to amend the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990 to sustain sanctions against non-compliant State under such Act; with an amendment (Rept. 119-590). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. WALBERG: Committee on Education and Workforce. H.R. 7725. A bill to amend the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990 to require States disclose agency regulatory participation under such Act; with an amendment (Rept. 119-591). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. WALBERG: Committee on Education and Workforce. H.R. 7726. A bill to amend the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990 to withhold funds from non-compliant States under such Act; with an amendment (Rept. 119-592). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. WALBERG: Committee on Education and Workforce. H.R. 7677. A bill to require the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct a study regarding fraud prevention measures in certain Federal early childhood education, child care, and child nutrition programs, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 119-593). 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. BAUMGARTNER:

H.R. 8196. A bill to amend the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act to add the Workforce data quality initiative; to the Committee on Education and Workforce.

By Mr. BURCHETT:

H.R. 8197. A bill to terminate the All-domain Anomaly Resolution Office of the Department of Defense, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services, and in

addition to the Committee on Intelligence (Permanent Select), 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. FONG:

H.R. 8198. A bill to amend title 51, United States Code, to advance American space operations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

By Mr. SCOTT FRANKLIN of Florida (for himself, Mr. PANETTA, Mr. PATRONIS, and Mr. MOYLAN):

H.R. 8199. A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a comprehensive standard for timing between referrals and appointments for care from the Department of Veterans Affairs and to submit a report with respect to that standard, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. LALOTA (for himself and Mr. COURTNEY):

H.R. 8200. A bill to amend title 23, United States Code, so that a privately or majority-owned ferry or ferry terminal facility is an eligible entity for purposes of participation in the Ferry Boat Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Ms. LEE of Nevada:

H.R. 8201. A bill to amend Public Health Service Act to require community health centers to provide behavioral and mental health and substance use disorder services, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. MACKENZIE (for himself and Mr. CASTRO of Texas):

H.R. 8202. A bill to amend the Export Control Reform Act of 2018 to provide for a ten-year statute of limitations for export control violations; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. MACKENZIE (for himself and Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY):

H.R. 8203. A bill to amend the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act to provide to States and local areas information on the best practices for addressing the effects that substance use disorder has on the workforce, and to provide local areas with grants to provide training activities related to the treatment and prevention of substance use disorder; to the Committee on Education and Workforce.

By Ms. MALOY:

H.R. 8204. A bill to direct the Secretary of Energy to establish a Western Refined Fuel Storage Reserve as part of the Strategic Petroleum Reserve, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. QUIGLEY (for himself and Mr. CALVERT):

H.R. 8205. A bill to amend the Accelerating Access to Critical Therapies for ALS Act to reauthorize the provisions of such Act through fiscal year 2031, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. ROY:

H.R. 8206. A bill making further consolidated appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Appropriations, and in addition to the Committee on the Budget, 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. SCHNEIDER (for himself, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. BEYER, and Mr. CASTEN):

H.R. 8207. A bill to amend the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 to provide leave because of the death of a son or daughter,

and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and Workforce, and in addition to the Committees on Oversight and Government Reform, and House Administration, 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. SUOZZI:

H.R. 8208. A bill to maintain operations of the Office of the Taxpayer Advocate during a lapse in appropriations with respect to the Internal Revenue Service, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. TONKO (for himself, Mr. BALDERSON, and Mr. BERGMAN):

H.R. 8209. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the school-based health centers grant program; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. WALBERG:

H.R. 8210. A bill to reauthorize the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act; to the Committee on Education and Workforce, 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. ESPAILLAT:

H. Res. 1154. A resolution honoring and celebrating the groundbreaking cultural, historical, and social impact of the Grandassa Models in redefining standards of beauty, confronting colorism, and advancing Black cultural pride during the height of the civil rights era and beyond; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Mr. LARSON of Connecticut:

H. Res. 1155. A resolution impeaching Donald J. Trump, President of the United States, for high crimes and misdemeanors; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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. BAUMGARTNER:

H.R. 8196.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article 1, Section 8

By Mr. BURCHETT:

H.R. 8197.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article 1 Section 8

By Mr. FONG:

H.R. 8198.

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

Clause 3 of section 8 of article I of the Constitution, along with clause 18 of section 8 of Article I of the Constitution.

By Mr. SCOTT FRANKLIN of Florida:

H.R. 8199.

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

Article 1, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution

By Mr. LALOTA:

H.R. 8200.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article 1 Section 8

By Ms. LEE of Nevada:

H.R. 8201.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 1 provides Congress with the power to “lay and collect Taxes, Duties, Imposts and Excises”

By Mr. MACKENZIE:

H.R. 8202.

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

Article 1, Section 8

By Mr. MACKENZIE:

H.R. 8203.

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

Article 1 Section 8

By Ms. MALOY:

H.R. 8204.

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

Article 1, Sec. 8

By Mr. QUIGLEY:

H.R. 8205.

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

Article 1, Section 8

By Mr. ROY:

H.R. 8206.

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

Article I, Section 8

By Mr. SCHNEIDER:

H.R. 8207.

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

Article I, Section 8

By Mr. SUOZZI:

H.R. 8208.

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

Article I, Section 8, clause 1 (Taxing and Spending Clause)

By Mr. TONKO:

H.R. 8209.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 3

By Mr. WALBERG:

H.R. 8210.

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

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

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

Under clause 7 of rule XII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions, as follows:

H.R. 161: Mr. CRAWFORD.

H.R. 539: Mr. MENEFFEE.

H.R. 566: Mr. LIEU.

H.R. 722: Mr. WILSON of South Carolina.

H.R. 924: Ms. Pou.

H.R. 1132: Ms. ELFRETH.

H.R. 1213: Ms. SALINAS.

H.R. 1266: Mr. GOTTHEIMER.

H.R. 1330: Mr. VASQUEZ.

H.R. 1518: Mr. LEVIN, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Ms. CHU, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Ms. ESCOBAR, Mr. POCAN, and Ms. BYNUM.

H.R. 1521: Mr. GOODEN, Mr. LARSEN of Washington, and Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia.

H.R. 1524: Mr. THANEDAR.

H.R. 1659: Mr. BABIN.

H.R. 1732: Ms. LOFGREN, Ms. MATSUI, and Mr. MANNION.

H.R. 1810: Ms. MENG, Mr. SOTO, Ms. ADAMS, and Mr. RASKIN.

H.R. 1845: Mr. DESAULNIER.

H.R. 1909: Mr. WALKINSHAW.

H.R. 1960: Mr. GOTTHEIMER.

H.R. 1993: Mr. OBERNOLTE.

H.R. 2001: Mr. QUIGLEY.

H.R. 2103: Mr. OBERNOLTE and Mr. WALKINSHAW.

H.R. 2470: Ms. BARRAGÁN.

H.R. 2497: Mr. JACKSON of Illinois.

H.R. 2538: Mr. CRAWFORD and Mr. NEWHOUSE.

H.R. 2623: Mr. VARGAS.

H.R. 2725: Mr. KEAN and Ms. SCHOLTEN.

H.R. 2771: Ms. SALINAS.

H.R. 2789: Ms. TOKUDA.

H.R. 2881: Mr. GOLDMAN of New York and Ms. MCBRIDE.

H.R. 3038: Mr. GOTTHEIMER.

H.R. 3057: Ms. LEE of Nevada.

H.R. 3087: Mr. JACKSON of Illinois.

H.R. 3164: Mr. THANEDAR.

H.R. 3226: Mr. VAN DREW.

H.R. 3243: Ms. UNDERWOOD.

H.R. 3269: Mrs. HARSHBARGER.

H.R. 3378: Ms. MCBRIDE.

H.R. 3565: Mr. MIN.

H.R. 3624: Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia.

H.R. 3639: Mrs. GRIJALVA.

H.R. 3694: Mr. KEAN.

H.R. 3757: Mr. BOYLE of Pennsylvania, Ms. SEWELL, Mr. MCGOVERN, and Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia.

H.R. 3862: Mr. CONAWAY.

H.R. 4084: Mr. GOTTHEIMER.

H.R. 4119: Ms. SALAZAR.

H.R. 4338: Mr. LIEU.

H.R. 4382: Mrs. TORRES of California and Mr. VAN EPPS.

H.R. 4400: Mr. TONKO.

H.R. 4443: Mr. KENNEDY of New York.

H.R. 4448: Mr. FINE, Mr. ONDER, and Mr. MOORE of North Carolina.

H.R. 4475: Mr. SESSIONS.

H.R. 4554: Ms. BOEBERT.

H.R. 4568: Ms. BARRAGÁN.

H.R. 4588: Ms. NORTON and Ms. STRICKLAND.

H.R. 4714: Ms. ANSARI and Mrs. GRIJALVA.

H.R. 4744: Ms. BALINT, Ms. MCBRIDE, and Mr. VASQUEZ.

H.R. 4763: Mr. JACKSON of Illinois.

H.R. 4820: Mr. MOORE of Alabama.

H.R. 4840: Mr. BOYLE of Pennsylvania.

H.R. 4977: Mr. WALKINSHAW.

H.R. 4994: Mr. BACON.

H.R. 5009: Mr. TONKO.

H.R. 5105: Mr. FITZPATRICK and Mr. SORENSEN.

H.R. 5267: Mr. OBERNOLTE and Mr. MESSMER.

H.R. 5434: Mr. KEATING and Mr. MRVAN.

H.R. 5452: Mr. NEGUSE and Mr. MCGOVERN.

H.R. 5454: Mr. PETERS.

H.R. 5486: Mr. GREEN of Texas, Mr. CISNEROS, Mr. CORREA, Ms. ADAMS, and Mr. BOYLE of Pennsylvania.

H.R. 5490: Ms. SCHAKOWSKY.

H.R. 5543: Mr. MOULTON.

H.R. 5600: Mr. VINDMAN and Mr. FITZPATRICK.

H.R. 5689: Ms. SALINAS.

H.R. 5903: Mr. PALLONE.

H.R. 6056: Mr. GOLDEN of Maine and Mr. BOYLE of Pennsylvania.

H.R. 6181: Ms. ADAMS, Mr. MRVAN, and Ms. MENG.

H.R. 6199: Mr. RILEY of New York.

H.R. 6213: Mr. CLOUD.

H.R. 6282: Mrs. CHERFILUS-MCCORMICK.

H.R. 6358: Mr. CASE.

H.R. 6400: Mr. SORENSEN.

H.R. 6423: Ms. NORTON and Mr. RILEY of New York.

H.R. 6467: Mr. RASKIN.

H.R. 6993: Mr. SORENSEN and Mr. CRANK.

H.R. 6997: Ms. LEE of Nevada.

H.R. 6998: Mr. AMO.

H.R. 7033: Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia.

H.R. 7100: Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Ms. CHU, and Mr. COURTNEY.

H.R. 7154: Mr. HARRIGAN.

H.R. 7161: Mr. THANEDAR.

H.R. 7163: Mr. PALLONE.

H.R. 7230: Mrs. MILLER of West Virginia, Mr. MILLER of Ohio, Mr. HUDSON, Ms. DE LA CRUZ, and Mr. SESSIONS.

H.R. 7367: Mr. GOLDMAN of New York.

H.R. 7645: Mr. JACKSON of Illinois.

H.R. 7652: Ms. ROSS.

H.R. 7653: Ms. LEE of Nevada.

H.R. 7687: Mrs. BIGGS of South Carolina and Mr. HURD of Colorado.
H.R. 7747: Ms. HAGEMAN.
H.R. 7816: Mr. GOSAR.
H.R. 7854: Mrs. GRIJALVA.
H.R. 7889: Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia and Mrs. MCCLAIN DELANEY.
H.R. 7897: Mr. WIED.
H.R. 7924: Mr. DUNN of Florida.
H.R. 7936: Mr. RILEY of New York.
H.R. 7938: Ms. PINGREE, Ms. CHU, Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas, Mr. GOLDMAN of New York, Ms. SALINAS, and Ms. MCCLELLAN.

H.R. 7973: Mr. CASE.
H.R. 7975: Mr. GOLDMAN of New York and Mr. THANEDAR.
H.R. 7977: Mr. GARCIA of California.
H.R. 8025: Mr. ESTES.
H.R. 8041: Mr. KENNEDY of New York and Ms. HOULAHAN.
H.R. 8092: Ms. TOKUDA.
H.R. 8120: Mr. LAWLER and Mr. FITZPATRICK.
H.R. 8175: Mr. MOULTON and Mr. LARSEN of Washington.
H.R. 8191: Mr. BEYER.

H.J. Res. 144: Mr. CASE, Mrs. MCCLAIN DELANEY, Ms. LEE of Nevada, Ms. SCHRIER, Ms. SÁNCHEZ, and Ms. ELFRETH.
H. Con. Res. 80: Ms. BONAMICI, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Ms. RANDALL, Ms. PINGREE, and Ms. SALINAS.
H. Res. 1035: Mr. GOTTHEIMER.
H. Res. 1087: Ms. PINGREE.
H. Res. 1148: Ms. SALINAS.
H. Res. 1152: Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas.



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Senate

The Senate met at 1:02 and 52 seconds p.m. and was called to order by the Honorable JONI ERNST, a Senator from the State of Iowa.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. GRASSLEY).

The senior assistant bill clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, April 6, 2026.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable JONI ERNST, a Senator from the State of Iowa, to perform the duties of the Chair.

CHUCK GRASSLEY,
President pro tempore.

Ms. ERNST thereupon assumed the Chair as Acting President pro tempore.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL THURSDAY,
APRIL 9, 2026

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate stands adjourned until 12 noon on Thursday, April 9, 2026.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 1:03 and 23 seconds p.m., adjourned until Thursday, April 9, 2026, at 12 noon.

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EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

DEFENDING AMERICAN PROPERTY
ABROAD ACT OF 2026

SPEECH OF

HON. VICENTE GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 27, 2026

Mr. VICENTE GONZALEZ of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my support for the Defending American Property Abroad Act, a bipartisan effort to protect the property rights of American companies operating overseas.

Mexico's ongoing efforts to control a deep-water port owned by U.S.-based Vulcan Material Company not only puts American jobs at risk, but it is a direct violation of the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA).

We must enact proper safeguards to provide our businesses the certainty needed to operate without fear of unlawful asset or property seizure.

I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting the Defending American Property Abroad Act.

With this bill, we will reinforce the rule of law, protect our supply chains, and assure that American businesses continue to create jobs and grow our economy.

CELEBRATING PATRICIA STANO'S
100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. GLENN THOMPSON

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 6, 2026

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Patricia Stano's 100th Birthday on April 13th. Patricia is a long-time resident of Pleasant Gap, Pennsylvania, and an outstanding community member with almost half-a-century of service as a nurse.

Patricia was born in Greenville, Pennsylvania, the daughter of Paul and Petrina Matusz. She and her husband, Joseph, married in 1948. Through 60 years of marriage, Patricia and Joseph welcomed two children: Suzanne Freyer and Elizabeth Hoopes. Patricia has two grandchildren, and five great grandchildren.

Patricia was a student at St. Michael's Catholic School in Greenville and then attended St. Joseph's Hospital School of Nursing in Pittsburgh during World War II.

For more than 40 years, Patricia dedicated her life to caring for others. She held various roles at the Greenville hospital, and the Bessemer and Lake Erie Railroad Company.

Outside of the hospital, Patricia helped run a local 4-H club in Mercer County, sharing her love for sewing, cooking, and crafts with local students.

Congratulations to Patricia on this magnificent milestone. I wish her a happy 100th birthday, and may God bless her and her family.

RECOGNIZING MELISSA
ARCENEUX

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 6, 2026

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an extraordinary individual whose quiet dedication, compassion, and tireless service are remarkable, Melissa Arceneaux. Melissa's impact extends far beyond what most people see. She balances a remarkable array of responsibilities with grace and purpose. As a devoted mother to a daughter with autism, she navigates the unique joys and challenges of parenting with patience, advocacy, and deep love. She also serves as a caregiver to seniors in her community, offering companionship, dignity, and kindness to those who need it most—while making time to lift up countless others. Her service is not just something she does; it is who she is.

Beyond her personal commitments, Melissa leads the nonprofit Autism Everywhere, where she works tirelessly to create opportunities, support, and awareness for families and individuals in the autism community. Fueled by lived experience and deep empathy, she approaches every project with determination, authenticity, and hope. Melissa does not seek recognition; she simply sees needs and works to meet them, transforming lives quietly but profoundly. In her professional life, Melissa brings the same energy, positivity, and integrity to our studio. She fosters organization amid chaos, warmth where it is needed most, and inclusion for all. Her commitment to accessibility ensures that underserved communities feel welcomed, valued, and empowered. Her example inspires everyone around her to do more, care more, and dream bigger.

What makes Melissa a hero is not a single grand gesture, but the countless small ones: the extra time she gives, the listening ear she offers, and the way she lifts others without expectation. Through action, compassion, and integrity, she demonstrates that true leadership is rooted in service.

In a world that often celebrates loud accomplishments, Melissa embodies the quiet, enduring heroism that truly changes lives. For her extraordinary dedication to her family, her community, my nonprofit, and her own nonprofit, I am honored to recognize Melissa Arceneaux as a 2026 Hero Among Us. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring her for her unwavering commitment, her selfless leadership, and the profound, lasting impact she has made on our community.

HONORING THE COLLEGE OF
MARIN

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 6, 2026

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the College of Marin on the momentous occasion of its centennial anniversary and in appreciation for a century of quality education provided to the communities of Marin County and the Bay Area.

Over the last 100 years, College of Marin has served as a cornerstone of higher education in Marin County, providing accessible opportunities to students of diverse social and economic backgrounds. Founded in 1926 as the Marin Junior College, the school was the product of a Tamalpais Union High School District college initiative supported by the San Rafael High School District and established by popular vote. The Tamalpais Union High School District leased the 13-acre Butler tract in Kentfield, establishing the campus, which would grow into more than 400 acres across multiple campuses.

The Marin Junior College's first class of 87 students began with six faculty members in 1926 under the leadership of president A.C. Olney. Throughout the 1930s, the campus grew, acquiring more property and continuing to expand its arts and athletics programs. During World War II, Marin Junior College offered military support and training, including courses at the Hamilton Army Airfield. In 1948 it was renamed the College of Marin. Responding to growing national interest in more comprehensive, personalized education, the College began a new expansion initiative in the 1960s. By 1962, enrollment had grown to 2,500 students and in 1971, the school established its Indian Valley campus in Novato.

Today, the College of Marin offers 469 degrees and certificates. This includes their workforce development programs that support employment in critical, high-demand fields like healthcare and skilled trades. The school continues to adapt and innovate to provide programs best tailored to support a diversity of students, including undocumented, first generation, and older adult students. College of Marin also boasts the highest transfer acceptance rate for the University of California Berkeley with approximately 40 percent of applicants admitted in the past two years. Beyond its students, the school's impact on California's economy is undeniable, including providing nearly 800 jobs and \$9 million in tax revenue.

The College of Marin has been a pioneering institution in our region, renowned for its strong dedication to student success and equity for decades. The College of Marin Foundation offers over 150 scholarships annually and last year announced the establishment of the Jay Pritzker Foundation Centennial Endowment Fund, a \$20 million fund to support students' critical non-tuition related expenses,

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including healthcare, childcare, computers, and food.

A vital institution of higher learning for the Bay Area, the College of Marin is worthy of the highest commendation. Mr. Speaker, please join us in recognizing the College of Marin on the occasion of its 100th anniversary and offering the College our best wishes for another century of success.

HONORING KENNETH O. EDWARDS

HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 6, 2026

Mr. CARSON. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor Kenneth O. "Kenny" Edwards upon the occasion of his retirement after 36 years of dedicated service to the railroad industry and to the working men and women of Indiana.

Born and raised in Peru, Indiana, Mr. Edwards is a proud fifth-generation railroader whose life's work reflects a deep commitment to safety, fairness, and the dignity of labor. Over the course of his distinguished career, he has become a respected leader and tireless advocate for railroad workers, earning the trust and admiration of colleagues across the state and nation.

Since 2009, Mr. Edwards has served as the Indiana State Legislative Director for the SMART Transportation Division, where he has championed policies that protect workers and strengthen our rail infrastructure. With more than three decades of service as a union officer, he has played a critical role in advancing rail safety initiatives, improving working conditions, and supporting infrastructure projects that benefit both workers and communities.

His leadership has helped secure important protections for train crews, including safeguarding their privacy in the wake of tragic incidents. He has also advocated for common-sense safety improvements, like reducing train lengths and enhancing rail yard conditions. Throughout his career, Mr. Edwards has exemplified the very best of public service through his advocacy, integrity, and unwavering dedication to others.

Mr. Speaker, Kenneth O. Edwards has devoted his life to uplifting working families and strengthening one of our nation's most vital industries. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring his remarkable career and in wishing him continued success and fulfillment in his well-earned retirement.

RECOGNIZING STAFF SERGEANT
PHILLIP COOK

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 6, 2026

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I am grateful to recognize 100-year-old Staff Sergeant Phillip Bruce Cook, a proven patriotic resident of Lexington, South Carolina, on his reception of the French Legion of Honor medal, as well as his invaluable contribution to victory in World War II.

Staff Sgt. Cook is receiving the French Legion of Honor medal for a career of profound

courage and leadership as he served as a member of the U.S. Army Air Force 379th Bomb Group, 524th Bomb Squadron.

Staff Sgt. Cook was born in Swansea, South Carolina, on September 23, 1925, and from a young age, he had a passion for flying. At just 17 years old, he enlisted in the Army Air Corps and received training as an aerial gunner.

Based in England, his first combat mission was in 1944 as a ball turret gunner flying over France. This was a particularly dangerous role aboard a B-17 bomber.

Over the course of his service, Staff Sgt. Cook flew a total of 35 missions.

The combat record of the 379th was the most successful of all the Eighth Air Force heavy bomber groups. The unit held records as far as bomb tonnage dropped—26,459 tons—more than any other group, including those in operation before the 379th even arrived in England.

Staff Sgt. Cook was honorably discharged in 1945. Following the war, he returned to Lexington and attended a trade school to learn how to repair watches and clocks.

A graduate of Swansea High School, he is married, has two children, and attends Northside Baptist Church in Lexington.

Due to his outstanding sense of courage and commitment, he will be receiving the French Legion of Honor medal on April 9th, 2026, at the South Carolina Historic Aviation Foundation in Columbia. This medal is the highest and most prestigious French national order of merit and recognizes those brave men and women who have done great deeds for France. Following a comprehensive examination of his military record and post war life experiences, French President Emmanuel Macron approved his application.

I am grateful to Staff Sgt. Cook for his incredible service and unwavering dedication to America. I wish him and his family all the best.

HONORING OF DECATUR COUNTY
TENNESSEE

HON. MATT VAN EPPS

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 6, 2026

Mr. VAN EPPS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the people of Decatur County, Tennessee, for their extraordinary display of unity, service, and selflessness during the recent Winter Storm Fern.

As this powerful storm moved across our state, it left behind widespread damage and uncertainty for many communities. In Decatur County, the response was immediate and inspiring. Local agencies, first responders, volunteers, and faith-based organizations came together with a shared purpose to care for their neighbors. They worked long hours in difficult conditions, putting the needs of others before their own and ensuring that no one was left behind.

This was not driven by a desire for recognition or praise, but by a deep-rooted commitment to one another and to the community they call home. This quiet dedication speaks volumes about the character of the people who call Decatur County home.

Through these collective efforts, the people of Decatur County played a critical role in

helping ensure the safety of their community throughout the storm. Their actions reflect the power of neighbors looking out for neighbors and demonstrate how preparation, compassion, and resilience can make all the difference in times of crisis.

In moments of hardship, we often witness the very best of the American spirit. Decatur County demonstrated that spirit in full. The people of Decatur County's actions serve as a powerful reminder that strong communities are built not just in times of prosperity, but in how people respond when challenges arise.

It is my honor to recognize Decatur County for its remarkable response and unwavering commitment to service during Winter Storm Fern. Decatur's residents epitomized Tennessee's volunteer spirit. You made us all proud. Your example is one that deserves to be remembered and one that should inspire communities across our Nation.

May we all strive to embody the same spirit of service, humility, and unity that the people of Decatur County so clearly displayed.

CONGRATULATING CONNOR HILL

HON. GLENN THOMPSON

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 6, 2026

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Connor Hill of Port Matilda, Pennsylvania. Connor recently won the Regeneron Science Talent Search competition.

The Regeneron Science Talent Search is one of the oldest math and science competitions in our nation. Each year, high school seniors across the country are invited to compete.

For 84 years, this competition has inspired students to address global issues. Connor is a senior at Delta High School in State College, Pennsylvania. He was among the 40 finalists who were invited to Washington, D.C. earlier this month to present their final projects. The 40 finalists received more than \$1.8 million in awards. Connor received the top award of \$250,000 dollars.

Connor's research solved a long-standing mathematical mystery by identifying every possible "noble polyhedron." This is a shape where every face and corner is identical. Connor created a computer program to analyze how these shapes can exist. He discovered 146 unique examples.

Congratulations to Connor on this amazing accomplishment.

HONORING THE 35 YEARS OF
SERVICE OF DR. RITO SILVA

HON. VICENTE GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 6, 2026

Mr. VICENTE GONZALEZ of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the legacy of Dr. Rito Silva, a student-centric and visionary leader in the academic field.

Dr. Silva has served his community of Alice, Texas, as councilman and mayor for a combined seven years. Dr. Silva is proud to be a

first-generation alumnus of Texas A&M University-Kingsville and later returned to serve as the Vice President for Student Affairs and Community Relations.

Throughout his exemplary career, Dr. Silva has dedicated his time to expanding student access and improving retention in his community. He played a critical role in developing innovative programs such as the Javelina Promise and the Javelin Relight Program. Under his leadership, Texas A&M University-Kingsville saw consistent growth in first-generation student enrollment, including a 17 percent increase in his first year.

Dr. Silva also prioritized building strong relationships within the university and across South Texas, working closely with local school districts, community colleges, and creating ties across the broader South Texas community. He established several initiatives such as the Superintendent Symposium to strengthen collaboration with regional educators. Dr. Silva also advanced efforts to improve health services for students and employees through expanded on-campus care and community partnerships, particularly in support of rural health care.

In recognition of his service and impact, he has received numerous honors, including the Texas A&M University-Kingsville Hispanic Heritage Award and the Lone Star College Administrator of the Year Award.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the 34th Congressional District of Texas, I congratulate Dr. Rito Silva on his many accomplishments and thank him for his continued service to our community. His leadership has strengthened educational opportunities and has uplifted communities across South Texas, and his impact will be felt for years to come.

RECOGNIZING LARRY AND LOIS QUINN

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 6, 2026

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize two extraordinary members of our community, Larry and Lois Quinn, whose unwavering dedication, generosity, and servant hearts are truly remarkable. Larry and Lois have been ambassadors for Hope Services for the past six years and were among the organization's very first Dream Team members. From the beginning, they have gone above and beyond—offering thoughtful ideas and suggestions, carefully proofreading materials, and faithfully managing the raffle room for the annual Dance Your Dream event. Their commitment ensures that Hope Services' programs run smoothly and effectively, benefiting countless individuals and families.

Beyond their service to Hope Services, Larry and Lois are beloved members of Bridgeway Church, where they are known for their loving, joyful spirits and quiet, steadfast devotion to helping others. They serve faithfully behind the scenes, without seeking recognition or fanfare, motivated solely by a desire to make a positive difference in the lives of those around them. Larry and Lois embody lives of purpose and faith. Their generosity, humility, and consistent acts of service reflect hearts of gold and a deep commitment to living out their values each day. They inspire all who know them by demonstrating that true heroism is often found not in public accolades, but in quiet, selfless service.

For their enduring dedication, compassionate hearts, and profound impact on their community, I am honored to recognize Larry and Lois Quinn as 2026 Heroes Among Us. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring their unwavering commitment, selfless leadership, and the profound, lasting impact they have made on our community.

CONGRATULATING DR. JACK STERNBERG ON HIS INDUCTION TO THE ARKANSAS WALK OF FAME

HON. BRUCE WESTERMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 6, 2026

Mr. WESTERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to extend my sincere congratulations to Dr. Jack Sternberg on his induction to the Arkansas Walk of Fame.

The first oncologist in Arkansas, Dr. Sternberg is a pioneer of cancer care in our state. Fondly known by his patients as "Dr. Jack," his dedication to serving the people of his community goes far beyond a white coat; it's rooted deeply in his heart. His true character has been evident through the impactful relationships he's built within the community he's served for so long. For decades, Dr. Jack's work has gone beyond clinical care to provide a more personal approach, guiding each patient and their family through an incredibly difficult chapter with tenderness and tailored care. He didn't just want to be their doctor; he wanted to be their friend.

His compassionate heart led him to serve as a volunteer doctor for the VA after his retirement in 2006, acting as an overflow physician who quickly became a beloved figure at the clinic. Dr. Jack would likely also appreciate my mentioning how deeply his faith has impacted his life. Guided by his faith, his belief in God illuminates every corner of his life—from each patient he encountered to the pieces of literature he has written.

I am proud to recognize Dr. Jack today for the lasting impact he has made not only in his own community but also throughout the entire state of Arkansas. His induction to the Arkansas Walk of Fame is a testament to the trust placed in him by his patients and community, establishing him as a champion for health and healing across the Natural State.

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Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate met at 1:02:52 p.m. in pro forma session, and adjourned at 1:03:23 p.m. until 12 noon on Thursday, April 9, 2026.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 15 public bills, H.R. 8196–8210; and 2 resolutions, H. Res. 1154–1155, were introduced. **Pages H2824–25**

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 7720, to amend the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990 to require States to account for fraudulent payments made under such Act, with an amendment (H. Rept. 119–586);

H.R. 7721, to amend the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990 to implement an improper payment threshold under such Act, with an amendment (H. Rept. 119–587);

H.R. 7722, to amend the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990 to require triennial comprehensive reviews of State performance under such Act, with an amendment (H. Rept. 119–588);

H.R. 7723, to amend the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990 to debar child care providers that committed fraud from receiving financial assistance under the Act, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 119–589);

H.R. 7724, to amend the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990 to sustain sanctions against noncompliant State under such Act, with an amendment (H. Rept. 119–590);

H.R. 7725, to amend the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990 to require States disclose agency regulatory participation under such Act, with an amendment (H. Rept. 119–591);

H.R. 7726, to amend the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990 to withhold funds from noncompliant States under such Act, with an amendment (H. Rept. 119–592); and

H.R. 7677, to require the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct a study regarding fraud prevention measures in certain Federal early childhood education, child care, and child nutrition programs, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 119–593). **Page H2824**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative McDowell to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H2823**

Quorum Calls—Votes: There were no Yea and Nay votes, and there were no Recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 10:02 a.m.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 2026

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

12 noon, Thursday, April 9

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

11:30 a.m., Thursday, April 9

Senate Chamber

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: Senate will meet in a pro forma session.

Program for Thursday: House will meet in Pro Forma session at 11:30 a.m.

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