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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.

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

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