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House of Representatives

The House met at noon and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. SMITH of Nebraska).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
December 23, 2025.

I hereby appoint the Honorable ADRIAN SMITH, 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:

God of all time and of all people, we pause in this moment to offer You our prayers of Thanksgiving for this season and to lay before You our prayers for ourselves, for our neighbors, and for our Nation in the living of these days.

Allow us to emerge from any darkness brought on by despair and walk instead with faith. In the depth of our night, shine Your light.

Increase our joy as You increase a harvest of peace in our lives and in our world. Of the increase of Your divine governance and Your peace, may there be no end.

For upon Your shoulder rests the government of truth and love, of justice and righteousness.

May all who call You Lord heed Your commandments. May all who call upon Your name live according to Your Gospel of love.

Wonderful counselor, mighty God, everlasting Father, Prince of Peace, rule in our hearts this day.

In Your sovereign name we pray.
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.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Kevin F. McCumber, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly enrolled bills of the House of the following titles, which were thereupon signed by the Speaker pro tempore, Mr. Smith of Nebraska, on Tuesday, December 23, 2025:

H.R. 1823. An act to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and the Comptroller General of the United States to report on certain funding shortfalls in the Department of Veterans Affairs.

H.R. 4323. An act to provide for the vacating of certain convictions and expungement of certain arrests of victims of human trafficking.

H.R. 4446. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to modify the conditions under which the Secretary of Veterans Affairs is required to redevelop the individualized vocational rehabilitation plan for a veteran, and for other purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 13 of rule I, the House stands adjourned until 1 p.m. on Friday, December 26, 2025.

Thereupon (at 12 o'clock and 2 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Friday, December 26, 2025, at 1 p.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

EC-2460. A letter from the Assistant Director, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's final rule — Appraisals for Higher-Priced Mortgage Loans Exemption Threshold [Docket No.: OCC-2025-0306] (RIN: 1557-AF39) received December 17, 2025, 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-2461. A letter from the Assistant Director, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's Major final rule — Regulatory Capital Rule: Modifications to the Enhanced Supplementary Leverage Ratio Standards for U.S. Globally Systemically Important Bank Holding Companies and Their Subsidiary Depository Institutions; Total Loss-Absorbing Capacity and Long-Term Debt Requirements for U.S. Globally Systemically Important Bank Holding Companies [Docket ID: OCC-2025-0006] (RIN: 1557-AF31) received December 17, 2025, 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-2462. A letter from the Acting Administrator, General Services Administration, transmitting the Administration's Fiscal Year 2025 Agency Financial Report, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 3515(a)(1); Public Law 101-576, Sec. 303(a)(1) (as amended by Public Law 107-289, Sec. 2(a)); (116 Stat. 2049); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

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. BARR (for himself and Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky):

H.R. 6920. A bill to amend the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act to authorize the use of remaining funds under the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment

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

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