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House of Representatives

The House met at 1 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. MOORE of West Virginia).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
December 30, 2025.

I hereby appoint the Honorable RILEY M. MOORE 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:

Eternal God, another year has come and gone, a year that we have each experienced differently, with its challenges and successes, its joy and sadness.

Prevent us from reflecting only on the things we ourselves have accomplished or failed or from dwelling only on the wonderful and terrible moments that have embedded themselves in our memories.

Rather, let us pause to give thanks to You, O Lord, with hearts unencumbered by the events of our lives, laying these aside so that, with our whole hearts, we can recount all Your wonderful deeds in this past year, in our lifetimes, and since the beginning of creation.

Then may we discover our true joy, a gladness that can be found in our deep and dear awareness of Your steadfast love, which has remained with us through thick and thin, this year and always.

Hear our exultation and receive our gratitude for Your presence in our every day and for Your hand in the entirety of our lives.

In Your most precious 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.

APPOINTMENT OF INDIVIDUAL TO THE UNITED STATES-CHINA ECONOMIC AND SECURITY REVIEW COMMISSION

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces the Speaker's appointment, pursuant to section 1238(b)(3) of the Floyd D. Spence National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2001 (22 U.S.C. 7002), as amended, and the order of the House of January 3, 2025, of the following individual on the part of the House to the United States-China Economic and Security Review Commission for a term expiring on December 31, 2027:

Mr. Taylor Budowich, Washington, D.C.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE DEMOCRATIC LEADER

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Honorable HAKEEM JEFFRIES, Democratic Leader:

DECEMBER 30, 2025.

Hon. MIKE JOHNSON,
Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR SPEAKER JOHNSON: Pursuant to section 1238(b)(3) of the Floyd D. Spence National Defense Authorization Act of Fiscal Year 2001 (22 U.S.C. 7002), as amended, I am pleased to appoint the following individual to the United States-China Economic and Security Review Commission:

Mr. Jonathan Nicholas Stivers of Falls Church, Virginia

Thank you for your attention to this appointment.

Sincerely,

HAKEEM JEFFRIES,
Democratic Leader.

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The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Honorable HAKEEM JEFFRIES, Democratic Leader:

DECEMBER 30, 2025.

Hon. MIKE JOHNSON,
Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR SPEAKER JOHNSON: Pursuant to section 1238(b)(3) of the Floyd D. Spence National Defense Authorization Act of Fiscal Year 2001 (22 U.S.C. 7002), as amended, I am pleased to appoint the following individual to the United States-China Economic and Security Review Commission:

Mr. Leland Miller of Alexandria, Virginia

As previously agreed, because of the change in Congress and the presumed statutory intent of the Commission, I am appointing Mr. Miller on behalf of the Speaker. As such, I am pleased to make this appointment.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

HAKEEM JEFFRIES,
Democratic Leader.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 13 of rule I, the House stands adjourned until 4 p.m. on Friday, January 2, 2026.

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

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