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## Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Thursday, December 26, 2024, at 2:30 p.m.

## House of Representatives

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2024

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

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,  
December 24, 2024.

I hereby appoint the Honorable PATRICK T. MCHENRY 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, the source of our joy, fill our hearts with Your perfect joy, a joy that transcends all circumstances and contests, a joy that touches deep within our souls that we soon discover that we are never far from Your abiding presence and steadfast loving kindness.

God, the author of our peace, imbue our efforts with Your consummate peace, a peace that stands firm in the face of malice and spitefulness, a peace that eases our anxieties, that we remain ever confident in Your grace plan.

God of love, stir our spirits with Your merciful love, a love that rejoices in the truth, a love that enables us to bear all things, to believe all things, and to endure all things.

God of joy, peace, and love, this day and always, may we so delight in Your presence and respond to Your bountiful grace, that we would desire nothing more than to share with those around us the hope of all that is found in You.

In the name of the one who is the source of all that is good and perfect, we pray.

Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 3(z) of House Resolution 5, 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, December 21, 2024.

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 December 21, 2024, at 12:46 a.m.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 82.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 10545.

With best wishes, I am  
Sincerely,

KEVIN F. MCCUMBER,  
Acting Clerk.

### 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, December 23, 2024.

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 December 23, 2024, at 10:53 a.m.

That the Senate agrees to the House amendments to the bill S. 2181.

That the Senate passed S. 1348.

That the Senate passed S. 1553.

That the Senate passed S. 1723.

That the Senate passed S. 1890.

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

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That the Senate passed S. 3195.  
 That the Senate passed S. 3658.  
 That the Senate passed S. 5098.  
 That the Senate passed S. 5639.  
 That the Senate passed S. 5649.  
 That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 670.  
 That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 1318.  
 That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 2997.  
 That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 3391.  
 That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 4136.  
 That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 4955.  
 That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 4984.  
 That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 5103.  
 That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 5887.  
 That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 6395.  
 That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 6852.  
 That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 8012.  
 That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 8667.  
 That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 9076.  
 That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 9124.

**Appointments:**

United States—China Economic and Security Review Commission National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely,

KEVIN F. MCCUMBER,  
*Acting Clerk.*

**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 McHenry on Friday, December 20, 2024:

H.R. 663, to amend the Indian Child Protection and Family Violence Prevention Act;

H.R. 1607, to clarify jurisdiction with respect to certain Bureau of Reclamation pumped storage development, and for other purposes;

H.R. 1727, to amend the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Development Act to extend the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park Commission;

H.R. 2468, to require the Secretary of the Interior to convey to the State of Utah certain Federal land under the administrative jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management within the boundaries of Camp Williams, Utah, and for other purposes;

H.R. 3324, to extend the authority to collect Shasta-Trinity Marina fees through fiscal year 2029;

H.R. 4094, to amend the Central Utah Project Completion Act to authorize expenditures for the conduct of certain water conservation measures in the Great Salt Lake basin, and for other purposes;

H.R. 4385, to extend authorization of the Reclamation States Emergency Drought Relief Act of 1991;

H.R. 4467, to direct the Under Secretary for Management of the Department of Homeland Security to assess contracts for covered services performed by contractor personnel along the United States land border with Mexico, and for other purposes;

H.R. 5646, to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to require institutions of higher education to disclose hazing incidents, and for other purposes;

H.R. 5770, to reauthorize certain United States Geological Survey water data enhancement programs;

H.R. 6826, to designate the visitor and education center at Fort McHenry National Monument and Historic Shrine as the Paul S. Sarbanes Visitor and Education Center;

H.R. 6843, to expand the boundaries of the Atchafalaya National Heritage Area to include Lafourche Parish, Louisiana;

H.R. 7177, to amend title 28, United States Code, to consolidate certain divisions in the Northern District of Alabama;

H.R. 7213, to amend the Public Health Service Act to enhance and reauthorize activities and programs relating to autism spectrum disorder, and for other purposes;

H.R. 7332, to require the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain Federal land to the State of Utah for inclusion in certain State parks, and for other purposes;

H.R. 7524, to amend title 40, United States Code, to require the submission of reports on certain information technology services funds to Congress before expenditures may be made, and for other purposes;

H.R. 8219, to require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study to assess the suitability and feasibility of designating certain land as the Lahaina National Heritage Area, and for other purposes;

H.R. 8413, to provide for the conveyance of certain Federal land at Swanson Reservoir and Hugh Butler Reservoir in the State of Nebraska, and for other purposes;

H.R. 8663, to require the Science and Technology Directorate in the Department of Homeland Security to develop greater capacity to detect and identify illicit substances in very low concentrations;

H.R. 9566, to require governmentwide source code sharing, and for other purposes;

S. 59, to implement merit-based reforms to the civil service hiring system that replace degree-based hiring with skills- and competency-based hiring;

S. 141, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve certain programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs for home and community based services for veterans, and for other purposes;

S. 223, to amend the Controlled Substances Act to fix a technical error in the definitions;

S. 709, to improve performance and accountability in the Federal Government, and for other purposes;

S. 759, to authorize the National Detector Dog Training Center, and for other purposes;

S. 932, to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide for the halt in pension payments for Members of Congress sentenced for certain offenses, and for other purposes;

S. 1147, to amend the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act to provide for grants in support of training and education to teachers and other school employees, students, and the community about how to prevent, recognize, respond to, and report child sexual abuse among primary and secondary school students;

S. 1351, to study and prevent child abuse in youth residential programs, and for other purposes;

S. 2414, to require agencies with working dog programs to implement the recommendations of the Government Accountability Office relating to the health and welfare of working dogs, and for other purposes;

S. 2513, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve benefits administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes;

S. 3448, to reauthorize the Director of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum to support Holocaust education programs, and for other purposes;

S. 3791, to reauthorize the America's Conservation Enhancement Act, and for other purposes;

S. 3857, to take certain land in the State of California into trust for the benefit of the Jamul Indian Village of California, and for other purposes;

S. 3938, to designate the community-based outpatient clinic of the Department of Veterans Affairs in Lynchburg, Virginia, as the "Private First Class Desmond T. Doss VA Clinic";

S. 3946, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1106 Main Street in Bastrop, Texas, as the "Sergeant Major Billy D. Waugh Post Office";

S. 3959, to require the Transportation Security Administration to streamline the enrollment processes for individuals applying for a Transportation Security Administration security threat assessment for certain programs, including the Transportation Worker Identification Credential and Hazardous Materials Endorsement Threat Assessment programs of the Administration, and for other purposes;

S. 3998, to provide for the permanent appointment of certain temporary district judgeships;

S. 4077, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 180 Steuart Street in San Francisco, California, as the "Dianne Feinstein Post Office";

S. 4107, to require Amtrak to report to Congress information on Amtrak compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 with respect to trains and stations;