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## House of Representatives

The House met at 11 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. YAKYM).

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,  
April 3, 2025.

I hereby appoint the Honorable RUDY YAKYM III 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:

Faithful God, we trust in Your steadfast love. Though there are times we fear You have turned Your back on us and You have left us to our own devices, nevertheless we trust in Your steadfast love.

Though our bodies are burdened with the weight of our troubles, our stomachs in knots worrying for a future we cannot imagine, we trust in Your steadfast love.

When our adversaries' arrogance becomes a stumbling block to both our faith and our self-confidence, when their efforts, fueled with contempt and malice undermine our best intentions, we trust in Your steadfast love.

We trust, for You have always been our source of strength, our hope for salvation. We trust, for You are working Your purposes out, even in the throes of our turmoil. We trust, for You are the same yesterday, today, and always, and Your steadfast love will abide with us forever.

In the power to be found in Your eternal 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.

### 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, April 3, 2025.

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 April 3, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.:

That the Senate passed S.J. Res. 37.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely,

KEVIN F. MCCUMBER,  
*Clerk.*

### ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 13 of rule I, the House stands adjourned until noon on Monday next for morning-hour debate and 2 p.m. for legislative business.

Thereupon (at 11 o'clock and 2 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Monday, April 7, 2025, at noon for morning-hour debate.

### OATH FOR ACCESS TO CLASSIFIED INFORMATION

Under clause 13 of Rule XXIII, the following Members executed the oath for access to classified information:

Jimmy Patronis.

Randy Fine.

### EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

EC-663. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Air Plan Approval; Connecticut; Approval of State Implementation Plan Requirements for the 2008 Ozone Standard [EPA-R01-OAR-2024-0051; FRL-12403-02-R1] received April 1, 2025, 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-664. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval of Source-Specific Air Quality Implementation Plan; New York; Lehigh Cement Company LLC [EPA-R02-OAR-2023-0242; FRL-12441-02-R2] received April 1, 2025, 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-665. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's interim final determination — Interim Final Determination to Defer Sanctions, Placer County Air Pollution Control District [EPA-R09-OAR-2024-0620; FRL-12530-02-R9] received April 1, 2025, 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-666. A letter from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Office of Nuclear

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

Matter set in this typeface indicates words inserted or appended, rather than spoken, by a Member of the House on the floor.



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Reactor Regulation, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Technical Specifications Bases Change for TSTF-597, Revision 0, "Eliminate LCO 3.0.3 Mode 2 Requirement" received March 28, 2025, 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-667. A letter from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — TSTF-596, Revision 2, "Expand the Applicability of the Surveillance Frequency Control Program" received March 28, 2025, 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-668. A letter from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Materials Reliability Program: Pressurized Water Reactor Internals Inspection and Evaluation Guidelines (MRP-227, Revision 2) received March 28, 2025, 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-669. A letter from the Director, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's FY 2024 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-670. A letter from the Acting Chief, Office of Policy and Strategy, Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's interim final rule — Alien Registration Form and Evidence of Registration [CIS No.: 2810-25; DHS Docket No.: USCIS-2025-0004] (RIN: 1615-AC96) received March 24, 2025, 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.

EC-671. A letter from the Associate General Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Office of the Secretary, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting the Department's interim final rule — Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing Revisions [Docket No.: FR-6519-I-01] (RIN: 2529-AB08) received March 24, 2025, 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.

EC-672. A letter from the Senior Attorney Advisor, Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Rescission of Build a Better America Memoranda received March 24, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-673. A letter from the Attorney-Advisor, Office of the Secretary, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's order — Ensuring Reliance Upon Sound Economic Analysis in Department of Transportation Policies, Programs, and Activities received March 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 Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-674. A letter from the Attorney-Advisor, Office of the Secretary, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Implementation of Executive Orders Addressing Energy, Climate Change, Diversity, and Gender received March 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 Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-675. A letter from the Attorney Advisor, Office of the Secretary, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Implementation of Executive Orders Addressing Energy, Climate Change, Diversity and Gender received March 13, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-676. A letter from the Attorney Advisor, Office of the Secretary, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's order — Ensuring Reliance Upon Sound Economic Analysis in Department of Transportation Policies, Programs, and Activities received March 13, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-677. A letter from the Section Chief, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's IRB only rule — Section 911(d)(4) 2024 Update (Rev. Proc. 2025-17) received March 24, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

## 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. WALBERG:

H.R. 2616. A bill to require public elementary and middle schools that receive funds under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to obtain parental consent before changing a minor's gender markers, pronouns, or preferred name on any school form or sex-based accommodations, including locker rooms or bathrooms; to the Committee on Education and Workforce.

By Mr. OWENS (for himself and Mr. MCGUIRE):

H.R. 2617. A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to prevent the use of funds under such Act to teach or advance concepts related to gender ideology, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and Workforce.

By Ms. KELLY of Illinois (for herself,

Mr. AMO, Ms. ANSARI, Mr. AUCHINCLOSS, Ms. BARRAGAN, Mrs. BEATTY, Mr. BELL, Ms. BONAMICI, Mr. BOYLE of Pennsylvania, Ms. BROWNLEY, Mr. CARTER of Louisiana, Mr. CASTEN, Mrs. CHERFILUS-MCCORMICK, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Mr. CLEAVER, Mr. CONNOLLY, Mr. COSTA, Ms. CROCKETT, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Ms. DEGETTE, Mrs. DINGELL, Mr. FROST, Ms. GARCIA of Texas, Mr. GOLDMAN of New York, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. KENNEDY of New York, Mr. KHANNA, Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY, Mr. LYNCH, Ms. MCBRIDE, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Mr. MCGARVEY, Mrs. MCIVER, Mr. MOULTON, Mr. MRVAN, Mr. MULLIN, Mr. NEGUSE, Ms. NORTON, Mr. PETERS, Mr. QUIGLEY, Mrs. RAMIREZ, Ms. SCANLON, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. SCHNEIDER, Ms. STANSBURY, Mr. SUBRAMANYAM, Mr. THANEDAR, Ms. TITUS, Ms. TOKUDA, Mr. TORRES of New York, Ms. LEE of Pennsylvania, Ms. JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. EVANS of Pennsylvania, Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia, Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ, Ms. TLAIB, Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania, Mr. MAGAZINER, Mr. MORELLE, and Mr. PANETTA):

H.R. 2618. A bill to modernize the business of selling firearms; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BAUMGARTNER (for himself, Mr. MOSKOWITZ, Ms. TENNEY, Mr.

AMODEI of Nevada, and Ms. SALAZAR):

H.R. 2619. A bill to require a report on sanctions under the Robert Levinson Hostage Recovery and Hostage-Taking Accountability Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, 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 Ms. BONAMICI (for herself, Mrs. RADEWAGEN, and Mr. MOYLAN):

H.R. 2620. A bill to amend the Save Our Seas 2.0 Act to improve the administration of the Marine Debris Foundation, to amend the Marine Debris Act to improve the administration of the Marine Debris Program of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Natural Resources, 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. COHEN (for himself and Mr. CARSON):

H.R. 2621. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to establish deductions for cash tips, repeal the inclusion of social security benefits in gross income, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. CONNOLLY (for himself, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mr. GOLDMAN of New York, Mrs. CHERFILUS-MCCORMICK, Mr. TURNER of Ohio, Mr. KEATING, Ms. TITUS, Ms. SANCHEZ, Mr. AMO, Mrs. RADEWAGEN, Mr. QUIGLEY, and Mr. GOTTHEIMER):

H.R. 2622. A bill to provide for the imposition of sanctions with respect to North Korea's support for Russia's illegal war in Ukraine; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committees on the Judiciary, Ways and Means, Financial Services, and Oversight and Government Reform, 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. CORREA (for himself, Mr. BERGMAN, Mr. CRENSHAW, Mr. KHANNA, and Mr. LUTTRELL):

H.R. 2623. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to designate medical facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs as innovative therapies centers of excellence, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Ms. CRAIG (for herself and Ms. MCCOLLUM):

H.R. 2624. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit former Members and elected officers of Congress from lobbying Congress at any time after leaving office, to prohibit the use of funds for official travel expenses of Members of Congress and legislative branch employees for airline accommodations other than coach class, to eliminate automatic pay adjustments for Members of Congress, and for other purposes; to the Committee on House Administration, and in addition to the Committees on the Judiciary, Ethics, Rules, and Oversight and Government Reform, 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. DAVIS of North Carolina (for himself and Mr. CISCOMANI):

H.R. 2625. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to update certain terminology