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## House of Representatives

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

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,

February 5, 2026.

I hereby appoint the Honorable DAN NEWHOUSE 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:

Our Father, who art in Heaven, You have taught us how to pray. And on this day with others who approach You from a multitude of faith traditions, we each offer prayers that reside deep in our souls, laying the petitions of our hearts before You. From wherever we have come, we draw near to You in reverence, trusting that You will accept our manner of worship as holy and acceptable to You.

Receive us, even as we speak in many languages and with a wide range of voices, that the prayers of Your children may ascend to Your hearing. As You answer our prayers with Your unconditional love, show us how to respond in love to one another. Even as You have loved us—with all our strengths and shortfalls, gifts and gaffs, differences and divisions—so may we show that love to those around us.

On this week, when we have taken time to acknowledge and defend religious freedom across the globe, may faith not be diminished by the divide of politics but find its strength in the diversity of belief. May not law but love

compel us to safeguard the freedom of religion for our fellow citizens. May not statute but stewardship of Your grace call us to honor the dignity of all peoples.

For this is Your great command: to love one another.

In the light of Your love, we pray in the name by which we know You, and I in the name of Jesus.

Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House the approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1 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.

### ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the House stands adjourned until noon on Monday, February 9, 2026, for morning-hour debate and 2 p.m. for legislative business.

There was no objection.

Thereupon (at 10 o'clock and 3 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Monday, February 9, 2026, at noon for morning-hour debate.

### OATH FOR ACCESS TO CLASSIFIED INFORMATION

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

Christian D. Menefee

### EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

EC-2821. A letter from the Secretary of Labor, Chair of Board of Directors, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's FY 2024 actuarial evaluation of expected operations and status, pursuant to 29 U.S.C. 1308(a); Public Law 93-406, Sec. 4008 (as amended by Public Law 109-280, Sec. 412); (120 Stat. 936); to the Committee on Education and Workforce.

EC-2822. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Hong Kong that was declared in Executive Order 13936 of July 14, 2020, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1641(c); Public Law 94-412, Sec. 401(c); (90 Stat. 1257) and 50 U.S.C. 1703(c); Public Law 95-223, Sec. 204(c); (91 Stat. 1627); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-2823. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Libya that was declared in Executive Order 13566 of February 25, 2011, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1641(c); Public Law 94-412, Sec. 401(c); (90 Stat. 1257) and 50 U.S.C. 1703(c); Public Law 95-223, Sec. 204(c); (91 Stat. 1627); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-2824. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to significant transnational criminal organizations that was declared in Executive Order 13581 of July 24, 2011, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1641(c); Public Law 94-412, Sec. 401(c); (90 Stat. 1257) and 50 U.S.C. 1703(c); Public Law 95-223, Sec. 204(c); (91 Stat. 1627); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-2825. A letter from the Senior Bureau Official, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Department

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

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