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# PRESIDENT TRUMP'S HISTORIC ADDRESS CAPTIVATES AMERICA

March 5, 2025

President Donald J. Trump's address to a joint session of Congress last night was widely acclaimed as among his best — in which he touted his record accomplishments after just six weeks in office and laid out his compelling vision for four years of peace, strength, and prosperity for all Americans.

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## Trump has his moment

In address, he hails his 'swift and unrelenting action' remaking federal government



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With the vice president and the speaker behind him, President Trump spoke to Congress on Tuesday night, eight years after his first address.

### Wu prepped and ready for hearing today in D.C.

By Emma Platoff  
GLOBE STAFF

As Boston Mayor Michelle Wu readies to testify Wednesday before the Republican-led House Oversight Committee, the city has turned to an outside law firm, Cahill Gordon & Reindel, to help her prepare, at the rate of \$950 per hour.

Hiring outside attorneys — whose tab could rise as high as \$650,000, according to city officials — is just one of many steps the mayor has taken to gear up for a hearing that is both a mine-

By Zeke Miller and Michelle L. Price  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

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### Insurer of disabled, elderly low on cash

Commonwealth Care Alliance had been model

By Jessica Bartlett  
GLOBE STAFF

Financial turmoil has engulfed one of the largest insurers of Massachusetts' disabled, elderly, and low-income residents, potentially challenging that vulnerable population's access to care for complex health needs.

Should the organization fail, nearly 50,000 patients in Massachusetts could face disruptions in critical medical services.

Commonwealth Care Alliance has long been regarded as a visionary in the care of people simultaneously eligible for Medicaid, which serves mostly low-income people, and Medicare, which helps largely people over 65 and those with disabilities. Acting as both a health insurer and for some, a service provider, the nonprofit's model is one that is deeply involved in patients' care, often coordinating multiple specialists, appointments, and services.

But after years of multimillion-dollar operating losses, Commonwealth Care's cash reserves have fallen dramatically, triggering MassHealth, the state's Medicaid program, in November to block the insurer from acquiring new members. Disability advocates recently said in a letter to state regulators that they understood the company was looking to be acquired, but that those efforts have so far been unsuccessful.

Executives from Commonwealth Care declined to comment.

The organization's financial struggles come after a period of

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Food writer Devra First checks out Somaek, a Korean restaur-

The Boston Globe (Boston, MA)



# TRUMP 'JUST GETTING STARTED'

President Donald Trump  
addresses a joint session  
of Congress on Tuesday.  
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Prez touts 'swift and unrelenting action' of chaotic  
first weeks back in power and lays out vision for U.S.,  
while Dem legislators make displeasure known

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*Chicago Sun-Times (Chicago, IL)*



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President Trump, with Vice President JD Vance and House Speaker Mike Johnson behind him, addressed Congress Tuesday night.

# Trump Touts ‘Swift and Unrelenting’ Actions on Border, Budget, Economy

BY ALEX LEARY

WASHINGTON—President Trump put his disruptive return to power on full display during a prime-time address to Congress on Tuesday night, offering a no-apologies assessment of his decisions to crack down on illegal immigration, slash the federal workforce and impose stiff tariffs on imports.

“I return to this chamber tonight to report that America’s momentum is back, our spirit is back, our pride is back, our confidence is back,” Trump

said, standing in the House chamber five years after his last address to Congress, describing what he called a “swift and unrelenting” campaign to transform the country.

The one-hour, 40-minute address—the longest ever of its kind by a president to a joint session of Congress—gave Trump an opportunity to sell his combative brand of governing to tens of millions of Americans in what is expected to be his largest audience since his inaugural address.

Trump presented a swaggering view of his administra-

tion, boasting of the dozens of executive orders he has signed and casting his first month in office as the most successful in history. He made few entreaties for unity, instead attacking Democrats as “radical left lunatics” and blaming his predecessor, Joe Biden, for the country’s problems.

“I look at the Democrats in front of me and I realize there is absolutely nothing I can say to make them happy,” he said. Democratic lawmakers held signs that read “false” and “Musk steals,” a reference to Trump’s ally Elon Musk and

the efforts he has led to slash government spending.

Seven minutes into the speech, Rep. Al Green (D., Texas) was removed from the House chamber after rising from his seat and shouting at the president. The disruption prompted Trump to momentarily pause his remarks. Green later told reporters that the outburst was “worth it to let people know that there are some people who are going to

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**The Wall Street Journal (New York City, NY)**

# Trump claims credit for 'swift, unrelenting action'



Pool photo by WIN McNAMEE - The Associated Press

President Donald Trump addresses a joint session of Congress on Tuesday at the Capitol in Washington as Vice President JD Vance, left, and House Speaker Mike Johnson applaud.

He recounts his flurry of activity since being inaugurated.

By ZEKE MILLER and MICHELLE L. PRICE  
The Associated Press

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KENNY HOLSTON - The New York Times

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*"The people elected me to do the job, and I am doing it."*

President Donald Trump

**The Minnesota Star Tribune (Minneapolis, MN)**

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President Donald Trump arrives to address a joint session of Congress on Tuesday at the U.S. Capitol in Washington. Speaker of the House Mike Johnson, R-La., and Vice President JD Vance applaud behind him.

# PRESSING FORWARD

### President promises to keep up 'swift and unrelenting action'



Jim Watson/AFP via Getty Images

Oakmont teacher Marc Fogel, center, recently brought home to the U.S. after being held in a Russian prison, stands with his mother, Malphine Fogel, as he is recognized by President Donald Trump.

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Associated Press

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## RAGLAND LEAVING, CITING ETHICS

### Calls process for chief job 'political football'

By Megan Guza and Hallie Lauer  
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

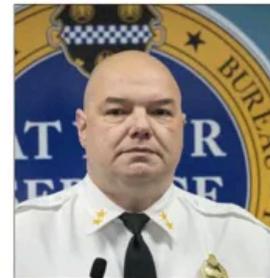
Christopher Ragland, the acting Pittsburgh police chief and Mayor Ed Gainey's nominee to take over the position, is leaving the bureau altogether, citing "demands" made of him that he felt were unethical.

"As a leader, you have to have some bright lines," Chief Ragland said at a Tuesday afternoon briefing. "You have to do things that are moral, ethical and legal, and when you are faced or requested or demanded to do certain things that maybe go against your bright lines, you have to be prepared to walk away."

"That's what I'm doing today," he said. Assistant Chief Martin Devine will step into the role of acting chief effective Tuesday.

Chief Ragland declined to elaborate on what demands were placed on him or who made them, saying only that "the mayor's office, the mayor himself, have never made any requests to me other than to lead the bureau with integrity and honesty."

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Acting Chief Christopher Ragland: "All I'm going to say is that during this process, I

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## TRUMP: 'AMERICA IS BACK'

Colorado Republicans cheer, state's Dems scowl

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President Donald Trump's address to a joint session of Congress on Tuesday night was music to the ears of Colorado's Republican lawmakers, but the state's Democrats turned their thumbs down, with one walking out midway through and another skipping the speech entirely.

"President Trump was saved by God to SAVE AMERICA," tweeted U.S. Rep. Lauren Boebert, a Windsor Republican and vocal Trump supporter, as Trump neared the conclusion of his nearly two-hour speech.

"I've heard enough of the lies, fear mongering, and political attacks," tweeted U.S. Rep. Jason Crow, an Aurora Democrat, more than an hour into the address.

Added Crow, who departed the chamber: "I'm out — and getting back to work to protect Colorado."

Earlier, U.S. Rep. Diana DeGette, D-Denver, announced that she wouldn't attend the address, saying that since taking office Trump had been "(assaulting) the values we hold dear."

Trump delivered the speech flanked by Vice President JD Vance, who presides over the Senate, and House Speaker Mike Johnson, a Louisiana Republican.

Several members of Colorado's congressional delegation provided running



THE ASSOCIATED PRESS  
President Donald Trump speaks as Vice President JD Vance, left, and House Speaker Mike Johnson listen Tuesday as Trump addresses a joint session of Congress.

### President promises more vigorous change as Democrats protest

**WASHINGTON** — President Donald Trump took a victory lap in an address to Congress on Tuesday, drawing catcalls and interruptions from some Democratic lawmakers who held up signs and walked out midspeech in protest.

The partisan rancor was reflective of the tumult that has accompanied Trump's first six weeks in office upending U.S. foreign policy, igniting a trade war with close allies and slashing the federal workforce.

The prime-time speech, his first to Congress since taking

office on Jan. 20, capped a second day of market turmoil after he imposed sweeping new tariffs against Mexico, Canada and China.

"To my fellow citizens, America is back," Trump began to a standing ovation from fellow Republicans. "Our country is

on the verge of a comeback the likes of which the world has never witnessed, and perhaps will never witness again."

Democrats held up signs with messages like "No King" and "This Is NOT Normal,"

**Ukraine and U.S.**  
After letter from Zelenskyy, Trump announces he's willing to sign deal with Ukraine on natural resources. **A4**

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# Trump makes waves

## GOP lawmakers approve boisterously; Democrats sit silently



Win McNamee The Associated Press

President Donald Trump addresses Congress on Tuesday night in Washington. He vowed to keep delivering sweeping changes.

By Zeke Miller and Michelle L. Price  
The Associated Press

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## Illinoisans push for a new clean energy law

Lawmakers introduce bill with ambitious goal for large-scale storage

By Nara Schoenberg and Addison Wright  
Chicago Tribune

With clean energy under siege in Congress and in the Oval Office, supporters continue to press forward in Illinois.

Lawmakers have introduced the Clean and Reliable Grid Affordability Act, with an ambitious new goal for large-scale energy storage, in which giant batteries absorb wind and solar energy when it's not needed, and release it when it is.

The bill makes it easier to construct high-voltage transmission lines, which bring the cleanest, lowest-cost energy to consumers.

There are also measures promoting energy efficiency, addressing electricity-guzzling data centers and establishing virtual power plants — networks of homes with EVs, solar panels and batteries that, working in tandem, can produce large amounts of energy and save customers money.

"Trump has made it clear he plans to roll back federal funding and programs that support clean energy progress," Democratic state Rep. Ann Williams of Chicago, a sponsor of the bill, said at a news conference Tuesday.

"This is of great concern to all of us in Illinois, but we are not going back. Illinois can and will continue to lead on climate policy," she said.

President Donald Trump's efforts to block funding for solar and wind energy and electric vehicles have hit Illinois hard in recent weeks, with environmentalists reporting chaos and confusion.

But there's also a sense of pride in the state's sweeping 2021 law, the Climate and Equitable Jobs Act, and a determination to meet new challenges.

"Our power grid is struggling to keep up with a surge in demand for energy, largely caused by new data centers," Illinois Clean Jobs Coalition lobbyist Kady McFadden said

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President Donald Trump addresses a joint session of Congress at the Capitol in Washington on Tuesday. WIN MCNAMEE/AP

## Trump vows to remain 'swift and unrelenting'

GOP allies applaud pledge to continue disruptive policies

By Zeke Miller and Michelle L. Price  
Associated Press

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Trump spoke at a critical juncture in his presidency, as voters who returned him to the White House on his promise to fix

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Chicago Tribune (Chicago, IL)

# The Mercury News

ADDRESS TO CONGRESS

## Trump lauds his 'swift' moves

'The people elected me to do the job, and I am doing it,' he says of whirlwind first few weeks

By Zeke Miller and Michelle L. Price  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON » President Donald Trump took credit for "swift and unrelenting action" in reorienting the nation's economy, immigration and foreign policy Tuesday in an address to Congress and the American people about his turbulent first weeks in office, as Democratic legislators immediately registered their dissent with stone faces, placards calling out "lies," and one legislator's ejection. Trump's joint address to Congress was the latest marker in

Trump's takeover of the nation's capital, where the Republican-led House and Senate have done little to restrain the president as he and his allies work to slash the size of the federal government and remake America's place in the world. With a tight grip on his party, Trump has been emboldened after overcoming impeachments in his first term and criminal prosecutions in between his two administrations to take sweeping actions that have featured a dismantling of the federal government, tensions with America's allies and a trade war compounding economic uncertainty.

INSIDE: Demonstrators across every state look to unify opposition to Trump's agenda. A2

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President Donald Trump delivers an address to a joint session of Congress on Tuesday in front of a rowdy crowd of legislators.

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BACK IN THE HOUSE: President Trump, addressing a joint session of Congress on Tuesday night, outlined his administration's flurry of accomplishments during the first six weeks of his term. "The American dream is unstoppable," he declared.

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## Trump says American dream 'bigger and better than before'

President gives defiant speech amid Democratic outbursts

By JEFF MARROCK, ALEX MILLER AND STEPHEN DINIEN  
THE WASHINGTON TIMES

President Trump on Tuesday declared that Americans are regaining their confidence and the American dream is now "unstoppable" in an address before a joint session of Congress that was marked by interruptions from Democrats.

"America's momentum is back. Our spirit is back. Our pride is back. Our confidence is back." Mr. Trump said in his first address to Congress since returning to office six weeks ago.

"The American dream is surging — bigger and better than ever before. The American dream is unstoppable and our country is on the verge of a comeback the likes of which the world has never witnessed and perhaps will never witness again," he said.

Democrats wasted no time heckling the president, unleashing a chorus of boos as Mr. Trump began his remarks. They interrupted his speech, forcing Mr. Trump to pause from delivering remarks for a few minutes.

"You have no mandate," Rep. Al Green, Texas Democrat, shouted at the president as his speech got underway.

Other Democrats held up signs saying "false" or "lie after lie."

At one point, Mr. Green became so disruptive that House Speaker Mike Johnson, Louisiana Republican, ordered him removed from the chamber.

Mr. Trump admonished the Democrats for their hyperpartisanship.

"There is nothing I could say to make the Democrats happy. Nothing," he said. "It's very sad and it shouldn't be that way."

Mr. Trump immediately zeroed in on the economy amid criticism from

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The Washington Times (Washington, D.C.)

# Trump touts 'unrelenting action' in speech to Congress



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President Donald Trump's theme in his address to Congress on Tuesday was the "renewal of the American dream." He laid out his achievements and appealed to Congress to provide more money to finance his aggressive immigration crackdown.

## President says he's doing what he was elected for in busy opening weeks

BY ZEKE MILLER  
AND MICHELLE L. PRICE  
Associated Press

President Donald Trump on Tuesday took credit for "swift and unrelenting action" in reorienting the nation's economy, immigration and foreign policy as he updated Congress and the American people on his turbulent first few weeks in office, which have featured a dismantling of the federal government, tensions with America's allies and a trade war compounding economic uncertainty.

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Texas Rep. Al Green, a Democrat, was ejected from the chamber after yelling that Trump had no mandate. Republicans, meanwhile, shouted "USA" to drown out the cries from the other side of the aisle.

**The Detroit News (Detroit, MI)**

# 'Swift and unrelenting'

In combative, lengthy address, longest in history, Trump calls rivals 'radical left lunatics,' says more coming



DOUG MILLS/THE NEW YORK TIMES

**President Donald Trump delivers an address to a joint session of Congress on Tuesday at the Capitol. Trump accused Democrats of ignoring the “commonsense revolution” that he and his administration had begun to implement. He addressed his opponents in the audience with contempt, gloating about his election victory, and called former President Joe Biden the worst president in American history.**

By Michael D. Shear and Luke Broadwater  
*The New York Times*

WASHINGTON

**P**resident Donald Trump faced heckling from Democrats on Tuesday as he declared “America is back,” delivering an address to Congress in which he boasted about his efforts to reshape the government and taunted his adversaries with references to his political and legal triumphs.

In the longest presidential address to Congress in history, Trump appeared to cool tensions from a blowup last week with President Volodymyr Zelenskyy of Ukraine, reading aloud a message of gratitude Zelenskyy had posted on social media earlier in the day. Trump said he appreciated the message, and that he had also received “strong signals” from Russia that they were eager for peace with Ukraine.

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## Bellwood rallies to support family

Fundraiser planned to aid Hostlers after fire ravages home

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**BELLWOOD** — The Bellwood community is pulling together to support a family after their home was ravaged by a fire on Sunday. According to Leah Hostler, the fire began about 2 a.m. toward the back of the two-story home at South First Street and Martin Street.

Excelsior Fire Department, along with mutual aid fire companies, were dispatched to the scene shortly after the blaze was discovered, but the structure had already sustained substantial damage by the time they extinguished the blaze.

Hostler, her younger brother Ryan, father Ryan, stepmother Lisa and two stepsisters, Emma and Ella, have been staying with friends and family nearby since Sunday, she said.

According to Hostler, the family lost the majority of their possessions in the fire, as well as their three pet cats. Thankfully, their two dogs escaped unharmed, she said.

When Katie Grager, who lives down the street from the Hostlers, heard about the fire, she sprang into action.

Now, Grager has arranged a spaghetti dinner fundraiser to support the family.

The dinner will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. March 16 at the Fraternal Order of Eagles Lodge on South First Street, Grager said.

There will be 350 tickets available, which can be bought over the phone from Grager or at the door on the day of the dinner.

All tickets will cost \$12, with the proceeds going directly to the Hostler family.

Grager said she expects the tickets to sell out quickly, so potential attendees should call her at 814-381-4771 to reserve their tickets in advance.

In addition to the dinner, there will be a basket raffle during the event, with the proceeds added to the donation pool for the Hostlers, Grager said.

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Associated Press photos

President Donald Trump addresses a joint session of Congress at the Capitol in Washington, D.C., on Tuesday.

## Trump addresses Congress

President promises to keep up 'swift and unrelenting action'

By ZEKI MILLER AND MICHELLE L. PRICE  
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## In the news

■ **Alexis Wohl**, director of veterinary medicine at the Ramona Wildlife Center in San Diego, said in a news release a gray fox "was left defenseless with life-threatening wounds from the Airport fire ... but in the end, he ultimately overcame his injuries so he could return home."

■ **Maurya Bharwad**, an Indian citizen charged with making a false statement during the purchase of a firearm, admitted to investigators in Kentucky that he planned to use a bomb in New York tunnels to "shut the city down," according to court documents.

■ **Maximilian Yanofsky**, 30, was disarmed and jailed on several charges, including aggravated assault, after police say he shot and wounded a security guard in the emergency room at HonorHealth Scottsdale Shea Medical Center in Scottsdale, Ariz.

■ **Amanda Frances**, a Los Angeles-based financial influencer known as "The Money Queen," said in a statement "burglars ransacked my closet, damaging my home in the process, but they dropped nearly everything, prioritizing the prop money when confronted by a neighbor's security guard."

■ **Umaro Sissoco Embalo**, president of the African nation of Guinea-Bissau, announced that he "will be a candidate for my own succession," seeking reelection amid calls for legislators to expel him.

■ **Evelyn Torres**, 35, pleaded innocent to charges of murder and possessing a gun as a felon in the July 2023 shooting death of a woman who 'Torres' late uncle, a convicted Mexican Mafia member, referred to as his wife in San Fernando, Calif.

■ **Truong Huy San**, a Vietnamese journalist known



President Donald Trump addresses a joint session of Congress at the Capitol on Tuesday. (AP/Win McNamee)

## Speech, president lauded by Arkansas' delegation

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WASHINGTON — Members of Arkansas' congressional delegation spoke highly of President Donald Trump's Tuesday evening address to Congress, optimistic about Trump's second tenure in the White House.

Trump marked the 44th day of his presidency with a 100-minute speech touting his stream of executive actions, including tariffs affecting im-

ports from the nation's top trading partners; rescinding steps addressing diversity, equity and inclusion efforts; and orders addressing illegal immigration.

"Six weeks ago, I stood beneath the dome of this Capitol and proclaimed the dawn of the Golden Age of America," Trump told lawmakers, standing at the front of the House of Representatives chamber. "From that moment on, it has been nothing but swift and

unrelenting action to usher in the greatest and most successful era of the history of our country."

Rep. Steve Womack, R-Ark., said Trump's first six weeks in office show he is "determined to make good on his promise."

"I'm optimistic for America's future under President Trump's leadership. He's working to defeat the status quo in Washington and chart

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## Trump vows to hold steady reforming US

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Johnson tells lawmakers.  
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# Trump touts 'swift and unrelenting' action



PRESIDENT DONALD Trump addresses a joint session of Congress at the Capitol in Washington, Tuesday, March 4, 2025. (AP Photo/Ben Curtis)

## Border security, tariffs highlight address to Congress

By ZEKE MILLER and  
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Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump on Tuesday took credit for “swift and unrelenting action” in reorienting the nation’s economy, immigration and foreign policy as he updated Congress and the American people on his turbulent first few weeks in office, which have featured a dismantling of the federal government, tensions with America’s allies and a trade war compounding economic uncertainty.

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Out of power, Democrats made an immediate display of dissent with stone faces, placards calling out “lies,” and Texas Rep. Al Green’s ejection from the House

chamber after heckling Trump that he had “no mandate to cut Medicaid.”

After several interruptions, House Speaker Mike Johnson jumped in and called for decorum to be restored in the chamber as Republicans shouted “USA” to drown out the cries from the other side of the aisle. Johnson then ordered Green be removed from the chamber.

Trump spoke at a critical juncture in his presidency, as voters who returned him to the White House on his promise to fix inflation are instead finding economic chaos. All the gains the S&P 500 have made since Election Day are now gone, while consumer sentiment surveys show the public sees inflation as worsening.

For a president who believes that announcements of corporate investments can boost attitudes about the economy, the speech was suddenly a test of his ability to rebuild confidence in his economic leadership.

“Among my very highest priorities is to rescue our economy and get dramatic and immediate relief to working families,” Trump said. He promised to organize the federal government to lower costs on eggs and energy, though he offered scant details.

Trump also called for the extension of his first-term tax cuts and additional federal funding for his border crackdown, including for his promised efforts at “mass

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## 'America is back'

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President Donald Trump addresses a joint session of Congress on Tuesday in the House chamber at the U.S. Capitol in Washington.

### In address to Congress, Republicans applaud while Dems shout and hold signs in protest

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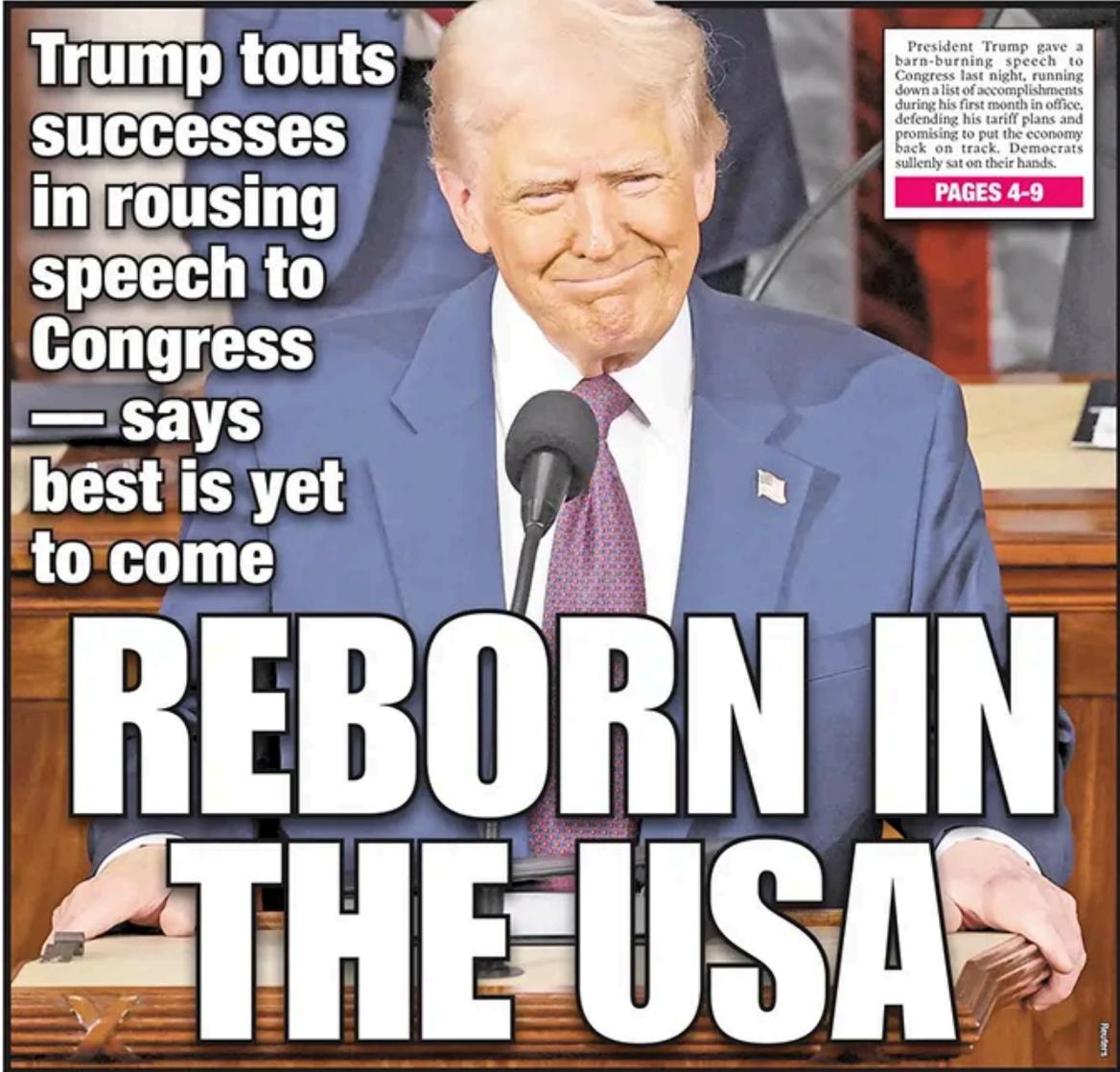
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President Trump gave a barn-burning speech to Congress last night, running down a list of accomplishments during his first month in office, defending his tariff plans and promising to put the economy back on track. Democrats sullenly sat on their hands.

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While Trump has argued success during his administration would unite the nation, there was noticeable tension in the room.

# Trump to Congress: America Is Back

President Trump's address Tuesday came as he has spent the first six weeks of his second term drastically reshaping the federal government and using executive authority to enact his agenda, largely sidelining Congress in the process.

Trump struck a triumphant note in his speech, touting again a "Golden Age of America."

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