

State of the Union address set for March 7

House Speaker Mike Johnson, R-La., on January 6 formally invited President Biden to deliver his 2024 State of the Union address before a joint session of Congress on March 7. The president accepted the invitation later on January 6, telling the speaker in a statement posted on X (formerly known as Twitter) that he was “looking forward” to appearing before lawmakers.

URL: <https://www.speaker.gov/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/2024.01.06-SOTU-Invite.pdf>

The State of the Union message will give President Biden the opportunity to tout what he sees as the key achievements of his administration to date and to lay out his policy and governing agenda for the coming year. With the 2024 presidential election now just 10 months away, Biden also may take a longer view and discuss his policy vision for a potential second term in office.

The Constitution requires US presidents to “from time to time give to the Congress information on the State of the Union,” but it does not prescribe a specific date for doing so. Typically, State of the Union addresses have been delivered in late January or early February, but that timeline has been known to slip. President Biden gave his 2023 message on February 7 of that year and his 2022 address on March 1.

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