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House of Representatives

The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. FINE).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
November 13, 2025.

I hereby appoint the Honorable RANDY FINE 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:

We give thanks to You, O God, for You are good. Your steadfast love endures forever. For You have guided this body through the complex challenges of these times and have restored to us the assurance of Your steadfast love in all circumstances.

Why, then, do we doubt Your provision?

Why do we fail to trust in Your care and keeping?

Before we even call, You are already listening, providing for our needs in ways we cannot comprehend. While we are still sharing with You our worries and concerns, You have already heard the yearnings of our hearts.

Praise be to You, O Lord, who has not rejected our prayers or withheld Your love from us.

So in confidence we set before You the work of our hands and the desires of our hearts, praying in the strength that is ours when we call on Your name.

It is in Your sovereign 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.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 4 of rule I, the following enrolled bill was signed by the Speaker on Wednesday, November 12, 2025:

H.R. 5371, making continuing appropriations and extensions for fiscal year 2026, and for other purposes.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE OPEN WORLD LEADERSHIP CENTER

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces the Speaker's appointment, pursuant to section 313 of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2001, (2 U.S.C. 1151), as amended by section 1601 of Public Law 111-68, and the order of the House of January 3, 2025, of the following Member on the part of the House to the Board of Trustees of the Open World Leadership Center:

Mr. BACON, Nebraska

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER TO THE CONGRESSIONAL AWARD BOARD

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces the Speaker's ap-

pointment, pursuant to section 803(a) of the Congressional Recognition for Excellence in Arts Education Act (2 U.S.C. 803(a)), and the order of the House of January 3, 2025, of the following Member on the part of the House to the Congressional Award Board:

Ms. FOXX, North Carolina

COMMUNICATION FROM THE REPUBLICAN LEADER

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Honorable STEVE SCALISE, Republican Leader:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, September 29, 2025.

Hon. MIKE JOHNSON,
Speaker of the House, Washington, DC.

DEAR SPEAKER JOHNSON: Pursuant to the Barry Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation authorizing statute (20 U.S.C. §4703), I am pleased to recommend the following appointment to the Board of Trustees:

The Honorable Burgess Owens of Utah
Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

STEVE SCALISE,
Republican Leader.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Kevin F. McCumber, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly an enrolled bill of the House of the following title, which was thereupon signed by the Speaker on Wednesday, November 12, 2025:

H.R. 5371. An act making continuing appropriations and extensions for fiscal year 2026, and for other purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 13 of rule I, the House stands adjourned until noon on Monday, November 17, 2025, for morning-

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hour debate and 2 p.m. for legislative business.

Thereupon (at 9 o'clock and 4 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Monday, November 17, 2025, 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:

Adelita S. Grijalva

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

EC-2195. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Air Plan Approval; Utah; Interstate Transport of Air Pollution for the 2008 8-hour Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard [EPA-R08-OAR-2025-0054; FRL-12595-02-R8] received November 10, 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-2196. A letter from the Congressional and Public Affairs Specialist, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Department's final rule — Revision of Firearms License Requirements [Docket No.: 250910-0151] (RIN: 0694-AJ46) received November 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 Foreign Affairs.

EC-2197. A letter from the Deputy Associate General Counsel, Regulatory Affairs Law Division, Federal Protective Service, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Protection of Federal Property; Changed Effective Date (RIN: 1601-AB17) received November 7, 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-2198. A letter from the United States Trade Representative, Executive Office of the President, transmitting a Periodic Report on the National Emergency Arising From Trade Practices That Contribute to Large and Persistent Annual United States Good Trade Deficits declared in Executive Order 14257 of April 2, 2025, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1703(c); Public Law 95-223, Sec 204(c); (91 Stat. 1627); jointly to the Committees on Foreign Affairs and 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. MAST:

H.R. 6044. A bill to provide for continuing appropriations for the pay and allowances of members of the Armed Forces and certain essential employees of the Federal Aviation Administration in the event of a lapse in appropriations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Appropriations, and in addition to the Committees on Armed Services,

and Transportation and Infrastructure, 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. WILLIAMS of Georgia (for herself, Mr. STAUBER, and Ms. CHU):

H.R. 6045. A bill to amend the Small Business Act to require the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to publish or update a resource guide for small business concerns operating as child care providers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business.

By Ms. LOIS FRANKEL of Florida (for herself, Mrs. DINGELL, Mr. SWALWELL, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, and Mr. EVANS of Pennsylvania):

H. Con. Res. 60. Concurrent resolution expressing support for the designation of the week of November 10 through November 16, 2025, as "National Caregiving Youth Week" to raise awareness and encourage national recognition of children and adolescents under 18 years of age who serve as a primary or secondary caregiver for family or household members; to the Committee on Education and Workforce.

By Ms. TLAIB (for herself, Ms. BALINT, Mr. CARSON, Mr. CASAR, Ms. DEXTER, Mr. FROST, Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois, Mr. GREEN of Texas, Ms. JAYAPAL, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. KHANNA, Ms. LEE of Pennsylvania, Mr. MCGOVERN, Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ, Ms. OMAR, Mr. POCAN, Ms. PRESSLEY, Mrs. RAMIREZ, Ms. SIMON, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, and Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN):

H. Res. 876. A resolution recognizing the genocide of the Palestinian people in Gaza; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY STATEMENT

Pursuant to clause 7 of rule XII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the following statements are submitted regarding the specific powers granted to Congress in the Constitution to enact the accompanying bill or joint resolution.

By Mr. MAST:

H.R. 6044.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, clause 18

By Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia:

H.R. 6045.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 18 of the United States Constitution.

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

Under clause 7 of rule XII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions, as follows:

H.R. 1348: Ms. CLARKE of New York.

H.R. 1522: Mr. PETERS.

H.R. 2882: Mr. LIEU, Mr. TRAN, and Mr. SHERMAN.

H.R. 3151: Mr. CISNEROS and Mr. RYAN.

H.R. 4008: Mr. RUTHERFORD.

H.R. 5106: Mrs. KIM.

H.R. 5981: Mr. FINSTAD.

H. Res. 858: Mr. WILSON of South Carolina.

DISCHARGE PETITIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XV, the following discharge petition was filed:

Petition 10, November 12, 2025, by Mr. JEFFRIES on House Resolution 780, was signed by the following Members: Mr. Jeffries, Mr. McGovern, Ms. Clark of Massachusetts, Ms. DelBene, Mrs. Beatty, Ms. Sewell, Ms. Tlaib, Ms. Brownley, Ms. DeGette, Mr. Cisneros, Ms. Pingree, Ms. Scholten, Mr. Whitesides, Ms. Meng, Mrs. Dingell, Ms. Underwood, Ms. Williams of Georgia, Ms. Kelly of Illinois, Mr. Pallone, Mr. Mrvan, Ms. Schakowsky, Ms. Escobar, Mr. Menendez, Mr. Espaillat, Ms. Strickland, Mr. Carbajal, Ms. Gillen, Ms. McDonald Rivet, Ms. Lofgren, Mr. Mfume, Mr. Fields, Ms. Jacobs, Ms. Brown, Mrs. Sykes, Mr. Johnson of Georgia, Mrs. Hayes, Ms. Randall, Ms. Salinas, Ms. Chu, Mr. Figures, Ms. Houlihan, Mr. Schneider, Mr. Evans of Pennsylvania, Mr. Castro of Texas, Ms. Pou, Ms. Ansari, Ms. Ross, Ms. Kamlager-Dove, Ms. Barragán, Mr. Levin, Mr. Suozzi, Mr. Davis of North Carolina, Mrs. Torres of California, Mr. Bell, Ms. Garcia of Texas, Mr. Amo, Mr. Lieu, Ms. Elfreth, Ms. Johnson of Texas, Mr. Kennedy of New York, Ms. Pressley, Ms. Tokuda, Ms. Scanlon, Ms. Balint, Mr. Vasquez, Mr. Horsford, Mr. Min, Ms. McCollum, Ms. Matsui, Mr. Casten, Mr. Conaway, Mr. Mannion, Mr. Ivey, Mr. Pocan, Mr. Tran, Ms. Dexter, Ms. Dean of Pennsylvania, Mr. Tonko, Ms. Stansbury, Mr. Walkinshaw, Mr. Latimer, Mr. Magaziner, Mr. Aguilar, Mr. Soto, Mr. Neguse, Ms. Omar, Mrs. Trahan, Mr. Larson of Connecticut, Mrs. Foushee, Mr. Takano, Mr. Norcross, Ms. Clarke of New York, Mrs. Chertoff-McCormick, Ms. Lois Frankel of Florida, Ms. Adams, Mr. Hoyer, Ms. Castor of Florida, Mr. Olszewski, Mr. Sherman, Mrs. Ramiraz, Mr. Casar, Mr. Sorenson, Mr. Cohen, Mr. Raskin, Mrs. McClain Delaney, Ms. Bonamici, Mr. David Scott of Georgia, Mr. Carter of Louisiana, Mr. Thompson of Mississippi, Ms. Goodlander, Ms. Friedman, Ms. Budzinski, Mr. Lynch, Ms. Waters, Ms. Lee of Pennsylvania, Ms. Bynum, Mr. Gray, Mr. Mullin, Mr. Scott of Virginia, Mr. Boyle of Pennsylvania, Mr. Courtney, Mr. Torres of New York, Mr. McGarvey, Mr. Nadler, Mr. Case, Mr. Keating, Ms. DeLauro, Mr. Crow, Mr. Larsen of Washington, Mr. Costa, Ms. Pettersen, Ms. Schrier, Ms. Rivas, Ms. Simon, Mrs. McBath, Mr. Panetta, Mr. Davis of Illinois, Mr. Stanton, Ms. Leger Fernandez, Ms. Ocasio-Cortez, Mr. Ruiz, Ms. Titus, Ms. McBride, Mr. Thanedar, Mrs. McIver, Mr. Meeks, Mr. Carson, Mr. Garamendi, Mr. Vargas, Mr. DeSaulnier, Ms. Stevens, Mr. Jackson of Illinois, Mr. Huffman, Ms. Sánchez, Mr. Bishop, Mr. Bera, Mr. Doggett, Mr. Foster, Ms. Sherrill, Mr. Vicente Gonzalez of Texas, Ms. Kaptur, Ms. Jayapal, Mr. Gomez, Mr. Himes, Mr. Subramanyam, Mr. Deluzio, Mr. Cuellar, Mr. Gottheimer, Ms. Wasserman Schultz, Ms. Morrison, Mr. Pappas, Ms. Wilson of Florida, Mr. Green of Texas, and Ms. Pelosi.

DISCHARGE PETITIONS—ADDITIONS AND WITHDRAWALS

The following Members added their names to the following discharge petitions:

Petition 4 by Mr. MEEKS on House Resolution 391: Ms. DeLauro, and Ms. Ocasio-Cortez.

Petition 5 by Mr. MEEKS on House Resolution 393: Ms. DeLauro, and Ms. Ocasio-Cortez.

Petition 9 by Mr. MASSIE on House Resolution 581: Ms. Grijalva.



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Senate

The Senate met at 6:47 and 42 seconds p.m. and was called to order by the Honorable SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO, a Senator from the State of West Virginia.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. GRASSLEY).

The legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, November 13, 2025.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO, a Senator from the State of West Virginia, to perform the duties of the Chair.

CHUCK GRASSLEY,
President pro tempore.

Mrs. CAPITO thereupon assumed the Chair as Acting President pro tempore.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY,
NOVEMBER 17, 2025, AT 3 P.M.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate stands adjourned until Monday, November 17, 2025, at 3 p.m.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 6:48 and 13 seconds p.m., adjourned until Monday, November 17, 2025, at 3 p.m.

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EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING DR. MARKESSA V.
HUGHES

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 13, 2025

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Markessa V. Hughes, a distinguished scholar, urban planner, and native of Clinton, Mississippi.

A proud graduate of Clinton High School, Dr. Hughes earned a Bachelor's of Social Work from Jackson State University, a Master's of Policy and Administration from Belhaven University, and a Doctor of Philo-

sophy in Urban Planning with a concentration in Urban Design. She credits her family's love and prayers for the foundation of her success.

With over fifteen years of professional experience, Dr. Hughes is a recognized expert in strategic planning, policy research, database design, team leadership, and coaching. Her work has helped strengthen communities, revitalize urban spaces, and improve quality of life across Mississippi and beyond.

As an Urban Design Planner, she emphasizes the importance of spatial qualities, public open spaces, and parks in promoting community health and well-being. Currently, Dr. Hughes serves as Project Coordinator and Post-Doctoral Researcher in the Department of Urban Planning at Jackson State University

(JSU). Under the leadership of Dr. Robert Luckett and in partnership with Princeton University, she is advancing the newly funded project to enhance and refine the historic Margaret Walker Center.

A proud JSU alumna, Dr. Hughes continues to contribute to scholarship, community empowerment, and the preservation of culturally significant spaces. Her ongoing research and forthcoming publications reflect her dedication to equity, urban planning, and the betterment of communities.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me to celebrate Dr. Markessa V. Hughes for her exceptional accomplishments and enduring impact on our state and Nation.

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Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate met at 6:47:42 p.m. in pro forma session, and adjourned at 6:48:13 p.m., until 3 p.m. on Monday, November 17, 2025.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 2 public bills, H.R. 6044–6045; and 2 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 60; and H. Res. 876, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Fine to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Board of Trustees of the Open World Leadership Center—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Member on the part of the House to the Board of Trustees of the Open World Leadership Center: Representative Bacon.

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Congressional Award Board—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Member on the part of the House to the Congressional Award Board: Representative Foxx.

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Communication from the Republican Leader: The House received a communication from Representative Scalise, Republican Leader. Pursuant to the Barry Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation authorizing statute, Representative Scalise recommended the Honorable Bur-

gess Owens of Utah to be appointed to the Board of Trustees.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: There were no Yea and Nay votes, and there were no Recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 9:04 a.m.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2025

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Joint Meeting

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: to hold hearings to examine deterrence on NATO's Eastern flank, 3:30 p.m., SR-222.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

3 p.m., Monday, November 17

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12 noon, Monday, November 17

Senate Chamber

House Chamber

Program for Monday: Senate will meet in a pro forma session.

Program for Monday: To be announced.

Extensions of Remarks, as inserted in this issue

HOUSE

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