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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. McGUIRE).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
August 24, 2026.

I hereby appoint the Honorable JOHN J. McGUIRE, III, to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

MIKE JOHNSON,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

Reverend Rachel Landers Vaagenes, Capitol Hill Presbyterian Church, Washington, D.C., offered the following prayer:

Lord God, may our hearts and minds be quieted in this moment. May we take this time to catch our breath. In this moment of pause, may all of us be restored and refreshed.

I pray for this House. I pray for those who hold elected office, for the staffers who support these offices, for the constituents who they represent, and for all who are affected by the business conducted here.

May our ideas and ideals pull us more and more into a future of peace, prosperity, wholeness, and justice. May we resist the lure of pure ideology in all of its forms and keep humanity always before us.

May this place truly be the people's House. May compromise and mutual forbearance enable this good work. Whether votes pass or fail, may the work here be done with honor, with compassion, with conviction, and with an open heart.

In Jesus' name, I 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.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 13 of rule I, the House stands adjourned until 9 a.m. on Thursday, August 27, 2026.

Thereupon (at 9 o'clock and 3 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Thursday, August 27, 2026, at 9 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

EC-4444. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting the text of the Agreement between the Parties to the North Atlantic Treaty for Co-operation Regarding Atomic Information, with annexes, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 2153(d); Public Law 95-242, Sec. 401; (92 Stat. 144) and 42 U.S.C. 2153(c); Public Law 95-242, Sec. 404(c); (92 Stat. 147) (H. Doc. No. 119-188); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed.

EC-4445. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting notification of actions taken to adjust imports of polysilicon and its derivatives so that such imports will not threaten to impair the national security of the United States, pursuant to 19 U.S.C. 1862(c)(2); Public Law 87-794,

Sec. 232 (as amended by Public Law 100-418, Sec. 1501(a)(3)); (102 Stat. 1258) and 19 U.S.C. 1862(d)(1); Public Law 87-794, Sec. 232(d)(1) (as amended by Public Law 100-418, Sec. 1501(b)(1)); (102 Stat. 1259) (H. Doc. No. 119-186); to the Committee on Ways and Means and ordered to be printed.

EC-4446. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting notification of actions taken to adjust the imports of unmanned aircraft systems, as well as their parts and components, so that such imports will not threaten to impair the national security of the United States, pursuant to 19 U.S.C. 1862(c)(2); Public Law 87-794, Sec. 232 (as amended by Public Law 100-418, Sec. 1501(a)(3)); (102 Stat. 1258) and 19 U.S.C. 1862(d)(1); Public Law 87-794, Sec. 232(d)(1) (as amended by Public Law 100-418, Sec. 1501(b)(1)); (102 Stat. 1259) (H. Doc. No. 119-187); to the Committee on Ways and Means and ordered to be printed.

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. AUCHINCLOSS (for himself, Mr. NEWHOUSE, Mr. MOOLENAAR, and Mr. KHANNA):

H.R. 10138. A bill to authorize sanctions relating to the production and distribution of illicit synthetic narcotics by the People's Republic of China; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committees on Financial Services, Oversight and Government Reform, and 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 Mr. CUELLAR:

H.R. 10139. A bill to require public disclosure of electricity and water use, infrastructure costs, rate impacts, public financial assistance, and related commitments associated with large data centers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Education and Workforce, 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.

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By Mrs. DINGELL (for herself and Mr. LAWLER):

H.R. 10140. A bill to direct the National Park Service to pursue options for the provision of mineral-based, broad-spectrum sunscreen or other protective methods at low or no cost in national parks, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. GOLDMAN of Texas (for himself and Mr. VEASEY):

H.R. 10141. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4450 Oak Park Lane in Fort Worth, Texas, as the "United States Representative Kay Granger Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Mr. HIMES (for himself, Mr. PAPPAS, and Mr. GOTTHEIMER):

H.R. 10142. A bill to amend title 4 of the United States Code to limit the extent to which States may tax the compensation earned by nonresident telecommuters and other multi-State workers; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. LEE of Nevada (for herself and Mr. HORSFORD):

H.R. 10143. A bill to terminate the Yucca Mountain licensing proceeding and require the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to submit to Congress a study on the economic viability and job-creating benefits of alternative uses of the Yucca Mountain site, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Ms. MACE:

H.R. 10144. A bill to amend the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act to protect certain State tort law claims from Federal preemption, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Ms. MACE:

H.R. 10145. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to direct the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to rely on certain data with respect to a toxicity determination related to a pesticide chemical residue, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. MAGAZINER (for himself and Ms. NORTON):

H.R. 10146. A bill to require a covered tool to disclose when the covered tool provides sponsored content, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mrs. MILLER of West Virginia (for herself and Ms. SEWELL):

H.R. 10147. A bill to amend the Harmonized Tariff Schedule for the United States to establish a new subheading in chapter 39 for silicone prosthetics for women who are breast cancer survivors and a new subheading in chapter 90 for mastectomy bras; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. STEUBE (for himself and Ms. DELBENE):

H.R. 10148. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify that certain exemptions from Federal income tax are not treated as Federal financial assistance; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. GREEN of Texas:

H. Res. 1486. A resolution impeaching Donald John Trump, President of the United States, for high crimes and misdemeanors; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BELL:

H. Res. 1487. A resolution recognizing the 1960 University of Missouri Tigers Football Team for its undefeated regular season, Orange Bowl victory, and claim to the 1960 National Championship; to the Committee on Education and Workforce.

By Mr. CORREA (for himself, Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois, Ms. BARRAGAN, Mrs. GRIJALVA, Mr. MENESEE, Mrs.

RAMIREZ, Ms. ANSARI, Mr. MIN, Ms. SALINAS, Mr. GOLDMAN of New York, Mr. VASQUEZ, Ms. NORTON, Ms. STANSBURY, Ms. ESCOBAR, Ms. GARCIA of Texas, and Mr. CARSON):

H. Res. 1488. A resolution recognizing the significance of "Chicano/Chicana Heritage Month" in August as an important time to celebrate the significant contributions of Mexican Americans to the history of the United States; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Mrs. TORRES of California:

H. Res. 1489. A resolution honoring the crew of the Artemis II mission for their historic lunar flyby; to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

PRIVATE BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 3 of rule XII,

Mr. VARGAS introduced a bill (H.R. 10149) for the relief of Maria Cordova; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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. AUCHINCLOSS:

H.R. 10138.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8 of the United States Constitution

By Mr. CUELLAR:

H.R. 10139.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

US Const. Art. 1. Sec. 8.

By Mrs. DINGELL:

H.R. 10140.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

The Constitutional authority of Congress to enact this legislation is provided by Article I, Section 8 of the United States Constitution.

By Mr. GOLDMAN of Texas:

H.R. 10141.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8

By Mr. HIMES:

H.R. 10142.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Clause I of Section 8 of Article 1

By Ms. LEE of Nevada:

H.R. 10143.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 18 provides Congress with the power to "make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers, and all other Powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United States, or in any Department or Officer thereof."

By Ms. MACE:

H.R. 10144.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8

By Ms. MACE:

H.R. 10145.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8

By Mr. MAGAZINER:

H.R. 10146.

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

Article 1, Section 8

By Mrs. MILLER of West Virginia:

H.R. 10147.

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

Article I, Section 8

By Mr. STEUBE:

H.R. 10148.

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

Article I Section 8

By Mr. VARGAS:

H.R. 10149.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 4

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

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

H.R. 45: Mr. GOSAR, Ms. BOEBERT, Mr. MILLS, Mr. FINE, Mr. PATRONIS, Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania, Mr. HILL of Arkansas, and Mrs. WAGNER.

H.R. 234: Mr. GOTTHEIMER.

H.R. 404: Mr. EZELL.

H.R. 537: Mr. DAVIS of Illinois.

H.R. 907: Mr. SIMPSON.

H.R. 1024: Mr. HUIZENGA.

H.R. 1031: Ms. BOEBERT.

H.R. 1175: Mr. GOSAR.

H.R. 1177: Mr. BARR.

H.R. 1266: Ms. GOODLANDER.

H.R. 1340: Mr. HARRIS of Maryland.

H.R. 1408: Mrs. GRIJALVA.

H.R. 1585: Mr. GRAY.

H.R. 2003: Mr. FIGURES.

H.R. 2089: Mr. COURTNEY.

H.R. 3037: Ms. GOODLANDER and Mr. THANEDAR.

H.R. 3151: Mr. McDOWELL.

H.R. 3184: Ms. GILLEN.

H.R. 3295: Ms. LOFGREN.

H.R. 3930: Ms. LEE of Pennsylvania.

H.R. 3966: Mrs. BIGGS of South Carolina.

H.R. 4086: Mr. MENENDEZ and Ms. SCHKOWSKY.

H.R. 4253: Ms. DEXTER.

H.R. 4486: Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Ms. SALAZAR, and Mr. LATIMER.

H.R. 4863: Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina and Mr. MCCORMICK.

H.R. 4980: Mr. MACKENZIE.

H.R. 4981: Mr. MACKENZIE.

H.R. 5151: Ms. PETTERSEN.

H.R. 5605: Mr. MCGOVERN.

H.R. 5874: Mr. BEAN of Florida.

H.R. 6166: Ms. PINGREE and Ms. WILSON of Florida.

H.R. 6324: Mr. BOYLE of Pennsylvania.

H.R. 6610: Mr. EZELL.

H.R. 6786: Ms. MENG.

H.R. 6792: Mrs. MILLER of West Virginia.

H.R. 6796: Mr. LAWLER.

H.R. 6990: Mr. POCAN.

H.R. 7099: Mr. MOULTON.

H.R. 7100: Ms. BARRAGÁN.

H.R. 7115: Ms. DELAURO.

H.R. 7498: Mrs. GRIJALVA.

H.R. 7531: Mr. STANTON.

H.R. 7772: Mr. LIEU.

H.R. 7867: Ms. ELFRETH, Mr. VINDMAN, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Ms. DELBENE, and Mr. MOORE of West Virginia.

H.R. 7973: Mr. PETERS.

H.R. 7977: Mr. BOYLE of Pennsylvania.

H.R. 8081: Mr. GOTTHEIMER.

H.R. 8118: Mr. STEUBE.

H.R. 8358: Mr. GOTTHEIMER.

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H.R. 8397: Mr. CARTER of Louisiana.
H.R. 8456: Mr. VINDMAN.
H.R. 8807: Mr. CARTER of Louisiana.
H.R. 8985: Mr. KEAN.
H.R. 9211: Mr. GOLDMAN of Texas and Mr.
SHERMAN.
H.R. 9347: Mrs. GRIJALVA.
H.R. 9458: Ms. CHU.

H.R. 9477: Ms. JACOBS.
H.R. 9535: Mr. LAWLER.
H.R. 9744: Mrs. GRIJALVA.
H.R. 9795: Mr. WEBER of Texas.
H.R. 9827: Mr. MORAN.
H.R. 9849: Mr. LAWLER.
H.R. 9909: Mr. BARRETT and Mr. HUDSON.
H.R. 10052: Mr. FITZPATRICK.

H.J. Res. 54: Mrs. GRIJALVA.
H.J. Res. 210: Mr. BEGICH and Mr. CALVERT.
H. Res. 1469: Ms. BUDZINSKI.
H. Res. 1481: Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky, Mr.
CALVERT, Mr. SMITH of Nebraska, Mr. JOYCE
of Ohio, Ms. FOXX, and Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of
Georgia.



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Senate

The Senate met at 12:30 and 1 second p.m. and was called to order by the Honorable THOM TILLIS, a Senator from the State of North Carolina.

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, August 24, 2026.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable THOM TILLIS, a Senator from the State of North Carolina, to perform the duties of the Chair.

CHUCK GRASSLEY,
President pro tempore.

Mr. TILLIS thereupon assumed the Chair as Acting President pro tempore.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL THURSDAY,
AUGUST 27, 2026, AT 8 A.M.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate stands adjourned until 8 a.m. on Thursday, August 27, 2026.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 12:30 and 33 seconds p.m., adjourned until Thursday, August 27, 2026, at 8 a.m.

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EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING FIRE CHIEF LATOSHA CLEMONS

HON. LOIS FRANKEL

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, August 24, 2026

Ms. LOIS FRANKEL of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Fire Chief Latosha Clemons and celebrate a remarkable career dedicated to public service.

For 24 years, Chief Clemons served the Boynton Beach Fire Rescue Department, where she broke barriers as the first African American woman to join its ranks. Throughout her career, she has exemplified courage, integrity, and an unwavering commitment to protecting the health, safety, and well-being of her community. Her record of service reflects the very best of public leadership.

Recruited by then-Fire Chief Floyd Jordan, Boynton Beach's first African American Fire Chief, Clemons began her career as a probationary firefighter and quickly established herself as a leader. Through hard work, determination, and exceptional performance, she rose through every level of the department—serving as Paramedic, Operator Engineer, Lieutenant, Captain, and Battalion Chief before taking on senior leadership roles as both Deputy Chief of Administration and Deputy Chief of Operations. At every stage, Chief Clemons earned recognition as one of the department's top candidates for advancement.

In a profession where women make up only about 9 percent of firefighters nationwide—and Black women represent an even smaller share—Chief Clemons has opened doors for others while demonstrating what is possible through perseverance, skill, and leadership. She continues to serve as a powerful role model for women and girls considering careers in public service and emergency response. In addition to her extensive work in the field, Chief Clemons volunteers her time by hosting a free camp for girls to get them interested in the fire service.

Her commitment to service reaches beyond the firehouse. As Interim City Manager for the City of Forest Park, Chief Clemons also oversees the daily operations of municipal government and brings the same steady leadership, sound judgment, and dedication to excellence that defines her firefighting career. The confidence placed in her reflects both the respect she commands and the breadth of experience she brings to every challenge.

Today, I am proud to recognize Chief Clemons for her extraordinary contributions, her groundbreaking achievements, and her enduring commitment to serving others. Her leadership has strengthened every community she has touched, and her example will continue to inspire future generations of public servants.

HONORING THE LIFE OF DAWN MARSONOSKI

HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, August 24, 2026

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and memory of Dawn Marsonoski, a longtime resident of Bristol Borough, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, who passed away on August 13, 2026, at the age of 54.

Born at Lower Bucks Hospital, Dawn was a proud Bristol Borough resident and a graduate of Harry S. Truman High School, Class of 1990. She went on to earn her master's degree from Holy Family University and built a successful career.

Dawn was a member of St. Mark Church and was well known throughout her community for her generous heart, kindness, and unwavering support for those around her. She found great happiness in caring for her beloved pets and took great pride in making her home warm, welcoming, and beautiful.

Above all, Dawn was a devoted mother whose children and family were the center of her world. Her love for her family brought her tremendous joy, and her kindness and dedication will be remembered by all who had the privilege of knowing her. Her loved ones will continue to cherish her memory.

I extend my deepest condolences to Dawn's family and am honored to recognize the lasting impact she had on her family, her friends, and the Bristol Borough community.

HONORING AND PAYING TRIBUTE TO DANIEL FORD HOLLINGSWORTH

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, August 24, 2026

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to my dear friend Dan Hollingsworth who passed away on Sunday, July 26, 2026. Dan was a leader in Riverside County's agriculture industry, a former staff member for Representative Victor Veysey, and a dedicated patriot who was involved in Republican Party politics for most of his life. He will be deeply missed.

Dan was born in Grand Junction, Colorado. At a young age, his family headed west and moved to Pomona, California. Dan graduated from Pomona College in Pomona High School in 1953 and attended Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, where he earned a Bachelors Degree in Dairy Science. During college he also met Joan Clark, who he would marry on December 11, 1955. Just last year, Dan and Joan celebrated their 70th anniversary. Dan started working on a dairy farm near San Luis Obispo while he was in college, then worked at var-

ious dairies in the Central Valley and Chino before buying a small dairy in San Jacinto in 1960. "Dan's Dairy" was a cash 'n' carry dairy where Dan milked fifty cows and Joan helped bottle the milk.

In 1969, Dan went to work for U.S. Representative Victor Veysey, the first of many roles he would fill in service to his conservative beliefs and the Republican Party. Dan served as Chairman of the Riverside County Central Committee twice and joined me as a founding director of the Lincoln Club of Riverside County. Dan volunteered in leadership roles in agriculture as well. He began serving on the Riverside County Farm Bureau Board of Directors in the mid-1960s, a position he filled until his passing. In 1978, Dan bought another dairy in San Jacinto, milking over 600 cows. In 1986, he left the dairy business again, and he and Joan bought land in Murrieta and started a wholesale tree nursery, which supplied large trees to the region for 39 years.

Dan is survived by his wife, Joan; his daughters, Tina Spurgin, Marcy Preston (Larry) and sons, Lennie (Heidi) and Dennis (Natalie) Hollingsworth. He is also survived by his brothers Bob and Charles Hollingsworth, seventeen grandchildren and step-grandchildren, and twenty-seven great-grandchildren and step-great grandchildren. Although he may be gone, the many contributions Dan made to our region and his family will have a lasting impact.

HONORING THE REVEREND RONALD G. TONEY UPON HIS RETIREMENT AFTER FIFTY YEARS IN THE GOSPEL MINISTRY

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, August 24, 2026

Mr. BISHOP. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a man who has spent half a century doing the hardest and holiest work there is—the Reverend Ronald G. Toney, who retires after fifty years in the gospel ministry, thirty-three of them as pastor of the historic Lizzie Chapel Baptist Church in Macon, Georgia. An event to celebrate his remarkable ministry was held on August 22, 2026, at the Tubman Museum in Macon, Georgia.

Mr. Speaker, when we mark a man's retirement in this Chamber, we usually recite a list. I want to do something different, because a list will not hold what this man has done.

Ronald Toney is a son of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Now, Mr. Speaker, I want the House to sit with that for a moment. For the better part of the last century, the road out of Georgia ran north. Our people packed what they could carry and rode toward Chicago, Detroit, and Milwaukee looking for wages and dignity that this State would not give them. That was the Great Migration, and it emptied a great deal of talent out of the South.

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Ronald Toney ran that road in reverse.

He was born up North, where our people had gone for refuge, and he came back down here—to Georgia, to the Black Belt, to the small cities and the working neighborhoods—and he gave this State fifty years of his life. He came back to the place his generation was told to leave. That is not a career decision, Mr. Speaker. That is a calling.

He came by way of Morehouse College, where he graduated cum laude with a degree in religion. As a Morehouse man myself, I know that house does not hand out that Latin honor lightly. He went on to study at the Interdenominational Theological Center and at Columbia Theological Seminary, both in Atlanta. He believed—rightly—that a called man still owes God a trained mind.

His ministry began in Milwaukee in 1976 at Greater Galilee Baptist Church, and continued at Damascus Baptist Church, where he served as assistant pastor. He came to Georgia in 1981 as an associate minister at Antioch Baptist Church North in Atlanta. In 1985 he was called to his first pastorate, Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church in Thomson, Georgia. And in April of 1993, he was called to Lizzie Chapel Baptist Church in Macon, where he has stood ever since.

Mr. Speaker, thirty-three years in one pulpit is a rarer thing than this body may realize, and I want to say plainly what it costs and what it builds.

Thirty-three years means he baptized children who came back and asked him to marry them and then brought him their own babies to bless. It means he stood over the caskets of the mothers of that church—the women who fed him, corrected him, and prayed him through his first years—and he preached them home one by one. It means he sat in hospital rooms at two o'clock in the morning with families who had nobody else to call. It means there are men and women walking around Macon today who made it through the worst season of their lives because a preacher would not stop calling the house.

A pastor who stays that long stops being a hired man and becomes family. That is what Ronald Toney became to Lizzie Chapel.

And he never confined the ministry to the sanctuary. In McDuffie County he served as president of the Ministerial Association, president of the County Health Coalition, and president of the NAACP branch—because he understood that a shepherd who will not fight for the flock outside the gate is no shepherd at all. In Bibb County he served on the board of Citizens Advocacy and on the Economic Opportunity Council. He gave his time to the General Missionary Baptist Convention of Georgia as an instructor in the Congress of Christian Education and later as president of the Tenth District Congress, and he served as Second Vice Moderator of the Union Baptist Missionary and Educational Association of Middle Georgia.

Mr. Speaker, two of his services tell me the most about the man. He sat on the board of the Crisis Line and Safe House, and on the board of the Family Counseling Center. Any pastor who has been at it long enough knows the truth those two boards represent: that some of the people singing in the choir on Sunday morning are going home to houses that are not safe. Ronald Toney did not merely pray about that. He got up and took a seat at the table where something could be done about it.

And he founded the Gifts of Grace Foundation—a name that tells you everything about how this man understood his own life. Not gifts he earned. Gifts of grace.

Mr. Speaker, none of this was done alone. For all of these years, Reverend Toney has been supported by his wife, Patricia, whose name appears on no program and in no minutes, but without whom none of this record exists. And it was done alongside their four children—Jason, Ronald D., LaTai, and Erika—who shared their father with a congregation for their entire lives, and who gave up Sunday dinners and family evenings and a father's undivided attention so that other people's families could be held together. The pastor's family pays a bill that nobody itemizes. Let this Chamber itemize it today.

Mr. Speaker, a man can retire from a pulpit. He cannot retire from what he has already built. The counseling he gave is still working. The children he baptized are still standing. The church he served is still open. Fifty years of that does not stop when a man steps down; it simply keeps walking around Middle Georgia in the shape of other people's lives.

Charles Haddon Spurgeon, whom the world still calls the Prince of Preachers, once said of his own life's ambition:

"I know of nothing which I would choose to have as the subject of my ambition for life than to be kept faithful to my God till death, still to be a soul winner, still to be a true herald of the cross, and testify the name of Jesus to the last hour."

Mr. Speaker, that was Spurgeon's ambition. By the grace of God, it has been Ronald Toney's record.

Therefore, Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join my wife Vivian and me along with the more than 765,000 people of Georgia's 2nd Congressional District in honoring the Reverend Ronald G. Toney for fifty years of faithful service in the gospel ministry, for thirty-three years of devoted pastoral leadership at Lizzie Chapel Baptist Church, and for a lifetime given to the people of Georgia and beyond. We wish him and Patricia every blessing in this new season, and we say to him what he has spent a lifetime helping other people become ready to hear:

Well done, thou good and faithful servant.

HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF IAN FRANK TORTORICI

HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, August 24, 2026

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and memory of Ian Frank Tortorici. Ian lived a life defined by service, courage, and an enduring willingness to stand with others in their time of need.

A decorated wrestler at Laguna Hills High School, Ian went on to serve his country as a United States Marine, attaining the rank of Corporal. He later continued his commitment to public service as a federal law enforcement officer.

When Russia invaded Ukraine, Ian chose once again to answer the call to serve. He traveled to Ukraine in March 2022 and joined the International Legion, where he fought alongside Ukrainian forces for more than a year. Serving first as a machine gunner and

ultimately as a team leader, Ian repeatedly placed himself in harm's way for the people beside him and for a cause he believed was worth defending.

On June 27, 2023, Ian was killed in a ballistic missile attack in Kramatorsk, Ukraine. He was 32 years old.

Ian's sacrifice was the culmination of a life spent serving others. He had already dedicated himself to protecting his fellow Americans, yet when faced with a distant war and people fighting for their homes and freedom, he was willing to go once more into danger.

He should be remembered not simply for how he died, but for how he lived: with courage, conviction, and a profound sense of duty. His sacrifice is a lasting testament to the kind of person who chooses to stand beside others when standing with them comes at the greatest cost.

His memory continues to be honored by those who knew him, served alongside him, and remember his dedication to his country, his fellow service members, and the people of Ukraine.

COST ESTIMATE OF H.R. 2870, WORKING FAMILIES FLEXIBILITY ACT OF 2025

HON. TIM WALBERG

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, August 24, 2026

Mr. WALBERG. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD the following cost estimate for H.R. 2870, Working Families Flexibility Act of 2025, prepared by the Congressional Budget Office, and was not made available to the Committee on Education and Workforce at the time of the filing of the legislative report.

H.R. 2870, WORKING FAMILIES FLEXIBILITY ACT OF 2025, AS REPORTED BY THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND THE WORKFORCE ON FEBRUARY 12, 2026

	By fiscal year, millions of dollars—		
	2026	2026–2031	2026–2036
Direct Spending (Outlays)	0	0	0
Revenues	0	0	0
Increase or Decrease (–) in the Deficit	0	0	0
Spending Subject to Appropriation (Outlays)	*	3	**

* = between zero and \$500,000.

** = not estimated.

Increases net direct spending in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2037? No.

Increases on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2037? No.

Statutory pay-as-you-go procedures apply? No.

Mandate Effects:

Contains intergovernmental mandate? No.

Contains private-sector mandate? No.

H.R. 2870 would amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 (FLSA) to temporarily allow private-sector employees to receive compensatory time off in lieu of overtime pay. Employees could receive such compensatory time off at a rate of not less than one and one-half hours for each hour of employment for which overtime pay would otherwise have been required. Such compensatory time could be provided only in accordance

with a collective bargaining agreement or with the consent of affected employees during the 5-year period after enactment of the bill.

Using information from the Department of Labor (DOL), CBO estimates that implementing the bill would require the department to issue a rule on compensatory time off, train headquarters and regional staff on the new policy, and update FLSA materials provided to employers. Using information on the cost of similar activities, CBO estimates that the cost to DOL would total \$2 million over the 2026–2031 period.

H.R. 2870 also would require the Government Accountability Office (GAO) to report to the Congress annually on the extent to which employers provide such compensatory time, the number of alleged violations and the disposition of those complaints, including any enforcement actions. Using information on the cost of similar activities conducted by GAO, CBO estimates that producing those reports would cost \$1 million over the 2026–2031 period.

In total, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 2870 would cost \$3 million over the 2026–2031 period; such spending would be subject to the availability of appropriated funds.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Justin Latus. The estimate was reviewed by Christina Hawley Anthony, Deputy Director of Budget Analysis.

PHILLIP L. SWAGEL,
Director, Congressional Budget Office.

HONORING THE OLD GLORY RETIREMENT FOUNDATION AND RECOGNIZING SEPTEMBER 12 AS OLD GLORY RETIREMENT FOUNDATION DAY

HON. GREG LANDSMAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, August 24, 2026

Mr. LANDSMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Old Glory Retirement Foundation, a veteran-founded nonprofit in Franklin, Ohio dedicated to ensuring that our Nation's flag, "Old Glory," is treated with dignity and respect throughout its entire life of service, while also honoring the Veterans, first re-

sponders, and families who have sacrificed in service to our Nation and communities.

On July 4, 2026, as our Nation celebrated its 250th Anniversary, the Old Glory Retirement Foundation brought together Veterans, volunteers, civic leaders, and members of the community at Horsepower Farm in Middletown, Ohio, to conduct an extraordinary American flag retirement ceremony. During the ceremony, 17,169 unserviceable American flags were respectfully retired in a single event. The foundation believes this event to be the largest American flag retirement ceremony ever conducted. This remarkable community effort demonstrated the deep respect and patriotism that Americans continue to hold for our Nation's flag.

The foundation's mission extends beyond flag retirement. Through its ceremonies and educational programs, the Old Glory Retirement Foundation works to teach proper flag etiquette, preserve the stories of Veterans, recognize first responders, and inspire younger generations to understand the meaning behind the flag they proudly see every day.

It is also fitting to recognize September 12 as Old Glory Retirement Foundation Day. Following the tragedy of September 11, 2001, September 12 became a powerful reminder of the unity, compassion, and patriotism demonstrated by Americans across the country. People from every background came together, setting aside their differences and standing united under one flag.

The City of Middletown has officially proclaimed September 12 as Old Glory Retirement Foundation Day, recognizing both this spirit of unity and the foundation's commitment to preserving the dignity of the American flag and honoring those who have served our Nation and communities.

I am proud to recognize Old Glory Retirement Foundation, its dedicated Veterans and volunteers, and the countless members of the Middletown community who came together to honor the American flag. Their commitment to service, patriotism, and community serves as an example of the enduring values that unite us as Americans.

HONORING MAGNE GUNDERSEN FROM BUCKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, August 24, 2026

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Magne Gundersen for decades of dedicated service to Scouting America and The Washington Crossing Council, transforming lives of young people, families volunteers, and communities he has served throughout his distinguished career.

For 40 years, Mr. Gundersen has devoted himself to the mission of Scouting and to helping young people develop the character, leadership, confidence, and sense of service that will guide them throughout their lives. As Scout Executive and CEO of the Washington Crossing Council, he has provided steady and principled leadership to a council serving communities across Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

Those who have worked alongside Mr. Gundersen describe him as someone who leads by example. His career reflects not only professional excellence, but a genuine commitment to the people and communities entrusted to his care.

Mr. Gundersen's impact will be measured not simply by the years he has served, but by the countless Scouts, families, volunteers, and fellow leaders whose lives have been strengthened by his dedication. His leadership has helped preserve and advance an institution responsible for supporting the next generation of leaders in their communities.

As Magne Gundersen concludes this remarkable 40-year chapter of service, we extend our sincere gratitude for his dedication, leadership, and commitment to America's youth. His legacy will continue through the generations of Scouts and volunteers whose lives he has touched.

I congratulate Mr. Gundersen on his retirement and wish him every success and happiness in the years ahead. Our Nation is stronger because of citizens like Mr. Gundersen.

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Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate met at 12:30:01 p.m. in pro forma session, and adjourned at 12:30:33 p.m. until 8 a.m. on Thursday, August 27, 2026.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 11 public bills, H.R. 10138–10148; 1 private bill, H.R. 10149; and 4 resolutions, H. Res. 1486–1489 were introduced. **Pages H5251–52**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H5252–53**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative McGuire to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H5251**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Rev. Rachel Landers Vaagenes, Capitol Hill Presbyterian Church, Washington, DC. **Page H5251**

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 9:03 a.m.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, AUGUST 27, 2026

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

8 a.m., Thursday, August 27

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

9 a.m., Thursday, August 27

Senate Chamber

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

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: House will meet in Pro Forma session at 9 a.m.

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