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The House met at 10:30 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. SIMPSON).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
September 17, 2026.

I hereby appoint the Honorable MICHAEL K. SIMPSON to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

MIKE JOHNSON,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

Pastor Dexter Skepple, Speak the Word Ministries, Frederiksted, St. Croix, Virgin Islands, offered the following prayer:

Father, in the name of Jesus, we come before You praying over this Nation. Your Word declares in 2 Chronicles 7:14 that if Your people humble themselves, pray, seek Your face, and turn from their wicked ways, You will hear from Heaven, forgive their sins, and heal their land.

Father, heal our land. We pray over every Congressman, Congresswoman, Senator, Governor, government leader, and staff member. Give them godly wisdom and guide their decision. Let Your Holy Spirit rest upon them and direct their steps.

Lord, align our ways with Your ways. Wash us, cleanse us, and make us whole. We declare that no weapon formed against this Nation shall prosper.

Your Word says in Isaiah 1:19 that if we are willing and obedient, then we will eat the good of the land. Help us to walk in obedience and put Your Word first.

Thank You, Father, for Your presence, Your power, Your protection, and Your anointing. May Your hand remain upon our leaders, our families, our communities, and our Nation.

In Jesus' precious name, 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 10:30 a.m. on Monday, September 21, 2026.

Thereupon (at 10 o'clock and 32 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Monday, September 21, 2026, at 10:30 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV,

EC–4752. A letter from the General Counsel, National Credit Union Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Termination of Excess Insurance Coverage (RIN: 3133-AF97) received August 25, 2026, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868), was taken from the Speaker's table, referred to the Committee on Financial Services.

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. HILL of Arkansas:

H.R. 10477. A bill to amend the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 to exclude the audits of privately held, non-carrying brokers and dealers that are in good standing from certain requirements under title I of that Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. ROSE (for himself, Mr. VAN ORDEN, Mr. BURCHETT, and Mr. MILLS):

H.R. 10478. A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a pilot program to arrange for qualified pension assistance organizations to provide claims development support to veterans and beneficiaries, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. BACON:

H.R. 10479. A bill to direct the Secretary of Defense to establish a policy to guide the development and acquisition of quantum computing systems for the Department of Defense, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. BACON:

H.R. 10480. A bill to amend chapter 57 of title 10, United States Code, to provide for recipients of the Medal of Honor to receive identification allowing unaccompanied access to military installations, to establish a Department of Defense Medal of Honor Liaison, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. BACON:

H.R. 10481. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to designate the National Guard Relief Foundation as a military welfare society for certain purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. BACON:

H.R. 10482. A bill to require the Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering to establish a dashboard for military construction projects for Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation facilities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. BACON:

H.R. 10483. A bill to direct the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Nuclear, Chemical, and Biological Defense, Policy and Programs to seek to enter into an agreement with a University Affiliated Research Center affiliated with United States Strategic Command

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