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Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, May 19, 2025, at 3 p.m.

House of Representatives

SATURDAY, MAY 17, 2025

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

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
May 17, 2025.

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

MIKE JOHNSON,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Reverend John Kellogg, Christ Church Capitol Hill, Washington, D.C., offered the following prayer:

Almighty God, our great country is in Your hands. We thank You for all that You have blessed us with and pray that we might be good stewards of these blessings. Look with favor upon the public servants that represent us in Congress, as well as their staffs and families. Grant them clarity, foresight, and mutual support as they work together to lead this land. It is with humble and grateful hearts that we beseech You.

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.

JOINT RESOLUTIONS PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Kevin F. McCumber, Clerk of the House, reported that on May 16, 2025, the following joint resolutions were presented to the President of the United States for approval.

H.J. Res. 61. Providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to "National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants: Rubber Tire Manufacturing"

H.J. Res. 60. Providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the National Park Service relating to "Glen Canyon National Recreation Area: Motor Vehicles"

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 13 of rule I, the House stands adjourned until noon on Monday next for morning-hour debate and 2 p.m. for legislative business.

Thereupon (at 10 o'clock and 2 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Monday, May 19, 2025, at noon for morning-hour debate.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. BOST: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H.R. 217. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to make permanent the pilot program authorized by the Communities Helping Invest through Property and Improvements Needed for Veterans Act of 2016, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 119-97). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. BOST: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H.R. 2201. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve claims, made under laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, regarding military sexual trauma, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 119-98). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. BOST: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H.R. 658. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish qualifications for the appointment of a person as a marriage and family therapist, qualified to provide clinical supervision, in the Veterans Health Administration (Rept. 119-99). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. BOST: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H.R. 1286. A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to seek to enter into an agreement with a federally funded research and development center for an assessment of forms that the Secretary sends to claimants for benefits under laws administered by the Secretary, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 119-100). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

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Mr. BOST: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H.R. 1823. A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and the Comptroller General of the United States to report on certain funding shortfalls in the Department of Veterans Affairs; with an amendment (Rept. 119-101). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

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. FITZPATRICK (for himself and Mr. GOLDEN of Maine):

H.R. 3475. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to establish a new first-time homebuyer credit and to establish the starter home construction credit; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. KELLY of Mississippi (for himself, Ms. GOODLANDER, Mr. MOORE of Alabama, Mr. GUEST, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania, and Mr. TONKO):

H.R. 3476. A bill to amend the Food Security Act of 1985 to require the Secretary of Agriculture to establish the forest conservation easement program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. LARSEN of Washington (for himself and Mr. COHEN):

H.R. 3477. A bill to direct the Secretary of Transportation to require certain air carriers to develop and regularly update an operational resiliency strategy, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. MCGUIRE:

H.R. 3478. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to limit penalties relating to

the destruction of aircraft to apply only with respect to manned aircraft, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on 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. BONAMICI (for herself, Mr. PETERS, Ms. NORTON, Mr. MOSKOWITZ, and Mr. GOTTHEIMER):

H. Res. 424. A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of "National Honor Our LGBT Elders Day"; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, 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. MORELLE (for himself and Mr. MAST):

H. Res. 425. A resolution expressing support for designation of May 16, 2025, as the "National Day of Light"; to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

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. FITZPATRICK:

H.R. 3475.

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

Article I, Section VIII, Clause 18

By Mr. KELLY of Mississippi:

H.R. 3476.

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

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 3

By Mr. LARSEN of Washington:

H.R. 3477.

Article 1, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution

By Mr. MCGUIRE:

H.R. 3478.

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

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 18.

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

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

H.R. 1236: Mr. MOYLAN, Mr. MIN, Mr. EZELL, Mr. MORAN, Mr. GARCIA of California, and Mr. HUNT.

H.R. 1313: Mr. PFLUGER.

H.R. 2808: Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mr. LYNCH, Mr. MEEKS, Ms. MCBRIDE, and Mr. SCHMIDT.

H.R. 3457: Ms. SEWELL.

DISCHARGE PETITIONS—ADDITIONS AND WITHDRAWALS

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

Petition 2 by Mr. CASTEN on House Resolution 250: Ms. Kamlager-Dove, Mr. Gottheimer, Ms. Sherrill, and Mr. Pallone.

Petition 3 by Mr. BOYLE of Pennsylvania on House Resolution 278: Mr. Swalwell, Ms. Perez, Mr. Johnson of Georgia, Mr. Neal, Mr. Gottheimer, and Ms. Sherrill.