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Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Friday, May 30, 2025, at 7 a.m.

House of Representatives

THURSDAY, MAY 29, 2025

The House met at 11 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. Smith of Nebraska).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

Washington, DC, May 29, 2025.

I hereby appoint the Honorable Adrian Smith 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:

God of the ages, it is Your almighty hand that guides our lives and directs our steps. Often it takes our retrospection to see how Your divine love has led us in the past, so caught up are we in the here and now.

This morning, as we reflect back on the life of one of our own former colleagues, Representative Charles Rangel, give us eyes to see how You led a boy from Harlem, the son of a seamstress, who lived a life filled with challenges and triumphs, to place on him the mantle of leadership which he bore faithfully and courageously in service to this country.

It is You, O Lord, who brought him through the bitter cold and brutal combat in the Battle of Kunu-ri, revealing to him his own gift of leadership and purpose. And it is You, throughout his storied career, who equipped him with his genial nature, armed him with his sharp-tongued reason, and instilled in him his pragmatic desire to get things done, even if it meant crossing the aisle.

Perhaps the court of public opinion has, rightly or wrongly, made their judgment on this, Your child. But one day in Your court is better than thousands elsewhere. Now, as he rests from his labors and stands before You, may he hear Your own well done, good and faithful servant.

Hear our prayers of gratitude for our brother's life and our hope for Your salvation.

It is in Your eternal name, we pray.

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 11 a.m. on Monday, June 2, 2025.

Thereupon (at 11 o'clock and 2 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Monday, June 2, 2025, at 11 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-989. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Minority and Women Inclusion, transmitting the Office's 2024 Annual Report, pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 5452(e); Public Law 111-203, Sec. 342(e); (124 Stat. 1541); to the Committee on Financial Services.

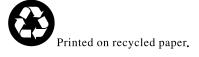
EC–990. A letter from the Chairman, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting a report titled "Extensions of Hydropower Construction Deadlines Under Section 13 of the Federal Power Act", pursuant to section 1701(c)(5) of the Energy Policy Act of 1992; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-991. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to the threat from securities investments that finance certain companies of the People's Republic of China that was declared in Executive Order 13959 of November 12, 2020, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1641(c); Public Law 94-412, Sec. 401(c); (90 Stat. 1257) and 50 U.S.C. 1703(c); Public Law 95-223, Sec 204(c); (91 Stat. 1627); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-992. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting a six

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month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Sudan that was declared in Executive Order 13067 of November 3, 1997, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1641(c); Public Law 94-412, Sec. 401(c); (90 Stat. 1257) and 50 U.S.C. 1703(c); Public Law 95-223, Sec 204(c); (91 Stat. 1627); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-993. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting a periodic report on the National Emergency with respect to the advancement by countries of concern in sensitive technologies and products critical for the military, intelligence, surveillance, or cyber-enabled capabilities of such countries that was declared in Executive Order 14105 of August 9, 2023, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1641(c); Public Law 94-412, Sec. 401(c); (90 Stat. 1257) and 50 U.S.C. 1703(c); Public Law 95-223, Sec 204(c); (91 Stat. 1627); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-994. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting a six month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Iran that was declared in Executive Order 12170 of November 14, 1979, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1641(c); Public Law 94-412, Sec. 401(c); (90 Stat. 1257) and 50 U.S.C. 1703(c); Public Law 95-223, Sec 204(c); (91 Stat. 1627); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

EC-995. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Belarus that was declared in Executive Order 13405 of June 16, 2006, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1641(c); Public Law 94-412, Sec. 401(c); (90 Stat. 1257) and 50 U.S.C. 1703(c); Public Law 95-223, Sec 204(c); (91 Stat. 1627); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-996. A letter from the Chairman of the Council, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 26-67, the "Louise B. Miller Way Designation Act of 2025", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 813); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

EC-997. A letter from the Chairman of the Council, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 26-68, the "Short-Term Disability Insurance Benefit Protection Clarification Temporary Amendment Act of 2025", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 813); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

EC-998. A letter from the Senior Advisor, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting a notification of an action on nomination and discontinuation of service in acting role, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 3349(a); Public Law 105-277, Sec. 151(b); (112 Stat. 2681-614); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

EC-999. A letter from the Senior Advisor, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting three notifications of a nomination, action on nomination, and discontinuation of service in acting role, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 3349(a); Public Law 105-277, Sec. 151(b); (112 Stat. 2681-614); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

EC-1000. A letter from the Attorney Advisor, FHA, Department of Transportation, transmitting a notification of a vacancy and nomination, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 3349(a); Public Law 105-277, Sec. 151(b); (112 Stat. 2681-614); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

EC-1001. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting the Office's CY 2023 annual report on the Federal Student Loan Repayment Program, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 5379(h)(2); Public Law 101-510, Sec. 1206(b)(1) (as added by Public Law 106-398, Sec. 1122(a)); (114 Stat. 1654A-

316); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

EC-1002. A letter from the Executive Secretary, Public Interest Declassification Board, transmitting the Board's annual report under the provisions of section 706(e) of the Public Interest Declassification Act of 2000, as amended (P.L. 106-567); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

EC-1003. A letter from the Director, Administrative Office of the United States Courts, transmitting the Administration's 20th report to Congress on crime victims' rights, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. 3771 note; Public Law 108-405, Sec. 104(a); (118 Stat. 2265); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1004. A letter from the Director, Administrative Office of the United States Courts, transmitting the 2024 annual report on bankruptcy statistics, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 159(b)(3); Public Law 109-8, Sec. 601(a); (119 Stat. 119); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1005. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's update regarding the debt limit; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

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. GUTHRIE: Committee on Energy and Commerce. H.R. 2483. A bill to reauthorize certain programs that provide for opioid use disorder prevention, treatment, and recovery, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 119–114, Pt. 1). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

DISCHARGE OF COMMITTEE

Pursuant to clause 2 of rule XIII, the Committees on Education and Workforce, the Judiciary, and Financial Services discharged from further consideration. H.R. 2483 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. BALDERSON (for himself, Mr. Weber of Texas, and Ms. Fedorchak):

H.R. 3616. A bill to require the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to review regulations that may affect the reliable operation of the bulk-power system; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. JAMES (for himself, Mr. OBERNOLTE, and Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS): H.R. 3617. A bill to amend the Department of Energy Organization Act to secure the supply of critical energy resources, including critical minerals and other materials, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. ALFORD:

H.R. 3618. A bill to prohibit certain persons from purchasing real estate in the United States; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. BARRETT (for himself, Mr. HARRIGAN, Mr. VAN ORDEN, Mr. MUR-PHY, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. GOLDMAN of Texas, Mr. HAMADEH of Arizona, Mr. MOORE of North Carolina, Mr. ONDER, Mr. DOWNING, Mr. LUTTRELL, Mr. SELF, Mr. NUNN of Iowa, and Mr. BERGMAN):

H.R. 3619. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide for an opportunity for members of the Armed Forces who were involuntarily or voluntarily separated for refusing to receive a COVID-19 vaccination to transfer the entitlement to educational assistance of such members to their dependents; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. By Mr. BEGICH:

H.R. 3620. A bill to provide for the conveyance of certain property to the Southcentral Foundation located in Anchorage, Alaska, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources, 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. BELL (for himself, Ms. Norton, Mr. Smith of Washington, Ms. BUDZINSKI, Mr. FIELDS, and Ms. ANSARI):

H.R. 3621. A bill to direct the Attorney General to acquire data, for each calendar year, about interactions of law enforcement officers with people with mental illness, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BEYER (for himself, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Mrs. BEATTY, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, Ms. NORTON, and Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia):

H.R. 3622. A bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to Joan Trumpauer Mulholland in recognition of her unique and substantial contributions to American life through her life-long commitment to social justice and equality for all citizens, exhibited both through direct action, at great personal risk, and through ongoing educational activities; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. COHEN (for himself, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Ms. TITUS, Mr. DOGGETT, Ms. NORTON, Mr. QUIGLEY, Ms. SCANLON, Ms. DELBENE, Mr. JOHNSON OF GEOTGIA, Ms. BROWNLEY, Ms. JACOBS, Mr. BEYER, Ms. TOKUDA, Mr. STANTON, Mr. LYNCH, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHI, Mr. THANEDAR, Mr. CASTEN, and Mr. CARBAJAL):

H.R. 3623. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to prohibit the transportation of horses in interstate transportation in a motor vehicle containing 2 or more levels stacked on top of one another, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. CORREA (for himself, Mr. Bacon, Mr. Peters, Mr. Moulton, Mr. Harder of California, Ms. Norton, Mr. Lalota, Mr. Keating, Mr. Jackson of Illinois, Ms. Pingree, Mr. Ruiz, Mr. Cohen, Ms. Craig, and Mr. Goldman of New York):

H.R. 3624. A bill to add suicide prevention resources to school identification cards; to the Committee on Education and Workforce.

By Mr. CRANE:

H.R. 3625. A bill to prohibit the allocation of funds to the National Endowment for Democracy; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

By Mr. DONALDS:

H.R. 3626. A bill to facilitate the development of a whole-of-government strategy for nuclear cooperation and nuclear exports; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, Science, Space, and Technology, and Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in