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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 12, 2025.

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

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

Holy and compassionate God, keep Your watchful eye upon us and place Your hand on our lives. Guide us in the way we should go. Remind us again that wherever we are, in whatever situation we find ourselves, we are neither lost nor alone.

And may we acknowledge our hunger for Your presence and our dependence on Your guidance. For as much as we think we can go it alone, fighting against Your wisdom, we need a deeper understanding that our joy and our satisfaction can only be found in You.

We are Your children, the ones You have deigned to love with a love so encompassing that we need only trust in You, yield to Your instruction, and live as You would have us live.

May this be our aim today and all days.

We pray this in Your sovereign 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 noon on Friday, August 15, 2025.

Thereupon (at 9 o'clock and 2 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Friday, August 15, 2025, at noon.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

EC-1679. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting a letter authorizing Major General Joseph F. Jarrard, Army National Guard of the United States, to wear the insignia of the grade of lieutenant general, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 777a(b)(4); Public Law 111-383, Sec. 505(a)(1); (124 Stat. 4209); to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1680. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting a letter authorizing Vice Admiral Frank M. Bradley, United States Navy, to wear the insignia of the grade of admiral, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 777a(b)(4); Public Law 111-383, Sec. 505(a)(1); (124 Stat. 4209); to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1681. A letter from the Acting Director of Executive Services, OCHCO, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting a notification of a 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-1682. A letter from the Acting Director of Executive Services, OCHCO, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting a notification of a designation of acting officer, 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-1683. A letter from the General Counsel, Office of Federal Procurement Policy, Office of Management and Budget, transmitting a notification of a 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-1684. A letter from the General Counsel, Office of Management and Budget, transmitting a notification of an action on 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-1685. A letter from the General Counsel, Office of Management and Budget, transmitting a notification of an action on 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-1686. A letter from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of the Army, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's interim final rule — Environmental Analysis of Army Actions (AR 200-2) [Docket ID: USA-2025-HQ-0003] (RIN: 0702-AB02) received August 6, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

EC-1687. A letter from the Administrative Assistant, Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Anchorage Regulations; Los Angeles and Long Beach Harbors, CA [Docket Number: USCG-2023-0868] (RIN: 1625-AA01) received August 6, 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-1688. A letter from the Administrative Assistant, Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's temporary final rule — Safety Zone; Corpus Christi Bay, Corpus Christi, TX [Docket Number: USCG-2025-0483] (RIN: 1625-AA00) received August 6, 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.

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EC-1689. A letter from the Administrative Assistant, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's temporary final rule — Safety Zone; Little Potato Slough, Stockton, CA [Docket Number: USCG-2025-0657] (RIN: 1625-AA00) received August 6, 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-1690. A letter from the Administrative Assistant, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's temporary final rule — Special Local Regulation; 100th Annual Pony Swim, Chincoteague Inlet and Surrounding Waters, Sector Virginia Captain of the Port Zone [Docket Number: USCG-2025-0463] (RIN: 1625-AA08) received August 6, 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-1691. A letter from the Administrative Assistant, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's temporary final rule — Safety Zone; Kentucky River, Frankfort, KY [Docket Number: USCG-2025-0635] (RIN: 1625-AA00) received August 6, 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-1692. A letter from the Administrative Assistant, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's temporary interim rule — Regulated Navigation Area and Safety Zone; Hampton River, Hampton, NH [Docket Number: USCG-2025-0389] (RIN: 1625-AA00) received August 6, 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-1693. A letter from the Administrative Assistant, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's temporary final rule — Safety Zone; Dyes Inlet, Silverdale, WA [Docket Number: USCG-2025-0649] (RIN: 1625-AA00) received August 6, 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.

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. ARRINGTON (for himself, Mr. PERRY, Mr. ALFORD, Mr. WIED, and Mr. RULLI):

H.R. 4947. A bill to prohibit the use of race-based or sex-based criteria in the administration of certain Department of Agriculture programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. DESAULNIER (for himself and Mr. STANTON):

H.R. 4948. A bill to amend title 23, United States Code, to extend the authorization for certain alternative fuel and clean vehicles to use HOV facilities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. HARDER of California (for himself and Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia):

H.R. 4949. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to establish a credit for certain employers of qualifying career and technical education students; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mrs. HOUCHIN (for herself, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania, Mr. SORESENSEN, Mr.

NUNN of Iowa, Mr. COSTA, Mr. SMITH of Nebraska, and Mr. SOTO):

H.R. 4950. A bill to direct the Federal Communications Commission to incorporate into the National Broadband Map of the Commission a layer that presents data on the location of agricultural areas, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. KENNEDY of Utah:

H.R. 4951. A bill to authorize an exception to the prohibition on the construction of naval vessels in foreign shipyards, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. KENNEDY of Utah:

H.R. 4952. A bill to authorize an exception to the prohibition on the construction of Coast Guard vessels in foreign shipyards, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, 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. MACE:

H.R. 4953. A bill to authorize a civil right of action for individuals on whom gender-related medical treatment was performed while such individual was a minor, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. McDONALD RIVET (for herself and Mr. FITZPATRICK):

H.R. 4954. A bill to require the Secretary of Labor to maintain a publicly available list of all employers that relocate a call center or contract call center work overseas, to make such companies ineligible for Federal grants or guaranteed loans, and to require disclosure of the physical location of business agents engaging in customer service communications, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Education and Workforce, Oversight and Government Reform, and Armed Services, 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. MOYLAN (for himself, Mr. CASE, Mrs. RADEWAGEN, and Ms. KING-HINDS):

H.R. 4955. A bill to establish the Pacific Counternarcotics Initiative to assist certain countries with counterdrug interdiction efforts; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Ms. NORTON:

H.R. 4956. A bill to amend title 40, United States Code, to require a majority of the members of the Commission of Fine Arts to be residents of the District of Columbia; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Mr. NUNN of Iowa (for himself and Mr. CLEAVER):

H.R. 4957. A bill to reform rural housing programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, 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. PALLONE:

H.R. 4958. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to require notification prior to use of substances as generally recognized as safe, reassessment of the safety of certain substances marketed as generally recognized as safe, provide resources for reviews and reassessments, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Ms. ROSS (for herself, Ms. BALINT, Ms. TLAIB, Ms. SIMON, Mr. JOHNSON OF

Georgia, Ms. SCANLON, Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ, Ms. LEE of Pennsylvania, Mr. NADLER, and Mrs. FOUSHEE):

H.R. 4959. A bill to amend section 237 of the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for an exception related to protected speech activities; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. RUIZ (for himself, Mr. EVANS of Pennsylvania, Mr. BILIRAKIS, and Mr. SCHNEIDER):

H.R. 4960. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to establish a system to notify individuals approaching Medicare eligibility; to the Committee on Ways and Means, 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 Ms. SCHOLTEN (for herself, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Ms. SEWELL, Ms. STEVENS, Mr. DELUZIO, Mr. COHEN, Mr. HUFFMAN, and Mr. LAWLER):

H.R. 4961. A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to direct the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to establish a program to provide grants to owners and operators of publicly owned treatment works for use complying with requirements regarding the treatment of emerging contaminants, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Ms. SCHOLTEN (for herself, Mr. LANDSMAN, and Mr. TRAN):

H.R. 4962. A bill to direct the United States International Trade Commission to carry out a study on the inflationary impact of the tariffs imposed by certain executive orders and to report to Congress the findings of such study; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. STEUBE:

H.R. 4963. A bill to provide for the rescheduling of marijuana into schedule III of the Controlled Substances Act; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on 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. TAYLOR (for himself, Mr. ONDER, Mr. HARRIS of North Carolina, Mr. CLYDE, Mr. LAMALFA, Mr. ARRINGTON, Mr. ADERHOLT, Mrs. MILLER of Illinois, Mr. ESTES, Mr. FULCHER, Mr. ELLZEY, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, and Mrs. BIGGS of South Carolina):

H.R. 4964. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit taking minors across State lines in circumvention of laws requiring the involvement of parents in abortion decisions; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania (for himself and Ms. BONAMICI):

H.R. 4965. A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to expand career counseling opportunities within student support and academic enrichment grants; to the Committee on Education and Workforce.

By Ms. TLAIB (for herself, Mr. CASAR, Mr. NADLER, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Mr. TRAN, Ms. SIMON, Mr. GARCIA of Illinois, Ms. HOYLE of Oregon, Mr. EVANS of Pennsylvania, Ms. LEE of Pennsylvania, Mr. POCAN, Mr. CARSON, Ms. NORTON, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Mrs. MCIVER, Ms. ANSARI, Mrs. RAMIREZ, Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ, Ms. PRESSLEY, Ms. GARCIA of Texas, Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ, Ms. JAYAPAL, and Mr. THANEDAR):