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The House met at 1:30 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. MOORE of West Virginia).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
August 29, 2025.

I hereby appoint the Honorable RILEY M. MOORE to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

MIKE JOHNSON,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

Monsignor Stephen J. Rossetti, The Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C., offered the following prayer:

Good and gracious God, today, in the world around us, there is much anger and much violence. This is unsettling and even frightening for us. May Your presence in our hearts gift us with a supernatural peace. May our faces radiate this peace. May we be instruments of this peace in this hallowed place and wherever we go.

We pray this in Your most holy 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 Repub-

lic 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 Tuesday next for morning-hour debate and 2 p.m. for legislative business.

Thereupon (at 1 o'clock and 31 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Tuesday, September 2, 2025, at noon for morning-hour debate.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

EC-1793. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting a report of 15 rescissions of budget authority, totaling \$4.9 billion, pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 683(a); Public Law 93-344, Sec. 1012(a); (88 Stat. 333) (H. Doc. No. 119—86); to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

EC-1794. A letter from the Under Secretary, Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense, transmitting a letter authorizing 4 officers to wear the insignia of the grade of brigadier general, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 777(b)(3)(B); Public Law 104-106, Sec. 503(a)(1) (as added by Public Law 108-136, Sec. 509(a)(3)); (117 Stat. 1458); to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1795. A letter from the Assistant Secretary of Defense, Legislative Affairs, Department of Defense, transmitting an additional legislative proposal that the Department of Defense requests be enacted during the first session of the 119th Congress; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1796. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of Defense, transmitting an additional legislative proposal that the Department of Defense requests be enacted during the first session of the 119th Congress; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1797. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of

Defense, transmitting an additional legislative proposal that the Department of Defense requests be enacted during the first session of the 119th Congress; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1798. A letter from the Acting President and Chairman, Board of Directors, Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting a statement with respect to a transaction involving exports to Iraq, pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 635(b)(3); July 31, 1945, ch. 341, Sec. 2 (as added by Public Law 102-266, Sec. 102); (106 Stat. 95); to the Committee on Financial Services.

EC-1799. A letter from the Acting President and Chairman, Board of Directors, Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting a report on transactions involving U.S. exports to Bahrain, pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 635(b)(3); July 31, 1945, ch. 341, Sec. 2 (as added by Public Law 102-266, Sec. 102); (106 Stat. 95); to the Committee on Financial Services.

EC-1800. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting written notification of the determination that a public health emergency exists and has existed in the State of Texas since July 2, 2025, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 247d(a); July 1, 1944, ch. 373, title III, Sec. 319(a) (as amended by Public Law 107-188, Sec. 144(a)); (116 Stat. 630); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-1801. A letter from the Senior Bureau Official, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a Report to Congress on U.S. Compliance with the Authorization for Use of Military Force in Iraq, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1541 note; Public Law 107-243, Sec. 4(a); (116 Stat. 1501); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-1802. A letter from the Senior Bureau Official, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a report on politically motivated boycotts of, divestment from, and sanctions against Israel, pursuant to 19 U.S.C. 4452(d)(1); Public Law 114-125, Sec. 909(d)(1); (130 Stat. 236); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-1803. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to the International Criminal Court that was declared in Executive Order 14203 of February 6, 2025, 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.

□ This symbol represents the time of day during the House proceedings, e.g., □ 1407 is 2:07 p.m.

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EC-1804. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Burma that was declared in Executive Order 14014 of February 10, 2021, 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-1805. A letter from the Secretary, Department of State, transmitting a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Ethiopia that was declared in Executive Order 14046 of September 17, 2021, 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-1806. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting an alternative plan for pay adjustments for civilian Federal Employees covered by the general schedule and certain other pay systems in January 2026, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 5304(a)(1); Public Law 101-509, title I, Sec. 101(a)(1); (104 Stat. 1436) and 5 U.S.C. 5303(b)(1)(A); Public Law 89-554, Sec. 5303(b)(1)(A) (as amended by Public Law 101-509, Sec. 529); (104 Stat. 1430) (H. Doc. No. 119-87); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform and ordered to be printed.

EC-1807. A letter from the Associate General Counsel for General Law, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting four (4) notifications of a designation of acting officer, action on nomination, or 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-1808. A letter from the Chief Human Capital Officer, U.S. Small Business Association, transmitting a notification of two 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-1809. A letter from the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Report for Fiscal Year 2022; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-1810. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of Defense, transmitting an additional legislative proposal that the Department of Defense requests be enacted during the first session of the 119th Congress; jointly to the Committees on Armed Services and Foreign Affairs.

EC-1811. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's report titled "Annual Report to Congress on the Open Payments Program" for Fiscal Year 2024, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 1320a-7h(d)(1); Aug. 14, 1935, ch. 531, title XI, Sec. 1128G (as added by Public Law 111-148, Sec. 6002); (124 Stat. 693); jointly to the Committees on Energy and Commerce and Ways and Means.

EC-1812. A letter from the General Counsel, Office of Congressional Workplace Rights, transmitting the Office's 117th Congress Biennial Report on Occupational Health and Safety Inspections, pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 1341(e)(2); Public Law 104-1, Sec. 215(e)(2); (109 Stat. 16); jointly to the Committees on House Administration and Education and Workforce.

EC-1813. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of Defense, transmitting an additional legislative proposal that the Department of Defense requests be enacted during the first session of the 119th Congress; jointly to the Commit-

tees on Armed Services, Intelligence (Permanent Select), and Foreign Affairs.

EC-1814. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of Defense, transmitting an additional legislative proposal that the Department of Defense requests be enacted during the first session of the 119th Congress; jointly to the Committees on Armed Services, Foreign Affairs, and Natural Resources.

EC-1815. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of Defense, transmitting an additional legislative proposal that the Department of Defense requests be enacted during the first session of the 119th Congress; jointly to the Committees on Armed Services, Ways and Means, the Judiciary, and 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. BURCHETT (for himself and Mrs. LUNA):

H.R. 5060. A bill to provide whistleblower protections to Federal personnel for disclosing the use of Federal taxpayer funds to evaluate or research unidentified anomalous phenomenon material, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and in addition to the Committees on Armed Services, and Intelligence (Permanent Select), 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. GARBARINO (for himself, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Mr. GRAVES, Mr. LARSEN of Washington, and Mr. RASKIN):

H.R. 5061. A bill to reauthorize and reform counter-unmanned aircraft system authorities, to improve transparency, security, safety, and accountability related to such authorities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committees on the Judiciary, and Homeland Security, 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. JOHNSON of Texas (for herself, Mr. GIMENEZ, and Mr. GARCIA of California):

H.R. 5062. A bill to amend the Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007 to codify the Transportation Security Administration's responsibility relating to securing pipeline transportation and pipeline facilities against cybersecurity threats, acts of terrorism, and other nefarious acts that jeopardize the physical security or cybersecurity of pipelines, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security.

By Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia:

H.R. 5063. A bill to ensure continuity of staffing at Federal beaches, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. LALOTA (for himself, Mr. LAWLER, Mr. MRVAN, and Ms. CLARKE of New York):

H.R. 5064. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to modify certain limitations on disproportionate share hospital payment adjustments under the Medicaid program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. LIEU:

H.R. 5065. A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to pro-

tect students from sexual abuse, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and Workforce.

By Mr. MASSIE (for himself, Ms. GREENE of Georgia, Ms. BOEBERT, Mr. GOSAR, Mr. ROY, Mr. PERRY, Mr. DAVIDSON, Mr. BURLISON, Mr. CRANE, Mr. CLYDE, and Mrs. MILLER of Illinois):

H.R. 5066. A bill to repeal the Gun-Free School Zones Act of 1990 and amendments to that Act; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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

H.R. 5067. A bill to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act with respect to the disbursement of certain reimbursements provided under such Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. NADLER (for himself, Ms. TITUS, Ms. OMAR, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mr. LIEU, Ms. NORTON, Mr. COHEN, Mr. MCGARVEY, Mr. CORREA, Mr. THANEDAR, Ms. BALINT, Ms. PINGREE, Mr. TONKO, Mr. CARBAJAL, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Mr. DOGGETT, Ms. JAYAPAL, Ms. TLAIB, Mr. CLEAVER, Ms. WILSON of Florida, Ms. BROWNLEY, Ms. DEGETTE, Mr. HUFFMAN, Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia, Mr. FROST, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, Ms. GARCIA of Texas, Mr. POCAN, Mr. CARTER of Louisiana, Ms. DELBENE, Mr. SHERMAN, Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois, Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia, Ms. CROCKETT, Mr. CASAR, Mr. KHANNA, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. MRVAN, and Ms. CASTOR of Florida):

H.R. 5068. A bill to decriminalize and deschedule cannabis, to provide for reinvestment in certain persons adversely impacted by the War on Drugs, to provide for expungement of certain cannabis offenses, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, Agriculture, Education and Workforce, Ways and Means, Small Business, Natural Resources, Oversight and Government Reform, and 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 Mr. NORCROSS (for himself, Mr. POCAN, Ms. SHERRILL, Mr. DELUZIO, and Ms. HOYLE of Oregon):

H.R. 5069. A bill to designate the Peter J. McGuire Memorial and Peter J. McGuire Gravesite located in Pennsauken, New Jersey, as a National Historic Landmark, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Ms. NORTON (for herself and Mr. BEYER):

H.R. 5070. A bill to require Federal law enforcement officers to wear body cameras, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. PFLUGER:

H.R. 5071. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4551 East 52nd Street in Odessa, Texas, as the "Mary Granados Memorial Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Ms. POU:

H.R. 5072. A bill to require the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct a review relating to disasters caused by water infrastructure failures, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.