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## Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, September 29, 2025, at 3 p.m.

## House of Representatives

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2025

The House met at 10 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,  
September 26, 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:

Lord, we appeal to You, You who are in Your holy temple, seated on Your heavenly throne. From there, You examine all humanity, our comings and

our goings, our thoughts and our actions.

Test us, all of us, the righteous and the wicked. Examine our hearts and hold us accountable to Your divine will.

If we be found as those who resort to violence, rain down on our heartlessness coals that will burn the paths we have chosen to take. Deny us any reward for our cruelty.

But if, by Your mercy, we are found to be righteous, if we have heeded Your word and acted according to Your grace plan for our communities and our country, and for all of Your creation, if You are pleased with both our work and our intentions, may we see Your face and know the blessing of Your favor this day and the days to come. In Your sovereign name, we pray. 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 Tuesday, September 30, 2025.

Thereupon (at 10 o'clock and 2 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Tuesday, September 30, 2025, at noon.

### EXPENDITURE REPORTS CONCERNING OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL

Reports concerning the foreign currencies and U.S. dollars utilized for Official Foreign Travel during the third quarter of 2025, pursuant to Public Law 95-384, are as follows:

#### REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, DELEGATION TO JAPAN AND THE PHILIPPINES, EXPENDED BETWEEN JULY 27 AND AUG. 2, 2025

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem <sup>1</sup>		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>
Brian Cress .....	7/27	7/30	Japan .....	.....	1,491.96	.....	9,828.01	.....	.....	.....	11,391.97

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REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, DELEGATION TO JAPAN AND THE PHILIPPINES, EXPENDED BETWEEN JULY 27 AND AUG. 2, 2025—Continued

Table with columns: Name of Member or employee, Date (Arrival, Departure), Country, Per diem (Foreign currency, U.S. dollar equivalent), Transportation (Foreign currency, U.S. dollar equivalent), Other purposes (Foreign currency, U.S. dollar equivalent), Total (Foreign currency, U.S. dollar equivalent). Rows include Andrew Keyes, Brenna Elliot, Xenia Ruiz, Raymond Salazar, Jason Rogers, Dana Planning, Yvette Wissman, Claire Bienvenu, Brian Cress, and a Committee total of 124,600.74.

1 Per diem constitutes lodging and meals.

2 If foreign currency is used, enter U.S. dollar equivalent; if U.S. currency is used, enter amount expended.

HON. MIKE JOHNSON, Sept. 8, 2025.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, DELEGATION TO JAPAN AND SINGAPORE, EXPENDED BETWEEN JULY 31 AND AUG. 8, 2025

Table with columns: Name of Member or employee, Date (Arrival, Departure), Country, Per diem (Foreign currency, U.S. dollar equivalent), Transportation (Foreign currency, U.S. dollar equivalent), Other purposes (Foreign currency, U.S. dollar equivalent), Total (Foreign currency, U.S. dollar equivalent). Rows include Courtney Butcher, Brittany Smith, Chris Bien, Brett Horton, Meghan McCann, Courtney Cochran, Jake Bayer, and a Committee total of 89,669.09.

1 Per diem constitutes lodging and meals.

2 If foreign currency is used, enter U.S. dollar equivalent; if U.S. currency is used, enter amount expended.

HON. MIKE JOHNSON, Sept. 8, 2025.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, DELEGATION TO JAPAN AND THE PHILIPPINES, EXPENDED BETWEEN AUG. 10 AND AUG. 17, 2025

Table with columns: Name of Member or employee, Date (Arrival, Departure), Country, Per diem (Foreign currency, U.S. dollar equivalent), Transportation (Foreign currency, U.S. dollar equivalent), Other purposes (Foreign currency, U.S. dollar equivalent), Total (Foreign currency, U.S. dollar equivalent). Rows include Amelia Litynski, Steven Bertolini, Wyndee Parker, and a Committee total of 31,920.09.

1 Per diem constitutes lodging and meals.

2 If foreign currency is used, enter U.S. dollar equivalent; if U.S. currency is used, enter amount expended.

HON. MIKE JOHNSON, Sept. 18, 2025.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, DELEGATION TO SRI LANKA, EXPENDED BETWEEN AUG. 24 AND AUG. 30, 2025

Table with columns: Name of Member or employee, Date (Arrival, Departure), Country, Per diem (Foreign currency, U.S. dollar equivalent), Transportation (Foreign currency, U.S. dollar equivalent), Other purposes (Foreign currency, U.S. dollar equivalent), Total (Foreign currency, U.S. dollar equivalent). Rows include Derek Luyten, Chase Babair, Colby Harriman, and a Committee total of 28,254.63.

1 Per diem constitutes lodging and meals.

2 If foreign currency is used, enter U.S. dollar equivalent; if U.S. currency is used, enter amount expended.

HON. VERN BUCHANAN, Sept. 8, 2025.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS,  
ETC.

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

EC-2023. A letter from the Senior Bureau Official, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Department Notification Number: DDTC 25-037, a certification of a proposed transfer of major defense equipment, pursuant to section 3(d)(3) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-2024. A letter from the Senior Bureau Official, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Department Notification Number: DDTC 25-061, a certification of a proposed transfer of major defense equipment, pursuant to section 3(d)(3) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-2025. A letter from the Senior Bureau Official, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Department Notification Number: DDTC 24-018, pursuant to sections 36(c) and 36(d) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-2026. A letter from the Senior Bureau Official, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Department Notification Number: DDTC 24-024, pursuant to sections 36(c) and 36(d) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-2027. A letter from the Senior Bureau Official, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Department Notification Number: DDTC 24-109, pursuant to sections 36(c) and 36(d) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-2028. A letter from the Senior Bureau Official, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Department Notification Number: DDTC 25-031, pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-2029. A letter from the Senior Bureau Official, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Department Notification Number: DDTC 25-046, pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-2030. A letter from the Senior Bureau Official, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Department Notification Number: DDTC 22-083, pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-2031. A letter from the Senior Bureau Official, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Department Notification Number: DDTC 25-042, pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-2032. A letter from the Senior Bureau Official, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Department Notification Number: DDTC 25-077, pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-2033. A letter from the Senior Bureau Official, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Department Notification Number: DDTC 25-089, pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-2034. A letter from the Senior Bureau Official, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Department Notification Number: DDTC 25-059, pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-2035. A letter from the Senior Bureau Official, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, De-

partment of State, transmitting Department Notification Number: DDTC 25-087, pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-2036. A letter from the Senior Bureau Official, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Department Notification Number: DDTC 25-056, pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-2037. A letter from the Senior Bureau Official, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Department Notification Number: DDTC 25-050, pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-2038. A letter from the Senior Bureau Official, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Department Notification Number: DDTC 25-052, pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-2039. A letter from the Senior Bureau Official, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Department Notification Number: DDTC 25-033, pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-2040. A letter from the Senior Bureau Official, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Department Notification Number: DDTC 25-055, pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-2041. A letter from the Senior Bureau Official, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Department Notification Number: DDTC 25-084, pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-2042. A letter from the Senior Bureau Official, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Department Notification Number: DDTC 25-082, pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-2043. A letter from the Senior Bureau Official, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Department Notification Number: DDTC 25-074, pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

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. 1458. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to modify the criteria for approval of certain independent study programs for purposes of the educational assistance programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs, with an amendment (Rept. 119-308). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. BOST: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H.R. 659. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Chairman of the Board of Veterans' Appeals to give priority to individuals with certain professional experience in recommending such individuals to serve as members of the Board of Veterans' Appeals, and for other purposes (Rept. 119-309). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. BOST: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H.R. 2605. A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to award grants to nonprofit organizations to assist such organizations in carrying out programs to provide service dogs to eligible veterans, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept.

119-310). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. JORDAN: Committee on the Judiciary. H.R. 3492. A bill to amend section 116 of title 18, United States Code, with respect to genital and bodily mutilation and chemical castration of minors, with an amendment (Rept. 119-311). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. GARBARINO: Committee on Homeland Security. H.R. 4057. A bill to establish a pilot program on home kenneling of canines for U.S. Customs and Border Protection's Office of Field Operations, and for other purposes (Rept. 119-312). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. GARBARINO: Committee on Homeland Security. H.R. 4070. A bill to require a homeland security border threat assessment on Tren de Aragua and associated strategic plan, and for other purposes (Rept. 119-313). 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. CRAWFORD (for himself, Mr. GOLDEN of Maine, Mr. WESTERMAN, Mr. CARBAJAL, Mr. LAHOOD, and Ms. PEREZ):

H.R. 5563. A bill to establish an apprenticeship program for commercial drivers under the age of 21, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. ARRINGTON (for himself and Mr. ALFORD):

H.R. 5564. A bill to amend the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act to provide for improved coordination between the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency and the Secretary of Agriculture, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. BURCHETT:

H.R. 5565. A bill to promote classical and traditional architectural styles in Federal public buildings to enhance civic pride, reflect national heritage, and ensure aesthetic excellence in government infrastructure, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. CARBAJAL (for himself, Mr. VALADAO, Mr. CARTER of Louisiana, Mr. MAST, and Mr. VAN DREW):

H.R. 5566. A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act and the Safe Drinking Water Act to reauthorize certain programs for water infrastructure resilience and sustainability, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, 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 Mr. CISNEROS:

H.R. 5567. A bill to require the Secretary of Defense to provide a briefing to Congress on plans to expand access to affordable housing for members of the Armed Forces through partnerships with local governments and housing providers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. CONAWAY (for himself, Ms. SIMON, Mr. CASTRO of Texas, Ms. MORRISON, and Mr. OLSZEWSKI):

H.R. 5568. A bill to ensure continued appropriations for certain Small Business Administration programs during a Government shutdown, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Appropriations.