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## House of Representatives

The House met at noon and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. GRIFFITH).

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,  
September 30, 2025.

I hereby appoint the Honorable H. MORGAN GRIFFITH to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

MIKE JOHNSON,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

### PRAYER

Reverend Charles Trullols, Catholic Information Center, Washington, D.C., offered the following prayer:

Almighty and eternal Father, creator of Heaven and Earth, we come before You with praise and trust as Your children. You have given us laws to guide our lives so that we may flourish as individuals and as a society.

Bless and guide the Members of this Chamber, that they may enact laws which are just and righteous for the good of our Nation. If we have failed, grant us the wisdom and humility to pursue solutions for the betterment of our people.

As we prepare to celebrate the 250th anniversary of our Nation, we thank You for being its foundation, knowing that without You, we are powerless.

Holy Spirit, enkindle in our lawmakers the fire of Your love. May their work be devoted to truth, life, and peace, pursued with unity and selflessness. Make this Capitol a beacon of light for our country today and always.

Through Christ our Lord.  
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 3:30 p.m. on Friday, October 3, 2025.

Thereupon (at 12 o'clock and 2 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Friday, October 3, 2025, at 3:30 p.m.

### EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

EC-2044. A letter from the Administrator, Specialty Crops Program, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Irish Potatoes Grown in Certain Designated Counties in Idaho, and Malheur County, Oregon; Increased Assessment Rate [Doc. No.: AMS-SC-24-0042] received September 24, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Agriculture.

EC-2045. A letter from the Administrator, Specialty Crops Program, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's direct final rule — Imported Walnuts; Suspension of Handling Regulations [Doc. No.: AMS-SC-24-0053] received September 24, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Agriculture.

EC-2046. A letter from the Director, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting the September 2025 cumulative report on rescissions, pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 685(e)(1); Public Law 93-344, Sec. 1014(e); (88 Stat. 335) (H. Doc. No. 119-96); to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

EC-2047. A letter from the General Counsel, Government Accountability Office, transmitting a review of proposed rescissions, pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 685(b); Public Law 93-344, Sec. 1014(b); (88 Stat. 335); to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-2048. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting authorization of Major General Joseph E. Hilbert, United States Army, 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-2049. A letter from the Lieutenant Commander, Judge Advocate General's Corps, U.S. Navy, Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of the Navy, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's interim final rule — Recission of Procedures for Implementing the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) [Docket ID: USN-2025-HQ-0004] (RIN: 0703-AB31) received September 5, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2050. A letter from the Secretary, Division of Corporation Finance, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Acceleration of Effectiveness of Registration Statements of Issuers with Certain Mandatory Arbitration Provisions [Release No.: 33-11389; 34-103988] (RIN: 3235-AN55) received September 29, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Financial Services.

EC-2051. A letter from the Director, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting a Mid-Session Review of the Budget of the U.S. Government, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1106(a); Public Law 97-258, Sec. 1106(a); (96 Stat. 911) (H. Doc. No. 119-95); to the Committee on the Budget and ordered to be printed.

EC-2052. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Administration and Management, Department of Labor, transmitting the Department's direct final rule — Obsolete Grant

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and Contract Regulations [Docket No.: ETA-2025-0002] (RIN: 1291-AA48) received September 5, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Education and Workforce.

EC-2053. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Affairs, Office of the General Counsel, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's final rule — Miscellaneous Corrections, Clarifications, and Improvements (RIN: 1212-AB51) received September 17, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Education and Workforce.

EC-2054. A letter from the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting a report entitled, "FY 2024 Superfund Five-Year Review Report to Congress"; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-2055. A letter from the Senior Bureau Official, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a report titled, "International Military Education and Training Report", pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2347h; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-2056. A letter from the Acting President and Chairman, Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting 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-2057. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Affairs, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's correcting amendments — Rescission of Expired 1-Year Grace Period for Data Extensions [Docket ID: BOEM-2025-0038] (RIN: 1010-AE34) received September 25, 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-2058. A letter from the Deputy Associate Director, Office of Offshore Regulatory Programs, Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — Restoration of Names That Honor American Greatness; Gulf of America [Docket ID: BSEE-2025-0005; EEEE500000 245E1700D2 ET1SF0000.EAQ000] (RIN: 1014-AA65) received September 15, 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-2059. A letter from the Deputy Associate Director, Office of Offshore Regulatory Programs, Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — Oil and Gas and Sulfur Operations on the Outer Continental Shelf—Civil Penalty Inflation Adjustment [Docket ID: BSEE-2025-0001; EEEE500000-256E1700D2-ET1SF0000.EAQ000] (RIN: 1014-AA62) received September 15, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2060. A letter from the Chief Justice, Supreme Court of the United States, transmitting notification that the Supreme Court will open the October 2025 term on Monday, October 6, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2061. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's Major final rule — Water Quality Standards to Protect Aquatic Life in the Delaware River [EPA-HQ-OW-2023-0222; FRL-10760-02-OW] (RIN: 2040-AG30) received September 25, 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-2062. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting "Fiscal Year 2024 Report to Congress: Medicare National Coverage Determinations", pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 1395ff(f)(7)(A); Aug. 14, 1935, ch. 531, title XVIII, Sec. 1869(f)(7) (as amended by Public Law 106-554, Sec. 1(a)(6)); (114 Stat. 2763A-546); jointly to the Committees on Energy and Commerce and Ways and Means.

EC-2063. A letter from the Chairman, Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting the 2025 Annual Report of the United States Railroad Retirement Board for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024, pursuant to 45 U.S.C. 231f(b)(6); Aug. 29, 1935, ch. 812, Sec. 7(b)(6) (as amended by Public Law 97-35, Sec. 1122); (95 Stat. 638); jointly to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure and 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. GARBARINO: Committee on Homeland Security. H.R. 3965. A bill to establish in U.S. Customs and Border Protection a pilot program to adopt dogs from local animal shelters to be trained as support dogs, and for other purposes (Rept. 119-314). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. COMER: Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. H.R. 5214. A bill to require mandatory pretrial and post conviction detention for crimes of violence and dangerous crimes and require mandatory cash bail for certain offenses that pose a threat to public safety or order in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 119-315). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. COMER: Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. H.R. 5179. A bill to amend the District of Columbia Home Rule Act to provide for the appointment of the Attorney General for the District of Columbia by the President, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 119-316). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. COMER: Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. H.R. 5107. A bill to repeal the Comprehensive Policing and Justice Reform Amendment Act of 2022 enacted by the District of Columbia Council, with an amendment (Rept. 119-317). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. SMITH of Missouri: Committee on Ways and Means. H.R. 5346. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reform certain penalty and interest provisions, with an amendment (Rept. 119-318). 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. ADERHOLT (for himself, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Ms. SALAZAR, and Mr. EVANS of Pennsylvania):

H.R. 5616. A bill to amend title 31, United States Code, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint and issue \$2.50 numismatic coins and \$2.50 circulating coins, and for

other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. ANSARI (for herself and Mr. HUFFMAN):

H.R. 5617. A bill to direct the Department of the Interior to identify and publish standard procedures and guidelines for geothermal leasing and permit issuance for environmentally responsible geothermal operations on Federal lands; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. BARR (for himself, Mr. FLOOD, and Mr. HUIZENGA):

H.R. 5618. A bill to allow amounts made available for the Continuum of Care program of the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Ms. BYNUM (for herself, Mr.

NEGUSE, Mr. WHITESIDES, Ms. ANSARI, Ms. BONAMICI, Mr. CARTER of Louisiana, Mr. DELUZZO, Mrs. DINGELL, Ms. ELFRETH, Mr. FIELDS, Ms. GARCIA of Texas, Mr. HORSFORD, Ms. HOYLE of Oregon, Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ, Ms. MCCLELLAN, Mr. PETERS, Ms. ROSS, Ms. SALINAS, Mr. SHERMAN, Mr. STANTON, Mr. SWALWELL, Mr. THANEDAR, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Mr. THOMPSON of California, and Ms. SCHRIER):

H.R. 5619. A bill to ensure continuity of pay and allowances for Federal firefighters and protect Federal firefighters from reductions in force in the event of a lapse in appropriations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Appropriations, and in addition to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, 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. CRAWFORD (for himself, Mr. CARTER of Louisiana, and Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana):

H.R. 5620. A bill to provide for the establishment of a task force to identify trade barriers to United States agricultural exports and carry out other related duties; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Ms. DEGETTE (for herself and Mr. GRIFFITH):

H.R. 5621. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the participation of physical therapists in the National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment program, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to expand Medicare Rural Health Clinic Services and Federally Qualified Health Center Services to include physical therapy services, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, 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 Mrs. FOUSHEE (for herself, Mr. BEYER, and Mr. FROST):

H.R. 5622. A bill to provide for a coordinated national research program to examine the nature, causes, consequences, and prevention of violence and unintended injury and death relating to gun ownership, use, and trafficking, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on Science, Space, and Technology, and 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. GOTTHEIMER (for himself, Mr. SHREVE, Mr. MOSKOWITZ, Mr. MCCORMICK, and Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ):

H.R. 5623. A bill to authorize the President to treat as stocks of the United States any