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The House met at 3 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Ms. Foxx).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
October 6, 2025.

I hereby appoint the Honorable VIRGINIA Foxx 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:

Father of lights, shine Your light in our lives this day. You who are pure, reveal to us Your righteousness. In You there is no darkness at all. Lead us into Your truth.

Remind us again that even if we find ourselves standing in the shadow of deceit, of meanness, and even despair, if we remain in fellowship with You, attuning our hearts to Your truth and living our lives as a reflection of Your grace and mercy, we will find hope in the light of Your abiding presence.

Cleanse us from all unrighteousness, our own guile, unkindness, and pessimism. Remove from us the overwhelming cloud of doubt that threatens to overtake our spirits.

With the light of Your truth before us, illuminate our paths that we may live in perfect fellowship with You and with one another.

Blameless may we come before You, offering our prayers in Your eternal and perfect 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 3 p.m. on Wednesday, October 8, 2025.

Thereupon (at 3 o'clock and 2 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Wednesday, October 8, 2025, at 3 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-2107. A letter from the Administrative Appeals Counsel to the Secretary, Office of the Secretary, Department of Education, transmitting the Department's final rule — Final Priorities and Definitions-Secretary's Supplemental Priorities and Definitions on Evidence-Based Literacy, Education Choice, and Returning Education to the States [Docket ID: ED-2025-OS-0020] 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 Education and Workforce.

EC-2108. A letter from the Administration Assistant, United States Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Safety Zone; Atlantic Ocean, Wrightsville Beach,

NC [Docket Number: USCG-2025-0776] (RIN: 1625-AA00) 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 Energy and Commerce.

EC-2109. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Amicarbazone; Pesticide Tolerances [EPA-HQ-OPP-2024-0330; FRL-12992-01-OCSPP] received September 30, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-2110. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Air Plan Approval; GA; Removal of Emissions Statements Requirement and Updates To Permit by Rule [EPA-R04-OAR-2025-0045; FRL-12937-02-R4] received September 30, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-2111. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Air Plan Approval; Alabama; Standards for Granting Permits and Major New Source Review Permit Rules [EPA-R04-OAR-2024-0387; FRL-12923-02-R4] received September 30, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-2112. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Air Plan Approval; GA; Updates to the Cross-State Air Pollution Rule [EPA-R04-OAR-2024-0606; FRL-12862-02-R4] received September 30, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-2113. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Air Plan Approval; North Carolina; Revisions to Regulations for Sulfur Dioxide Emissions From Combustion Sources [EPA-R04-OAR-2024-0163; FRL-12823-02-R4] received September 30, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

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EC-2114. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; West Virginia; Revisions to Regulation for Control of Ozone Season Nitrogen Oxide Emissions [EPA-R03-OAR-2024-0513; FRL-12075-02-R3] received September 30, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-2115. A letter from the Associate Director, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's direct final rule — Approval of American Society of Mechanical Engineers Unconditioned Code Cases [NRC-2024-0163] (RIN: 3150-AL20) 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 Energy and Commerce.

EC-2116. A letter from the Chief Administrative Officer, U.S. House of Representatives, transmitting the Statement of Disbursements of the House of Representatives covering the period July 1, 2025 to September 30, 2025, pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 5535a (H. Doc. No. 119—100); to the Committee on House Administration and ordered to be printed.

EC-2117. A letter from the Administrative Assistant, United States Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Regulated Navigation Area; Illinois River, Naplate, IL [Docket Number: USCG-2025-0320] (RIN: 1625-AA11) 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 Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-2118. A letter from the Administrative Assistant, United States Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Safety Zone; Naval Salvage Operation, Apra Harbor, GU [Docket Number: USCG-2025-0850] (RIN: 1625-AA00) 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 Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-2119. A letter from the Administrative Assistant, United States Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Special Local Regulation; Galveston Channel, Galveston, TX [Docket Number: USCG-2025-0586] (RIN: 1625-AA08) 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 Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-2120. A letter from the Administrative Assistant, United States Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's temporary final rule — Safety Zone, Black River Bay, Sackets Harbor NY [Docket Number: USCG-2025-0800] (RIN: 1625-AA00) 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 Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-2121. A letter from the Administrative Assistant, United States Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Okeechobee Waterway, Stuart, FL [Docket No.: USCG-2022-0222] (RIN: 1625-AA09) 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 Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-2122. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Envi-

ronmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's direct final rule — Effluent Limitations Guidelines and Standards for the Steam Electric Power Generating Point Source Category-Initial Notification Date Extension [EPA-HQ-OW-2009-0819; FRL-8794.3-02-OW] (RIN: 2040-AG48) received September 30, 2025; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-2123. A letter from the Chairman, Surface Transportation Board, transmitting the Board's final rule — Fees for Services Performed in Connection With Licensing and Related Services-2025 Update [Docket No.: EP 542 (Sub-No. 33)] 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 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 Ms. BARRAGÁN (for herself, Ms. BONAMICI, and Ms. PINGREE):

H.R. 5692. A bill to accelerate the competitiveness of the United States in marine energy technologies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, and in addition to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, Natural Resources, and Education and Workforce, 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. BAUMGARTNER:

H.R. 5693. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to prohibit certain private-equity and sovereign wealth fund agreements involving intercollegiate athletics; to the Committee on Education and Workforce.

By Mr. BEGICH:

H.R. 5694. A bill to amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to protect the cultural practices and livelihoods of producers of Alaska Native handicrafts and marine mammal ivory products, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. BRESNAHAN:

H.R. 5695. A bill to suspend Federal individual income taxes during a lapse in appropriations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. LAMALFA:

H.R. 5696. A bill to improve Tribal self-governance by streamlining appraisals for on-reservation trust land acquisitions by Indian Tribes with self-governance realty programs; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. NEHLS (for himself, Mr. MOULTON, and Ms. TITUS):

H.R. 5697. A bill to adjust the effective date of any adjustment based on Consumer Price Index to rail passenger liability cap that occurs during calendar year 2026; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, 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 Ms. NORTON:

H.R. 5698. A bill to provide that the authority to grant clemency for offenses against the District of Columbia shall be exercised in accordance with law enacted by the District of Columbia; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Mr. RUTHERFORD:

H.R. 5699. A bill to require the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmos-

pheric Administration to reform the Marine Recreational Information Program of the National Marine Fisheries Service, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mrs. SYKES:

H.R. 5700. A bill to provide additional housing protections for survivors of domestic violence, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mrs. SYKES:

H.R. 5701. A bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to modify the 10-year marriage rule relating to spouses and surviving spouses insurance benefits in cases of domestic violence, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mrs. SYKES:

H.R. 5702. A bill to amend the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994 to ensure that healthcare providers can assist survivors of domestic violence, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. VINDMAN (for himself and Mr. LAWLER):

H.R. 5703. A bill to amend the Agricultural Research, Extension, and Education Reform Act of 1998 and the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990 to direct the Agricultural Research Service to expand organic research, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mrs. DINGELL (for herself and Mr. BACON):

H. Con. Res. 55. Concurrent resolution designating September 2025 as "Gynecologic Cancers Awareness Month"; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. COSTA (for himself, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Mr. VALADAO, Mr. TONKO, Mr. FITZPATRICK, and Mr. BILIRAKIS):

H. Res. 788. A resolution expressing support for the designation of October 8, 2025, as "National Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Day"; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Mr. GARBARINO (for himself, Mr. AMODEI of Nevada, Mr. LALOTA, Ms. MALLIOTAKIS, Mr. LANGWORTHY, Ms. TENNEY, Mr. VAN DREW, Mr. LAMALFA, Mr. RULLI, and Mr. FLEISCHMANN):

H. Res. 789. A resolution expressing support for the recognition of Christopher Columbus and his impact on the Italian-American community, and recognizing the second Monday in October as "Columbus Day"; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Mrs. HOUCHIN:

H. Res. 790. A resolution designating October 10, 2025, as "American Girls in Sports Day"; to the Committee on Education and Workforce.

By Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania (for himself, Ms. CRAIG, and Mr. BISHOP):

H. Res. 791. A resolution expressing support for the designation of October 5 through October 11, 2025, as "National 4-H Week"; to the Committee on Education and Workforce, 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.

CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY STATEMENT

Pursuant to clause 7 of rule XII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the following statements are submitted regarding the specific powers