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## House of Representatives

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

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,  
October 8, 2025.

I hereby appoint the Honorable RUSS FULCHER, 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:

Where, O Lord, do we find insight when all around us, the competing narratives muddle the path toward discernment? Voices cry out for understanding, searching as if for hidden treasure and longing to find the wisdom needed to meet today's challenges.

You alone, O God, give wisdom; from Your mouth only come knowledge and understanding.

Teach us to listen for the Word You speak, that we will learn what is right, just, and fair.

Open our eyes to perceive the path of blamelessness. Remind us that You set before us guardrails to keep us safe if we are honest and to protect us when we are faithful.

Incline our hearts toward discretion. Lead us on straight paths, and guard us against our own willfulness.

In You alone may we seek wisdom. In You only will we find insight.

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 12:30 p.m. on Friday, October 10, 2025.

Thereupon (at 3 o'clock and 2 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Friday, October 10, 2025, at 12:30 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-2124. A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Specialty Crops Program, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Tart Cherries Grown in the States of Michigan, New York, Pennsylvania, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wisconsin; Amendments to the Marketing Order [Doc. No.: AMS-SC-22-0052] received October 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 Agriculture.

EC-2125. A letter from the Under Secretary, Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense, transmitting a letter authorizing 10 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-2126. A letter from the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the annual report of material violations or suspected material violations of regulations of the Secretary, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 3121 note; Public Law 103-202, Sec. 202(d)(1); (107 Stat. 2356); to the Committee on Financial Services.

EC-2127. A letter from the Acting General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Department of Energy, transmitting the Department's final rule — Reliability Standards for Frequency and Voltage Protection Settings and Ride-Through for Inverter-Based Resources [Docket No.: RM25-3-000; Order No.: 909] 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-2128. 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 Section 4 of the Authorization for the Use of Military Force Against Iraq Resolution of 2002, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1541 note; Public Law 98-119, Sec. 4; (97 Stat. 806); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-2129. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Treasury, transmitting a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to the situation in or in relation to the Democratic Republic of the Congo that was declared in Executive Order 13413 of October 27, 2006, 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-2130. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Syria that was declared in Executive Order 13338 of May 11, 2004, 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-2131. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to South Sudan that

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was declared in Executive Order 13664 of April 3, 2014, 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-2132. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Sudan that was declared in Executive Order 13067 of November 3, 1997, 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-2133. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to significant malicious cyber-enabled activities that was declared in Executive Order 13694 of April 1, 2015, 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-2134. A letter from the Senior Bureau Official, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Department Notification Number: RSAT Case 25-11218 pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 3(d) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-2135. A letter from the Senior Bureau Official, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Determinations under Section 7012, Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2024; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-2136. A letter from the Senior Bureau Official, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Department Notification Number: DDTC 25-063, pursuant to section 36(c) and 36(d) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-2137. A letter from the Senior Bureau Official, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Department Notification Number: DDTC 25-062, pursuant to sections 36(c) and 36(d) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-2138. A letter from the Senior Bureau Official, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Department Notification Number: DDTC 25-038, pursuant to sections 36(c) and 36(d) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-2139. A letter from the Senior Bureau Official, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Department Notification Number: DDTC 25-083, pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-2140. A letter from the Senior Bureau Official, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Department Notification Number: DDTC 25-075, pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-2141. A letter from the Senior Bureau Official, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Department Notification Number: DDTC 25-073, pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-2142. A letter from the Senior Bureau Official, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Department Notification Number: DDTC 25-060, pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-2143. A letter from the Senior Bureau Official, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, De-

partment of State, transmitting Department Notification Number: DDTC 25-051, pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-2144. A letter from the Senior Bureau Official, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Department Notification Number: DDTC 25-047, pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-2145. A letter from the Senior Bureau Official, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Department Notification Number: DDTC 25-071, pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-2146. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 26-151 "Robert F. Kennedy Campus Redevelopment Amendment Act of 2025", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 813); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

EC-2147. A letter from the Chief Regulatory Officer, Office of Policy and Strategy, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Facilitating Earlier Filing of Certain Electronically Submitted H-2A Petitions [CIS No.: 2832-25; DHS Docket No.: USCIS-2025-0238] (RIN: 1615-AD04) received October 2, 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-2148. A letter from the Senior Bureau Official, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting the Department's final rule — Schedule of Fees for Consular Services, Department of State and Overseas Embassies and Consulates-Visa Services Fee Changes [Public Notice: 12819] (RIN: 1400-AG09) 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 the Judiciary.

EC-2149. A letter from the Administrative Assistant, United States Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Special Local Regulations; Recurring Marine Events; Sector St. Petersburg [Docket Number: USCG-2025-0528] (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-2150. A letter from the Administrative Assistant, United States 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 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-2151. A letter from the Senior Attorney Advisor, Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Rescinding Regulations Regarding Management Systems Pertaining to the Fish and Wildlife Service and the Refuge Roads Program [Docket Number: FHWA-2025-0017] (RIN: 2125-AG23) received September 28, 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-2152. A letter from the Chief, Regulatory Development, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's interim final rule — Restoring Integrity to the Issuance of Non-Domiciled Commercial Drivers Licenses (CDL) [Docket No.: FMCSA-2025-0622] (RIN: 2126-AC98) received

October 2, 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-2153. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Labor, transmitting the Department's report "Exposing Foreign Labor Abuses to Address Unfair Competition for American Workers and Companies", pursuant to 19 U.S.C. 2464; Public Law 93-618, Sec. 504 (as amended by Public Law 106-200, Sec. 412(c)); (114 Stat. 299); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

EC-2154. A letter from the Director, Regulations and Disclosure Law Division, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Extension of Import Restrictions on Archaeological Material of Chile [CBP Dec. 25-14] (RIN: 1685-AA35) 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 Ways and Means.

EC-2155. A letter from the Senior Regulatory Writer, Law and Policy — Regulations and Reports Clearance, Social Security Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Extension of Expiration Dates for 13 Body System Listings [Docket No.: SSA-2025-0033] (RIN: 0960-AI95) 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 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. BOST: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H.R. 3123. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to make certain improvements to laws relating to the payment of certain benefits administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs that are affected by death, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 119-339). 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. MASSIE (for himself and Mr. PERRY):

H.R. 5704. A bill to repeal the Smith-Mundt Modernization Act of 2013 and to prohibit domestic propaganda by the Federal Government; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. AMO (for himself, Mrs. BEATTY, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Ms. BARRAGÁN, Ms. NORTON, Mr. RUIZ, Ms. ELFRETH, Mr. MOULTON, Mr. LANDSMAN, Mr. WALKINSHAW, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Ms. RIVAS, Mr. CARTER of Louisiana, Ms. MCCLELLAN, Mrs. MCIVER, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mr. CARBAJAL, Mr. VARGAS, Mr. FIGURES, Ms. PETTERSEN, Mr. GOLDMAN of New York, Mrs. HAYES, Mr. NADLER, Ms. TLAIB, Ms. BROWN, Mr. THANEDAR, Ms. LEE of Pennsylvania, Ms. SEWELL, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Ms. SALINAS, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, Ms. WILSON of Florida, Ms. ROSS, Mr. VEASEY, Ms. GOODLANDER, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Mr. CARSON,