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## House of Representatives

The House met at 2 p.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,  
October 14, 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:

God, our creator, You who have reached out to us in love and graced us, undeservedly, with gifts of encouragement, opportunity, and responsibility, make Your will known to us this day.

Reach out to us again and break through the noise of our own making, the disparate sounds of our voices and competing volitions which deafen us to hearing the wisdom You offer us.

Grant us again Your mercy, as unworthy as we are, and reveal to us how our efforts to fix things, to settle accounts, and effect our own outcomes have veered widely from the faith You ask of us and the trust You want from us.

Put a fresh heart in us that it would reflect Your desire for peace and amity. Invigorate and motivate our work that it would advance Your intentions for the challenging moments in which we find ourselves, and enliven with Your spirit and inspire the words that we use that they would reveal the love You would have us share in our dealings with each other.

Lord of our lives, we lay our own will down that Your will only will be done.

With the strength found in You, we call on Your name as we offer our prayers this day.

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 2 p.m. on Friday, October 17, 2025.

Thereupon (at 2 o'clock and 2 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Friday, October 17, 2025, at 2 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-2156. A letter from the Senior Counsel, Legal Division, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, transmitting the Bureau's Major final rule — Interpretive Rules, Policy Statements, and Advisory Opinions; Withdrawal received October 10, 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-2157. A letter from the Senior Counsel, Legal Division, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, transmitting the Bureau's

Major final rule — Small Business Lending Under the Equal Credit Opportunity Act (Regulation B); Extension of Compliance Dates [Docket No.: CFPB-2025-0017] (RIN: 3170-AB40) received October 10, 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-2158. A letter from the Senior Counsel, Legal Division, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, transmitting the Bureau's final rule— Procedures for Supervisory Designation Proceedings [Docket No.: CFPB-2025-0013] (RIN: 3170-AB34) received October 10, 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-2159. A letter from the General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Supply Chain Risk Management Reliability Standards Revisions; Equipment and Services Produced or Provided by Certain Entities Identified as Risks to National Security [Docket Nos.: RM24-4-000 and RM20-19-000; Order No.: 912] received October 9, 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-2160. A letter from the Supervisor, Executive Services Branch, OMS/OHCO/EESD, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting thirteen (13) notifications of a designation of acting officer, nomination, action on nomination, change in previously submitted reported information, and 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.

### 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. COMER: Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. H.R. 5242. A bill to repeal the Second Chance Amendment Act of 2022 and the Incarceration Reduction Amendment Act of 2016; with an amendment (Rept. 119-341). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

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

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Mr. COMER: Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. H.R. 5163. A bill to prohibit camping on public property in the District of Columbia; with an amendment (Rept. 119-342). 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. EZELL (for himself, Mr. CARTER of Louisiana, and Mr. VEASEY):

H.R. 5745. A bill to promote fish habitat through the enhancement of certain offshore oil and gas platforms and pipelines as artificial reefs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. EZELL (for himself, Mrs. CAMMACK, Mr. CASE, Mr. PANETTA, and Mr. WEBER of Texas):

H.R. 5746. A bill to require the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to establish an assessment program for commercial-scale offshore aquaculture through demonstration projects, to establish Aquaculture Centers of Excellence, to support aquaculture workforce development and working waterfronts, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on 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. COSTA (for himself and Mr. VALADAO):

H.R. 5747. A bill to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services, acting through the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response, to carry out a program under which the Secretary requires each covered distributor of a highly pathogenic agent to comply with certain logbook requirements, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. DOWNING (for himself, Mr. DONALDS, Mr. DAVIDSON, Mr. STUTZMAN, Mr. CARTER of Georgia, and Mr. MOORE of Alabama):

H.R. 5748. A bill to codify Executive Order 14330 (relating to democratizing access to alternative assets for 401(k) investors); to the Committee on Education and Workforce, and in addition to the Committee on Financial Services, 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. FOXX (for herself, Mr. COMER, and Mr. PALMER):

H.R. 5749. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to require that the Office of Personnel Management submit an annual report to Congress relating to the use of official time by Federal employees; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Mr. GILL of Texas:

H.R. 5750. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to modify probationary periods with respect to positions in the competitive service, to establish trial periods for positions in the excepted service, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Mr. HARDER of California:

H.R. 5751. A bill to amend the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 to add a standard related to State consideration of public disclosure of meetings with lobbyists for, or representatives of, electric utilities; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. KENNEDY of Utah:

H.R. 5752. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Bureau of Land Management land to the city of Price, Utah, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. MCGOVERN:

H.R. 5753. A bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act and the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 to increase reimbursement rates of school meals, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and Workforce.

By Ms. NORTON:

H.R. 5754. A bill to amend title 31, United States Code, to repeal the authorities of the Government Accountability Office with respect to the District of Columbia government, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Mr. PETERS (for himself and Mr. HUIZENGA):

H.R. 5755. A bill to provide that Members of Congress may not receive pay after October 1 of any fiscal year in which Congress has not approved a concurrent resolution on the budget and passed the regular appropriations bills; to the Committee on House Administration.

By Mr. RUIZ:

H.R. 5756. A bill to provide funding for LIHEAP during a Federal Government shutdown; to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. RUIZ:

H.R. 5757. A bill to provide appropriations for certain tribal programs during a period of a lapse in discretionary appropriations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. SELF (for himself and Mr. CISCOMANI):

H.R. 5758. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to permit the voluntary transmission of patient contact information to certain religious or faith-based organizations by chaplains employed by the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Ms. STEFANIK (for herself and Mr. TURNER of Ohio):

H.R. 5759. A bill to amend the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 to change the competitive bidding process for infant formula manufacturers under the special supplemental nutrition program for women, infants, and children, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and Workforce.

By Ms. STEFANIK (for herself and Mr. CRAWFORD):

H.R. 5760. A bill to amend the Defense Production Act of 1950 to include the Secretary of Agriculture on the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States and require review of certain agricultural transactions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services, and in addition to the Committees on Foreign Affairs, 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 Mrs. SYKES (for herself, Ms. BUDZINSKI, and Mrs. DINGELL):

H.R. 5761. A bill to amend the Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification Act to support workers who are subject to an employment loss, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and Workforce.

By Mr. TONKO (for himself, Ms. MALLIOTAKIS, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Ms. GILLEN, Mr. GOLDMAN of New York, Mr. GOTTHEIMER, Mr. KEAN, Mr. LATIMER, Mr. LAWLER, Mr. MANNION, Mrs. MCIVER, Mr. MEEKS, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. MENG, Mr. NORCROSS, Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ,

Mr. PALLONE, Ms. POU, Mr. RILEY of New York, Mr. RYAN, Ms. SHERRILL, Mr. SUOZZI, Mr. TORRES of New York, Mr. VAN DREW, and Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN):

H.R. 5762. A bill to establish the New York-New Jersey Watershed Restoration Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas (for himself and Ms. SIMON):

H.R. 5763. A bill to amend the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 to modify the criteria for loans for plant acquisition, construction, conversion or expansion, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business.

By Mrs. RAMIREZ (for herself, Ms. UNDERWOOD, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Ms. JACOBS, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, Mr. CASTEN, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. FOSTER, Ms. BUDZINSKI, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois, and Mr. QUIGLEY):

H. Con. Res. 57. Concurrent resolution honoring Wade Alfayoumi, a 6-year-old Palestinian-American boy, murdered as a victim of a hate crime for his Palestinian-Muslim identity, in the State of Illinois; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. BARRAGÁN (for herself, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. SALAZAR, Ms. ANSARI, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, Mr. MULLIN, Ms. NORTON, Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE, Mr. CASTRO of Texas, Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ, Ms. POU, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Mr. VARGAS, Mr. CARTER of Louisiana, Mr. GOLDMAN of New York, Ms. GARCIA of Texas, Ms. MATSUI, Ms. STANSBURY, Ms. SALINAS, Mr. KENNEDY of New York, Mr. MCGOVERN, and Mrs. TRAHAN):

H. Res. 804. A resolution recognizing the importance of Spanish-language media in the United States; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. CARTER of Georgia (for himself and Mrs. HARSHBARGER):

H. Res. 805. A resolution recognizing October 2025 as "American Pharmacists Month" in honor of the contribution of pharmacists to provide safe, accessible, affordable, and beneficial patient care services and products to all residents and protect the public health of our communities; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. CARTER of Georgia (for himself, Mr. MILLER of Ohio, Mr. DESAULNIER, Mr. MORELLE, and Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ):

H. Res. 806. A resolution supporting the recognition of October 2025 as "National Breast Cancer Awareness Month"; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Mr. MFUNE (for himself, Mr. GARCIA of California, Ms. NORTON, Mr. LYNCH, Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY, Ms. PRESSLEY, Ms. TLAI, Ms. BROWN, Ms. STANSBURY, Ms. CROCKETT, Mr. IVEY, Ms. LEE of Pennsylvania, Mr. OLSZEWSKI, Ms. ELFRETH, Ms. RANDALL, Mr. SUBRAMANYAM, Ms. ANSARI, Mr. BELL, Ms. SIMON, Mr. MIN, and Mr. WALKINSHAW):

H. Res. 807. A resolution of inquiry requesting the President to transmit certain information to the House of Representatives referring to the firings, dismissal, reduction in force, or withholding of pay for the period of the lapse in appropriations of furloughed employees of the United States Government; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Ms. TITUS (for herself, Mr. HORSFORD, Ms. LEE of Nevada, and Mr. AMODEI of Nevada):