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## Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, October 20, 2025, at 3 p.m.

## House of Representatives

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2025

The House met at 2 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. GOLDMAN of Texas).

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,  
October 17, 2025.

I hereby appoint the Honorable CRAIG A. GOLDMAN, 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:

To the only wise God, our Savior, we offer our prayers this day. It is for Your wisdom we appeal, for You alone know how we are to order the outcome of these challenging moments, and You alone determine the course our country should take.

In so doing, we dare to submit our deeds to Your judgment, our will to Your correction. You, O Lord, will bring to light the things we have hidden, and You will disclose our ulterior purposes. May they be found worthy of You.

Give then Your servants an understanding mind and a discerning heart to judge between right and wrong in the governance of Your people. For without Your guiding presence, Your

abiding grace, and Your infinite wisdom, who is able to govern this Nation?

We call on Your merciful 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.

### COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, October 16, 2025.

Hon. MIKE JOHNSON,  
*Speaker, House of Representatives,*  
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on October 16, 2025, at 2:48 p.m.:

That the Senate passed S. 1440.  
That the Senate passed S. 1728.  
That the Senate passed S. 2283.  
That the Senate passed S. 2403.  
With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely,

KEVIN F. MCCUMBER,  
*Clerk.*

### COMMUNICATION FROM THE SPEAKER

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

WASHINGTON, DC,  
October 17, 2025.

I hereby designate the period from Monday, October 20, 2025, through Sunday October 26, 2025, as a "district work period" under clause 13 rule 1.

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

### ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTIONS SIGNED

Kevin F. McCumber, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly enrolled joint resolutions of the House of the following titles, which were thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.J. Res. 105. Joint Resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Bureau of Land Management relating to "North Dakota Field Office Record of Decision and Approved Resource Management Plan".

H.J. Res. 106. Joint Resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Bureau of Land Management relating to "Central Yukon Record of

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

Matter set in this typeface indicates words inserted or appended, rather than spoken, by a Member of the House on the floor.



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Decision and Approved Resource Management Plan”.

### ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 13 of rule I, the House stands adjourned until 2 p.m. on Tuesday, October 21, 2025.

Thereupon (at 2 o'clock and 3 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Tuesday, October 21, 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-2161. A letter from the President, transmitting notification that the national emergency with respect to Sudan declared in Executive Order 13067 of November 3, 1997, is to continue in effect beyond November 3, 2025, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1622(d); Public Law 94-412, Sec. 202(d); (90 Stat. 1255) (H. Doc. No. 119-102); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed.

EC-2162. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting notification that the national emergency with respect to the situation in or in relation to the Democratic Republic of the Congo declared in Executive Order 13413 of October 27, 2006, is to continue in effect beyond October 27, 2025, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1622(d); Public Law 94-412, Sec. 202(d); (90 Stat. 1255) (H. Doc. No. 119-103); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed.

EC-2163. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting notification that the national emergency with respect to significant narcotics traffickers centered in Colombia declared in Executive Order 12978 of October 21, 1995, is to continue in effect beyond October 21, 2025, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1622(d); Public Law 94-412, Sec. 202(d); (90 Stat. 1255) (H. Doc. No. 119-101); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed.

EC-2164. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Secretary, Employment and Training Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting the Department's Major interim final rule — Adverse Effect Wage Rate Methodology for the Temporary Employment of H-2A Nonimmigrants in Non-Range Occupations in the United States [DOL Docket No.: ETA-2025-0008] (RIN: 1205-AC24) 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 the Judiciary.

### 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. 647. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the provision of certain additional burial benefits for individuals for whom an urn or plaque is furnished, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 119-343). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. BOST: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H.R. 1336. A bill to direct the Secretary

of Veterans Affairs to establish a pilot program to furnish hyperbaric oxygen therapy to a veteran who has a traumatic brain injury or post-traumatic stress disorder; with an amendment (Rept. 119-344). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. JORDAN: Committee on the Judiciary. H.R. 4371. A bill to amend the William Wilberforce Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act of 2008 to enhance efforts to combat the trafficking of children; with amendments (Rept. 119-345). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. JORDAN: Committee on the Judiciary. H.R. 2159. A bill to direct the Attorney General of the United States to submit to the Congress a report on Federal criminal offenses, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 119-346). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. JORDAN: Committee on the Judiciary. H.R. 4323. A bill to provide for the vacating of certain convictions and expungement of certain arrests of victims of human trafficking; with an amendment (Rept. 119-347). 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. ALFORD (for himself and Ms. SCHOLTEN):

H.R. 5764. A bill to amend the Small Business Act to require small business development centers to assist small business concerns with the use of artificial intelligence, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business.

By Mr. BALDERSON:

H.R. 5765. A bill to direct Federal departments or agencies to implement certain definitions for the terms affordable, reliable, and clean energy, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. BARR:

H.R. 5766. A bill to require the Secretary of State to annually award an honorary Trump Peace Prize; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. BARR:

H.R. 5767. A bill to require all testing relating to the issuance or renewal of a commercial driver's license to be conducted only in English, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. CARTER of Georgia (for himself, Mr. VEASEY, Mr. STEUBE, and Mr. MCCORMICK):

H.R. 5768. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to adjust payment for skin substitute products under the Medicare program; 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. HOUCHIN (for herself, Ms. HAGEMAN, Mr. WESTERMAN, Mr. MRVAN, and Mr. NEGUSE):

H.R. 5769. A bill to amend the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act to improve provisions relating to dyslexia, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and Workforce.

By Ms. HOULAHAN (for herself and Mr. BACON):

H.R. 5770. A bill to establish biotechnology workforce training programs for Department of Defense personnel, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Ms. JOHNSON of Texas:

H.R. 5771. A bill to amend the Social Security Act to ensure that each office of the Social Security Administration and each State agency that makes disability determinations are fully staffed with employees to answer calls during business hours, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. KEAN (for himself and Mr. MOSKOWITZ):

H.R. 5772. A bill to amend title 36, United States Code, to require the Hostage and Wrongful Detainee flag to be displayed on key historical dates, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY (for himself, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, Mrs. RAMIREZ, Mr. GARCIA of Illinois, Mr. QUIGLEY, Mr. CASTEN, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. SCHNEIDER, Mr. FOSTER, Mr. BOST, Ms. BUDZINSKI, Ms. UNDERWOOD, Mrs. MILLER of Illinois, Mr. LAHOOD, and Mr. SORESENSEN):

H.R. 5773. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service at 1300 East Northwest Highway in Palatine, Illinois, as the “Bernie Bluestein Post Office Building”; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ (for herself, Mrs. HAYES, and Mr. CARSON):

H.R. 5774. A bill to amend the Head Start Act to protect Head Start from proposals to eliminate the program and restore the Head Start program's regional offices, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and Workforce.

By Mr. LOUDERMILK (for himself, Mrs. WAGNER, Mr. FITZGERALD, Mr. MEUSER, Mrs. KIM, and Mr. HUIZENGA):

H.R. 5775. A bill to amend the civil liability requirements under the Fair Credit Reporting Act to include requirements relating to class actions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services, 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. MALLIOTAKIS (for herself, Ms. ESCOBAR, and Mr. FITZPATRICK):

H.R. 5776. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a tax credit for layer operation efficiency equipment; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mrs. McCLAIN DELANEY (for herself, Mr. MOULTON, Mrs. McIVER, Ms. CRAIG, Mr. LANDSMAN, Ms. BONAMICI, Mr. SUBRAMANYAM, Mr. CARSON, and Ms. LOFGREN):

H.R. 5777. A bill to amend the Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974 to direct the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to reimburse certain expenses during a period in which there is a lapse in appropriations for the Federal Emergency Management Agency and for other purposes; to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

By Mrs. McIVER (for herself, Mr. BRESNAHAN, and Ms. VELÁZQUEZ):

H.R. 5778. A bill to direct the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to improve outreach and education on employee ownership, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business.

By Mr. MILLER of Ohio:

H.R. 5779. A bill to establish a program of workforce development as an alternative to