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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. HARIDOPOLOS).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,

October 21, 2025.

I hereby appoint the Honorable MIKE HARIDOPOLOS 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:

Lord, when it comes down to it, all of us want to live well and act wisely. Though we insist on devising our own plans, brainstorming our own options, too often we come up short, for only Your purpose prevails.

In these days, may we listen for Your inimitable counsel. Silence the noise of argument. Reveal the truth in debate. Humble the proud and give wisdom to those who are willing to reason.

We only make it worse when we try to fix things without Your guidance. We endure the backlash of our own anger when we fail to let Your mercy preside over our hearts.

God, our judge and ruler, we accept Your correction. Grow wisdom in our hearts and clear our heads to receive Your instruction, that we may live to revere You and to yield to Your divine will.

From this posture of humility and faithfulness, may Your design for this day and for our work be fulfilled.

Now to You, the only one who is able to keep us from falling, the only God our Savior, may we bring glory and honor. In the strength found in Your 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 2 p.m. on Friday, October 24, 2025.

Thereupon (at 2 o'clock and 2 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Friday, October 24, 2025, at 2 p.m.

EXPENDITURE REPORTS CONCERNING OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL

Reports concerning the foreign currencies and U.S. dollars utilized for Official Foreign Travel during the third quarter of 2025, pursuant to Public Law 95-384, are as follows:

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, DELEGATION TO CANADA, EXPENDED BETWEEN SEPT. 4 AND SEPT. 5, 2025

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem ¹		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²
Speaker Mike Johnson	9/4	9/5	Canada		407.00		(3)				407.00
Hayden Haynes	9/4	9/5	Canada		407.00		(3)				407.00
William Duhnke	9/4	9/5	Canada		407.00		(3)				407.00
Taylor Haulsee	9/4	9/5	Canada		407.00		(3)				407.00
Jacqueline Russell	9/4	9/5	Canada		407.00		(3)				407.00
Meredith Turton	9/4	9/5	Canada		407.00		(3)				407.00
Marie Price	9/4	9/5	Canada		407.00		(3)				407.00
William Johnson	9/4	9/5	Canada		407.00		(3)				407.00
Kate Knudson	9/2	9/5	Canada		1,221.00		(3) 622.74				1,843.74
Meghan McCann	9/4	9/5	Canada		407.00		(3)				407.00
Steven Bertolini	9/2	9/5	Canada		1,221.00		(3) 771.63				1,992.63

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

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REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, DELEGATION TO CANADA, EXPENDED BETWEEN SEPT. 4 AND SEPT. 5, 2025—Continued

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem ¹		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²
Committee total											7,499.37

¹ Per diem constitutes lodging and meals.
² If foreign currency is used, enter U.S. dollar equivalent; if U.S. currency is used, enter amount expended.
³ Military air transportation.

HON. MIKE JOHNSON, Oct. 6, 2025.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN JULY 1 AND SEPT. 30, 2025

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem ¹		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²
Eric Heighberger	8/3	8/9	Estonia—Poland		1,844.65		1,539.91				3,384.56
Lisa Canini	8/3	8/9	Estonia—Poland		1,844.65		1,539.91				3,384.56
Alexandra Seymour	8/3	8/9	Estonia—Poland		1,844.65		1,539.91				3,384.56
Ashley Truluck	8/3	8/9	Estonia—Poland		1,844.65		1,539.91				3,384.56
Rohan Suri	8/3	8/9	Estonia—Poland		1,844.64		1,539.91				3,384.55
Steven Szucs	8/3	8/9	Estonia—Poland		1,844.64		1,539.91				3,384.55
Roland Hernandez	8/10	8/17	Singapore—Philippines		2,564.00		1,084.70				3,648.70
Trevor Whetstone	8/10	8/17	Singapore—Philippines		2,564.00		1,084.70				3,648.70
Marcus Clark	8/10	8/17	Singapore—Philippines		2,564.00		1,084.70				3,648.70
Brooklyn Tucker	8/10	8/17	Singapore—Philippines		2,564.00		1,084.70				3,648.70
Sarah Ereio	8/10	8/17	Singapore—Philippines		2,564.00		1,084.70				3,648.70
Laura Gorceac	8/10	8/17	Singapore—Philippines		2,564.00		1,084.70				3,648.70
Moir Bergin	8/10	8/17	Singapore—Philippines		2,564.00		1,084.70				3,648.70
Alexander Marston	9/21	9/29	Argentina—Chile		2,610.00		7,249.91				9,859.91
Hon. Andrew Garbarino	8/25	8/28	Italy		2,004.00		12,379.91				14,383.91
Committee total					33,629.88		36,462.18				70,092.06

¹ Per diem constitutes lodging and meals.
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HON. ANDREW GARBARINO, Oct. 7, 2025.

(AMENDED) REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN JULY 1 AND SEPT. 30, 2025

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem ¹		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²
Eric Heighberger	8/2	8/9	Estonia—Poland		1,844.65		1,539.91				3,384.56
Lisa Canini	8/2	8/9	Estonia—Poland		1,844.65		1,539.91				3,384.56
Alexandra Seymour	8/2	8/9	Estonia—Poland		1,844.65		1,539.91				3,384.56
Ashley Truluck	8/2	8/9	Estonia—Poland		1,844.65		1,539.91				3,384.56
Rohan Suri	8/2	8/9	Estonia—Poland		1,844.64		1,539.91				3,384.55
Steven Szucs	8/2	8/9	Estonia—Poland		1,844.64		1,539.91				3,384.55
Roland Hernandez	8/9	8/17	Singapore—Philippines		2,564.00		1,084.70				3,648.70
Trevor Whetstone	8/9	8/17	Singapore—Philippines		2,564.00		1,084.70				3,648.70
Marcus Clark	8/9	8/17	Singapore—Philippines		2,564.00		1,084.70				3,648.70
Brooklyn Tucker	8/9	8/17	Singapore—Philippines		2,564.00		1,084.70				3,648.70
Sarah Ereio	8/9	8/17	Singapore—Philippines		2,564.00		1,084.70				3,648.70
Laura Gorceac	8/9	8/17	Singapore—Philippines		2,564.00		1,084.70				3,648.70
Moir Bergin	8/9	8/17	Singapore—Philippines		2,564.00		1,084.70				3,648.70
Alexander Marston	9/20	9/29	Argentina—Chile		2,610.00		7,434.51				10,044.51
Hon. Andrew Garbarino	8/24	8/28	Italy		2,004.00		12,414.91				14,418.91
Hon. Jose Luis Correa	8/20	8/21	Mexico		752.00		1,087.46				1,839.46
Committee total					34,381.88		37,769.24				72,151.12

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HON. ANDREW GARBARINO, Oct. 14, 2025.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, COMMITTEE ON HOUSE ADMINISTRATION, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN JULY 1 AND SEPT. 30, 2025

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem ¹		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²
Mike Platt	8/19	8/21	Romania		630.31		9,786.81				10,417.12
Cullen Murphy	8/19	8/21	Romania		630.31		9,657.01				10,287.32
Yvette Wissman	8/19	8/21	Romania		630.31		9,641.61				10,271.92
Caroline Donlon	8/19	8/21	Romania		630.31		9,742.31				10,372.62
Elliott Smith	8/19	8/21	Romania		630.31		9,596.41				10,226.72
Jordan Wilson	8/19	8/21	Romania		630.31		10,723.71				11,353.31
Courtney Cochran	8/19	8/21	Romania		630.31		9,742.31				10,372.62
Overtime Embassy Employee	8/19	8/21	Romania						244.74		244.74
Presidential Lounge	8/19	8/21	Romania						186.36		186.36
Fuel	8/19	8/21	Romania				300.00				300.00
Mike Platt	8/21	8/24	Bulgaria		828.00		See above				828.00
Cullen Murphy	8/21	8/24	Bulgaria		828.00		See above				828.00
Yvette Wissman	8/21	8/24	Bulgaria		828.00		See above				828.00
Caroline Donlon	8/21	8/24	Bulgaria		828.00		See above				828.00
Elliott Smith	8/21	8/24	Bulgaria		828.00		See above				828.00
Jordan Wilson	8/21	8/24	Bulgaria		828.00		See above				828.00
Courtney Cochran	8/21	8/24	Bulgaria		828.00		See above				828.00
Overtime Embassy Employee	8/21	8/24	Bulgaria						488.93		488.93
Fuel	8/21	8/24	Bulgaria				297.92				297.92
Mike Platt	8/16	8/19	Moldova		735.00		See above				735.00
Cullen Murphy	8/16	8/19	Moldova		735.00		See above				735.00
Yvette Wissman	8/16	8/19	Moldova		735.00		See above				735.00
Caroline Donlon	8/16	8/19	Moldova		735.00		See above				735.00

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, COMMITTEE ON HOUSE ADMINISTRATION, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN JULY 1 AND SEPT. 30, 2025—Continued

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem ¹		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²
Elliot Smith	8/16	8/19	Moldova		735.00		See above				735.00
Jordan Wilson	8/16	8/19	Moldova		735.00		See above				735.00
Courtney Cochran	8/16	8/19	Moldova		735.00		See above				735.00
Representational Expenses	8/16	8/19	Moldova						748.96		748.96
Committee total											86,509.54

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HON. BRYAN STEIL, Sept. 29, 2025.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN JULY 1 AND SEPT. 30, 2025

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem ¹		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²

HOUSE COMMITTEES

Please Note: If there were no expenditures during the calendar quarter noted above, please check the box at right to so indicate and return. ☐

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HON. BRUCE WESTERMAN, Oct. 6, 2025.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS,
ETC.

2165. Under clause 2 of rule XIV, a letter from the Director, Financial Crimes Enforcement Network, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's final rule — Imposition of Special Measure Regarding Huione Group, as a Foreign Financial Institution of Primary Money Laundering Concern (RIN 1506-AB68) received October 20, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868), was taken from the Speaker's table, referred to the Committee on Financial Services.

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. 3483. A bill to amend title 38, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to use an information technology system to detect fraud, waste, and abuse regarding claims for payment submitted to the Secretary under the Veterans Community Care Program; with an amendment (Rept. 119-348). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. BOST: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H.R. 3834. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the jurisdiction and certain rules of evidence of the Board of Veterans' Appeals; with an amendment (Rept. 119-349). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. BOST: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H.R. 1663. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish in the Department of Veterans Affairs a Veterans Scam and Fraud Evasion Officer, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 119-350). 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. BELL (for himself, Mr. MOULTON, and Mr. FIELDS):
H.R. 5794. A bill to authorize the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to continue disaster relief, recovery, and mitigation operations funded through the Disaster Relief Fund in the event of a lapse in appropriations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. BIGGS of Arizona:
H.R. 5795. A bill to make orders of removal publicly available, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. COSTA (for himself and Mr. WESTERMAN):
H.R. 5796. A bill to establish a grant program for certain institutions of higher education to plan and implement projects for economic and community development in economically distressed communities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, 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 Mr. FITZPATRICK (for himself and Mr. KEATING):
H.R. 5797. A bill to provide for the designation of the Russian Federation as a state sponsor of terrorism; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. FLOOD (for himself and Mr. CLEAVER):
H.R. 5798. A bill to amend the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act to encourage expansion of the supply of decent, safe, sanitary, and affordable housing, with primary attention to rental housing, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. GARCIA of California (for himself, Ms. NORTON, Mr. LYNCH, Ms. DeLAURO, Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, Mr. MFUME, Ms. BROWN, Ms. STANSBURY, Ms. SIMON, Mr. FROST, Ms. LEE of Pennsylvania, Mr. CASAR, Ms. CROCK-

ETT, Mr. MIN, Mr. SUBRAMANYAM, and Ms. ANSARI):
H.R. 5799. A bill to amend chapter 4 of title 5, United States Code, to require cooperation with Inspector General requests, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Mr. HARRIGAN (for himself, Mr. NEHLS, and Mr. ONDER):
H.R. 5800. A bill to require all applicants for a commercial driver's license to demonstrate English language proficiency as a condition for testing and issuance, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota (for himself, Mr. MACKENZIE, Mr. WIED, Mrs. BICE, Mr. ISSA, Mr. LAWLER, Mr. MANN, Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia, and Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS):
H.R. 5801. A bill to appropriate funds for pay and allowances of excepted Federal employees for periods of work performed during a lapse in appropriations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. LARSON of Connecticut (for himself, Mr. MOULTON, Ms. NORTON, and Mr. THANEDAR):
H.R. 5802. A bill to provide for the payment of certain Federal Government employees during any lapse in discretionary appropriations and to withhold the payment of salaries to Members of Congress, the President, and the Vice President during a Government shutdown, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Appropriations, and in addition to the Committees on Oversight and Government Reform, and House Administration, 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. LAWLER:
H.R. 5803. A bill to direct the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to require certain reporting by power reactor licensees that use decommissioning trust funds, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. CARTER of Louisiana, Ms. NORTON, Mr. VARGAS, Mr. CARSON, and Mr. COHEN):
H.R. 5804. A bill to amend the Department of Agriculture Reorganization Act of 1994 to reauthorize the Office of Urban Agriculture