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Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, October 27, 2025, at 3 p.m.

House of Representatives

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2025

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 24, 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:

Divine Provider, You have given us everything we need for life and godliness. With these things and Your great promises, You equip us to escape the corruption of this world and to participate in Your own divine nature.

For this very reason, You instruct us to make every effort to support the faith we profess with goodness, that we would not bear false witness to Your love for all people. You command us to support goodness with knowledge, that we would not be ignorant of the complexity of the issues we face but wise in our stewardship of Your generosity in this time of asperity.

It is Your expectation that our knowledge be reined in with self-control, that we would not use our intel-

lect or position to abuse or deride those with whom we disagree or oppose.

In these days of contest and crisis, in the throes of this divisive shutdown, You call us to endure with pacific composure, and to reflect, with godliness and mutual concern, a faithful image of Your steadfast loving-kindness to those whom and with whom we serve.

May we so obey and please You as we seek to follow You in this place and in this time.

In Your merciful 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.

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 23, 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 23, 2025, at 4:42 p.m.:

That the Senate passed S. 99.

That the Senate passed S. 259.

That the Senate passed S. 284.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 998.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 2316.

Appointment:

United States Semiquincentennial Commission

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 24, 2025.

I hereby designate the period from Monday, October 27, 2025, through Sunday, November 2, 2025, as a "district work period" under clause 13 of Rule I.

MIKE JOHNSON,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

□ 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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ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 13 of rule I, the House stands adjourned until 1 p.m. on Tuesday, October 28, 2025.

Thereupon (at 2 o'clock and 3 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Tuesday, October 28, 2025, at 1 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-2166. A letter from the Special Counsel, Bank Advisory, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury, transmitting a news release, "OCC Withdraws Principles for Climate-Related Financial Risk Management for Large Financial Institutions"; to the Committee on Financial Services.

EC-2167. A letter from the Acting General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Removal of Regulations Limiting Authorizations To Proceed With Construction Activities Pending Rehearing [Docket No.: RM25-9-000] received October 21, 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-2168. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 26-158 "Official Sports Capital of the United States of America Designation 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-2169. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 26-161 "Peace DC Omnibus Temporary 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-2170. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 26-159 "Streatery Program Endorsement Extension and Medical Cannabis Clarification Temporary 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-2171. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 26-160 "African American Civil War Museum Limited Grant-Making Authority Temporary 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-2172. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 26-162 "Community Health Temporary 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-2173. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 26-157 "Fiscal Year 2025 Revised Local Budget Temporary 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-2174. A letter from the Branch Chief, Border Security Regulations, Regulations and Rulings, Office of Trade, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's Major final rule — Collection of Bio-

metric Data from Aliens Upon Entry to and Departure from the United States [Docket No.: USCBP-2025-0033; CBP Dec. 25-06] (RIN: 1651-AB1) received October 23, 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-2175. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting a notification that Executive Order 14346 of September 5, 2025, which deals with the national emergency declared in Executive Order 14257 of April 2, 2025, as amended, involving conditions reflected in large and persistent annual U.S. goods trade deficits, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1641(b); Public Law 94-412, Sec. 401(b); (90 Stat. 1257) and 50 U.S.C. 1703(b); Public Law 95-223, Sec. 204(b); (91 Stat. 1627) (H. Doc. No. 119—104); to the Committee on Ways and Means and ordered to be printed.

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, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. ROY, Mr. DAVIDSON, Mr. CLOUD, and Mr. GOSAR):

H.R. 5811. A bill to promote the leadership of the United States in global innovation by establishing a robust patent system that restores and protects the right of inventors to own and enforce private property rights in inventions and discoveries, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BAUMGARTNER:

H.R. 5812. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to cap certain intercollegiate athletics compensation and buyouts as a condition of institutional participation in Federal student aid programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and Workforce.

By Mrs. CAMMACK (for herself, Mrs. DINGELL, Mrs. HINSON, Mrs. MCBATH, Mrs. KIM, Mrs. MCCLAIN DELANEY, Ms. VAN DUYN, Ms. PEREZ, and Ms. PETERSEN):

H.R. 5813. A bill to amend title XXVII of the Public Health Service Act, the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to require group health plans and group health plans and health insurance issuers offering group or individual health insurance coverage to provide coverage of certain items and services relating to breast or chest wall reconstruction furnished in connection with breast cancer treatment; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, 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. CLOUD (for himself, Mr. FLEISCHMANN, Mr. HUNT, Mr. HARRIGAN, Mr. ROSE, and Mr. MORAN):

H.R. 5814. A bill to amend the Natural Gas Act to provide for expanded natural gas exports, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. CLOUD (for himself, Mr. ARRINGTON, Ms. VAN DUYN, Mr. TIFANY, Mr. CLYDE, Mr. BRECHEEN, Mr. STEUBE, Mr. ROY, and Mr. HARRIS of Maryland):

H.R. 5815. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to bring fairness to the Medicaid Federal medical assistance percentage for the District of Columbia; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Ms. CROCKETT:

H.R. 5816. A bill to prohibit penalties, interest accrual, negative credit implications, or other adverse actions for qualified student loans for Federal employees during a lapse in Federal funding; to the Committee on Education and Workforce.

By Mr. FINE:

H.R. 5817. A bill to prohibit the election to Congress of any person holding foreign citizenship; to the Committee on House Administration.

By Ms. HAGEMAN (for herself, Mr. KHANNA, Mr. DAVIDSON, Mr. MASSIE, Mr. ROY, and Mr. GOSAR):

H.R. 5818. A bill to amend the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 to prohibit retailers from designating the United States as the country of origin of foreign beef, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Ms. KAPTUR (for herself, Mr. MASSIE, Mr. MCCORMICK, and Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina):

H.R. 5819. A bill to amend title 35, United States Code, require a patent owner to consent to the filing of a petition for inter partes review or post-grant review, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. KILEY of California:

H.R. 5820. A bill to extend Federal recognition to the Mono Lake Kootzaduka'a Tribe, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. LAMALFA:

H.R. 5821. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the treatment of certain hospitals as critical access hospitals under the Medicare program; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS (for herself and Mr. MILLER of Ohio):

H.R. 5822. A bill to appropriate funds to ensure uninterrupted benefits under the supplemental nutrition assistance program; to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. NEGUSE (for himself and Ms. MALOY):

H.R. 5823. A bill to amend the Agricultural Credit Act of 1978 to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to carry out emergency watershed protection measures on National Forest System land, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Ms. STANSBURY:

H.R. 5824. A bill to require the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to award grants to Indian Tribes and Tribally designated housing entities for the purposes of providing affordable housing and the maintenance or construction of residential dwelling units for Tribes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Ms. STANSBURY:

H.R. 5825. A bill to require the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to carry out a program that awards grants to Indian Tribes and Tribally designated housing entities for residential dwelling units with sustainable features, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Ms. STEVENS (for herself and Mrs. BEATTY):

H.R. 5826. A bill to establish a grant program to provide minority business enterprises access to entrepreneurship opportunities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services, and in addition to the Committee on Small Business, 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. SUOZZI:

H.R. 5827. A bill to advance bipartisan, common sense solutions; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the