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## House of Representatives

The House met at 1 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Ms. FOXX).

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,  
October 28, 2005.

I hereby appoint the Honorable VIRGINIA FOXX, 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:

Creator God, repair and renew this world, the work of Your wisdom, designed to reveal Your own divine will, for we are broken and divided, in need and at odds, angry and hungry, unnerved and unmoored from the foundation of unity You have intended for us.

Whatever our pretenses for separation, whether dissatisfaction with our situation or disagreement with the other side, we deserve Your rebuke, for You compel us as believers to respect the body You have put together, admonishing us to have mutual and equal concern for one another.

In these days, when parts of the body are suffering, reveal to us how all of us suffer with them. When we cease to put love over legislation, our integrity weakens.

When we honor one another, working to ensure each may enjoy sure and certain security of one's basic needs and demonstrating our shared commitment to the common good, we then reveal Your grace plan and glorify You with our mutual love.

Grant us then the humility to serve this body as we seek to serve this country and You in this time.

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 1 p.m. on Friday, October 31, 2025.

Thereupon (at 1 o'clock and 3 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Friday, October 31, 2025, at 1 p.m.

### EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

2176. Under clause 2 of rule XIV, a letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting DC Act 26-164, "Special Education for Young Adults in the Custody of the Department of Corrections Second Temporary Amendment Act of 2025", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 813), was taken from the Speaker's table, referred 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. 689. A bill to require each agency to evaluate the permitting system of the agency, to consider whether permitting by rule could replace that system, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 119-351). 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. BRESNAHAN (for himself, Mr. NUNN of Iowa, and Mr. FITZPATRICK):

H.R. 5836. A bill to make continuing appropriations for the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children in the event of a Government shutdown; to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina:

H.R. 5837. A bill to prohibit States from carrying out Congressional redistricting after a decennial census and apportionment; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. ALFORD (for himself, Mr. STEUBE, Mr. CRENSHAW, and Mr. MCCAUL):

H.R. 5838. A bill to state the policy of the United States with respect to religious freedom in the People's Republic of China, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, 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 Mr. BALDERSON:

H.R. 5839. A bill to amend title XXVII of the Public Health Service Act to include certain supplemental coverage provided to individual health insurance coverage as an excepted benefit; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Ms. BARRAGÁN (for herself, Ms. ANSARI, Ms. BROWNLEY, Mr. CARBAJAL, Mr. CARSON, Ms. CHU, Ms. CROCKETT, Mr. FIELDS, Mr. FIGURES, Mr. GARCIA of California, Mr. HORSFORD, Ms. JACOBS, Mr. KENNEDY of New York, Ms. LEE of Pennsylvania, Mr. LIEU, Ms. NORTON, Ms.

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RIVAS, Mr. THANEDAR, and Mr. VARGAS):

H.R. 5840. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow charitable donations of food transportation vehicles and food storage equipment to receive the tax same treatment as charitable donations of food inventory in the case of donations to nonprofit organizations which provide food to communities in need; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Ms. BUDZINSKI (for herself, Ms. LOIS FRANKEL of Florida, and Mr. MAGAZINER):

H.R. 5841. A bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to require the Commissioner of Social Security to use the Consumer Price Index for Elderly Consumers for purposes of determining cost-of-living adjustments under titles II, VIII, and XVI of the Social Security Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means, 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 Ms. CROCKETT:

H.R. 5842. A bill to prohibit the use of Federal funds to pay the President a settlement for costs associated with being investigated by the Federal Government, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. ELFRETH (for herself, Mr. CARSON, Mr. FIGURES, Mr. IVEY, Ms. LEE of Pennsylvania, Mr. MFUME, Ms. NORTON, Mr. OLSZEWSKI, and Mr. WALKINSHAW):

H.R. 5843. A bill to provide Federal student loan borrower relief for Federal employees; to the Committee on Education and Workforce.

By Mr. ESPAILLAT:

H.R. 5844. A bill to amend the Controlled Substances Act with respect to the registration of opioid treatment programs to increase stakeholder input from relevant communities and to ensure such programs are treating patients in need, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, 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 Mr. ESPAILLAT:

H.R. 5845. A bill to establish a lending program for Latin America and the Caribbean to reaffirm the United States commitment to sustainable and equitable growth and energy security in the Western Hemisphere; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. ESPAILLAT:

H.R. 5846. A bill to reauthorize funding for the Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling Grant Program of the Environmental Protection Agency; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. ESPAILLAT:

H.R. 5847. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, with respect to requirements for air carriers to disclose certain exposures to toxic fumes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. EZELL (for himself and Mr. CARTER of Louisiana):

H.R. 5848. A bill to extend the National Flood Insurance Program through December 31, 2026; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. FIGURES (for himself, Ms. ELFRETH, Mr. BELL, Mr. CARTER of Louisiana, Ms. SEWELL, Mr. IVEY, Mr. FIELDS, Mr. BOYLE of Pennsylvania,

Ms. CRAIG, Mr. RILEY of New York, Mr. CARSON, Mr. MOULTON, Mr. GOLDMAN of New York, and Mr. GOTTHEIMER):

H.R. 5849. A bill to provide for the payment of salaries to employees of the United States Capitol Police during any lapse in discretionary appropriations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. FIGURES (for himself, Mr. FIELDS, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Mrs. MCIVER, Ms. NORTON, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mr. CARSON, Mrs. FOUSHEE, Ms. CRAIG, Ms. LEE of Pennsylvania, Mr. EVANS of Pennsylvania, Ms. PLASKETT, Ms. TLAI, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. KENNEDY of New York, and Mr. GOLDMAN of New York):

H.R. 5850. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to require institutions of higher education, as a condition of participating in programs under title IV of such Act, to not terminate or otherwise alter the enrollment status of a student due to a disruption of the student's Federal student financial aid under such title caused by a lapse in appropriations; to the Committee on Education and Workforce.

By Mr. JAMES:

H.R. 5851. A bill making continuing appropriations for essential Federal Aviation Administration and Transportation Security Administration pay and operations in the event of a Federal Government shutdown, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. KEAN (for himself and Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN):

H.R. 5852. A bill to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate the Upper Raritan River Watershed in the State of New Jersey for study for potential addition to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. MAST (for himself and Mr. MCCAUL):

H.R. 5853. A bill to amend the Export Control Reform Act of 2018 to increase the civil penalties that may be imposed under such Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. NEGUSE (for himself and Mr. FLOOD):

H.R. 5854. A bill to amend the National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977 to provide for an additional goal of the Agriculture Advanced Research and Development Authority (AGARDA) to enhance the role of agriculture in innovative sustainability solutions; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. NEGUSE (for himself, Ms. LOFGREN, Ms. HOYLE of Oregon, and Ms. ELFRETH):

H.R. 5855. A bill to require the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to establish and maintain a database and webpage that is available to the public and contains information on the billion-dollar disasters that occur each year in the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

By Ms. NORTON:

H.R. 5856. A bill to amend the District of Columbia Home Rule Act to redesignate the Office of the Mayor of the District of Columbia as the Office of the Governor of the District of Columbia and to redesignate the Council of the District of Columbia as the Legislative Assembly of the District of Columbia, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Ms. PEREZ (for herself and Mr. NEGUSE):

H.R. 5857. A bill to require original equipment manufacturers to make available cer-

tain documentation, parts, software, and tools with respect to farm equipment, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Ms. SCHOLTEN (for herself and Mrs. HINSON):

H.R. 5858. A bill to make it easier for rural health facilities to buy and upgrade preventative health care equipment through the Community Facilities Grant Program of the Department of Agriculture; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. SMITH of Washington:

H.R. 5859. A bill to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to award grants for the purpose of establishing, operating, or expanding one-stop crisis facilities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Financial Services, and 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. STANSBURY (for herself, Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ, and Mr. VASQUEZ):

H.R. 5860. A bill to require the immediate release of funds appropriated for the supplemental nutrition assistance program (SNAP) and the special supplemental nutrition program for women, infants, and children (WIC), and for other purposes; to the Committee on Appropriations, and in addition to the Committees on Agriculture, 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. SUOZZI (for himself and Mr. MURPHY):

H.R. 5861. A bill to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to seek an agreement with the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine to conduct a study on establishing a system for storing last wish documents, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. THOMPSON of California (for himself, Mr. NEAL, Mr. DOGGETT, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Ms. SANCHEZ, Ms. SEWELL, Ms. DELBENE, Ms. CHU, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, Mr. BOYLE of Pennsylvania, Mr. BEYER, Mr. EVANS of Pennsylvania, Mr. SCHNEIDER, Mr. PANETTA, Mr. GOMEZ, Mr. HORSFORD, Ms. PLASKETT, Mr. SUOZZI, Mr. FIELDS, Ms. BARRAGÁN, Ms. ANSARI, Mr. TONKO, Mr. CLEAVER, Mr. CARTER of Louisiana, Mr. VARGAS, Mr. TRAN, Ms. MATSUI, Ms. SALINAS, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Mr. GARCIA of California, Mr. NORCROSS, Ms. CASTOR of Florida, Mr. GARAMENDI, Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, Mr. LIEU, Ms. DEGETTE, Mr. LYNCH, Mrs. CHERFILUS-MCCORMICK, Ms. NORTON, Mrs. MCIVER, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, Mr. LANDSMAN, Ms. SIMON, Mr. CASTEN, Mr. GOLDMAN of New York, Ms. TOKUDA, Mr. VICENTE GONZALEZ of Texas, Mr. KENNEDY of New York, Mr. DESAULNIER, Mr. MIN, Mrs. FOUSHEE, Ms. ELFRETH, Mr. MAGAZINER, Mr. DELUZZO, Ms. BROWNLEY, Mr. COSTA, Mr. MFUME, Ms. MORRISON, Mr. MULLIN, Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia, Ms. PETERSEN, Ms. LOFGREN, Ms. ROSS, Mr. COURTNEY, Mr. TAKANO, Ms. SCHOLTEN, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Mr. CORREA, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Ms. TITUS, Mr. STANTON, Ms. MCCLELLAN, Mr. MCGARVEY, Ms. BUDZINSKI, Mr. HUFFMAN, Ms. FRIEDMAN, Mr. CARBAJAL, Mr. BELL, Ms. MCBRIDE, Mr. QUIGLEY, Ms. SCANLON, Ms. RANDALL, Mr. CARSON, Ms. BYNUM, Mr.

HOYER, Mr. NADLER, Mr. TORRES of New York, Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE, Mr. RUIZ, Ms. PINGREE, Mr. MRVAN, Ms. LOIS FRANKEL of Florida, Mr. COHEN, Ms. BONAMICI, Mr. LARSEN of Washington, Ms. JACOBS, Mr. GOTTHEIMER, Mr. KHANNA, Ms. GARCIA of Texas, Mr. LATIMER, Mr. THANEDAR, Ms. JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. FOSTER, Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas, Ms. McDONALD RIVET, Mr. AMO, Mr. SORENSEN, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Ms. STANSBURY, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. WATERS, Mr. MCGOVERN, and Mr. MOULTON):

H.R. 5862. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to restore certain energy-related provisions as in effect prior to the enactment of Public Law 119-21; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. VAN DREW:

H.R. 5863. A bill to amend titles 23 and 49, United States Code, with respect to the issuance of commercial driver's licenses to certain unauthorized individuals, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. VAN DREW:

H.R. 5864. A bill to establish standards for trauma kits purchased using funds provided under the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. VAN DREW:

H.R. 5865. A bill to establish the Thalidomide Survivors Compensation Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, Energy and Commerce, Natural Resources, Agriculture, Education and Workforce, Financial Services, Transportation and Infrastructure, and Veterans' Affairs, 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. VAN ORDEN:

H.R. 5866. A bill to require the Secretary of Agriculture to release a reversionary interest in certain land in the Black River State Forest in Millston, Wisconsin, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Ms. VELÁZQUEZ (for herself, Mr. DOGGETT, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Ms. NORTON, Ms. BROWNLEY, Ms. SIMON, Ms. ADAMS, Mr. LIEU, Mrs. MCBATH, and Mr. EVANS of Pennsylvania):

H.R. 5867. A bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to establish a pilot grant program to make grants to school food authorities to provide 100 percent plant-based food and milk options, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and Workforce.

By Ms. WILSON of Florida (for herself, Mr. MOYLAN, Mr. MANN, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Mr. FIELDS, Ms. NORTON, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mrs. SYKES, and Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia):

H.R. 5868. A bill to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to provide grants under the Drinking Water Infrastructure Risk and Resilience Program for training programs relating to protecting public water systems from and responding to cyberattacks, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Ms. WILSON of Florida:

H.R. 5869. A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act with respect to assistance for Indian Tribes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. ELLZEY:

H. Res. 834. A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of Red Ribbon Week during

the period of October 23 through October 31, 2025; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. ESPAILLAT:

H. Res. 835. A resolution declaring gun violence a public health crisis; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. ESPAILLAT:

H. Res. 836. A resolution calling on the United States to champion a regional artificial intelligence strategy in the Americas to foster inclusive artificial intelligence systems that combat biases within marginalized groups and promote social justice, economic well-being, and democratic values; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, 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. ESPAILLAT:

H. Res. 837. A resolution expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the relationship between firearm violence and intimate partner violence and to honor the memory of Gladys Ricart and other victims of intimate partner homicide killed by firearms, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois (for himself, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Ms. ANSARI, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Ms. GARCIA of Texas, Mr. CARSON, Ms. BARRAGÁN, Mr. CASAR, Ms. SIMON, Mrs. TORRES of California, Mr. SOTO, Ms. NORTON, Mr. GOMEZ, and Mrs. RAMIREZ):

H. Res. 838. A resolution commemorating the annual celebration of Día de los Muertos in the United States and around the world; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. GOTTHEIMER (for himself and Mr. CRAWFORD):

H. Res. 839. A resolution condemning Hamas for assassinating innocent Palestinians; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. PAPPAS (for himself, Mr. BILLIRAKIS, Ms. TITUS, and Ms. MALLIOTAKIS):

H. Res. 840. A resolution expressing support for the designation of October 28 as "Oxi Day" to commemorate the anniversary of Greek Prime Minister Ioannis Metaxas answer of "Oxi!" or "No!" to surrender to the Axis forces, inflicting a fatal wound that helped save democracy for the world; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Mr. VALADAO (for himself, Mr. FONG, Mr. HARDER of California, and Mr. COSTA):

H. Res. 841. A resolution expressing support for the recognition and commemoration of the Sikh Genocide of 1984; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

## CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY STATEMENT

Pursuant to clause 7 of rule XII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the following statements are submitted regarding the specific powers granted to Congress in the Constitution to enact the accompanying bill or joint resolution.

By Mr. BRESNAHAN:

H.R. 5836.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution

By Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina:

H.R. 5837.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 18.

By Mr. ALFORD:

H.R. 5838.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 1 "The Congress shall have power to . . . provide for the . . . general welfare of the United States; . . ."

By Mr. BALDERSON:

H.R. 5839.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8

By Ms. BARRAGÁN:

H.R. 5840.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1 Section 8 of the United States Constitution

By Ms. BUDZINSKI:

H.R. 5841.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1 Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution

By Ms. CROCKETT:

H.R. 5842.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I Section 8

By Ms. ELFRETH:

H.R. 5843.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Necessary and Proper Clause (Art. 1, Sec. 8, Cl. 18)

By Mr. ESPAILLAT:

H.R. 5844.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 1

The Congress shall have Power to . . . provide for the . . . general Welfare of the United States; . . .

By Mr. ESPAILLAT:

H.R. 5845.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 1

By Mr. ESPAILLAT:

H.R. 5846.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 1

By Mr. ESPAILLAT:

H.R. 5847.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 1

By Mr. EZELL:

H.R. 5848.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, clause 3 (Commerce Clause)

By Mr. FIGURES:

H.R. 5849.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8

By Mr. FIGURES:

H.R. 5850.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1 Section 8

By Mr. JAMES:

H.R. 5851.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Pursuant to clause 7(c)(1) of Rule XII the following statement is submitted regarding the specific powers granted to Congress in the U.S. Constitution to enact the accompanying bill or joint resolution.

By Mr. KEAN:

H.R. 5852.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following: