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## Senate

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

## House of Representatives

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2025

The House met at 1 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 31, 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:

Holy and merciful God, our Lord and our judge, how dare we approach Your altar, knowing that in these days of discord and disruption—and despite all our efforts to see our own way through this shutdown—what we have not done is reconcile ourselves one to another.

Long before any legislative disputes can be resolved, call us to account for our own attitudes and actions toward one another. When we come before You, sure and certain of our own righteousness, our steps expose our inmost and private disdain for the unity to which You have called us.

Though the chasm of our disputes seems deep and wide, help us to find meeting places where hearts and minds can convene and common ground can be cultivated.

Give us the courage to reach out, though we fear rejection; to initiate dialogue, though the response may be disdain; to get to the heart of an issue, though the feelings guarding it are deep and divisive.

If there is any way any or all can give a measure of kindness, diplomacy, and civility, reward that offering in good and equal measure in return, that Your blessing will relieve the burden those we serve are having to bear in these days.

Then let us approach Your throne for Your grace and Your guidance in our work.

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.

### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 4 of rule I, the following

enrolled bills were signed by the Speaker on Wednesday, October 29, 2025:

H.R. 998, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to require additional information on math and clerical error notices;

H.R. 2316, to amend the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act to provide that interest on obligations held in the Federal Aid to Wildlife Restoration Fund shall become available for apportionment at the beginning of fiscal year 2033.

### COMMUNICATION FROM THE DEMOCRATIC LEADER

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Honorable HAKEEM JEFFRIES, Democratic Leader:

OCTOBER 30, 2025.

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

DEAR SPEAKER JOHNSON: Pursuant to section 451 of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (Pub. L. 113-128), I am pleased to appoint Ms. Sascha Bittner of San Francisco, California to the National Council on Disability.

Thank you for your consideration of this appointment.

Sincerely,

HAKEEM JEFFRIES,  
*Democratic Leader.*

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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 30, 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 30, 2025, at 4:37 p.m.:

That the Senate passed S.J. Res. 77.  
That the Senate passed S.J. Res. 80.  
That the Senate passed S.J. Res. 81.  
That the Senate passed S.J. Res. 88.  
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 31, 2025.

I hereby designate the period from Monday, November 3, 2025, through Sunday, November 9, 2025, as a "district work period" under clause 13 of Rule I.

MIKE JOHNSON,  
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Kevin F. McCumber, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly enrolled bills of the House of the following titles, which were thereupon signed by the Speaker on Wednesday, October 29, 2025:

H.R. 998. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to require additional information on math and clerical error notices.

H.R. 2316. An act to amend the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act to provide that interest on obligations held in the Federal aid to wildlife restoration fund shall become available for apportionment at the beginning of fiscal year 2033.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 13 of rule I, the House stands adjourned until 2 p.m. on Tuesday, November 4, 2025.

Thereupon (at 1 o'clock and 5 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Tuesday, November 4, 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-2177. A letter from the Senior Counsel, Legal Division, Consumer Financial Protec-

tion Bureau, transmitting the Bureau's final rule — Registry of Nonbank Covered Persons Subject to Certain Agency and Court Orders; Rescission [Docket No.: CFPB-2025-0011] (RIN: 3170-AB32) received October 24, 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-2178. A letter from the Senior Counsel, Legal Division, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, transmitting the Bureau's interpretive rule — Fair Credit Reporting Act; Preemption of State Laws received October 24, 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-2179. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting DC Act 26-175, "Volunteer Services Clarification Temporary Amendment Act of 2025", pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); 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. GUTHRIE: Committee on Energy and Commerce. H.R. 1262. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to molecularly targeted pediatric cancer investigations, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 119-352). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. WESTERMAN: Committee on Natural Resources. H.R. 2306. A bill to reauthorize the Adams Memorial Commission, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 119-353). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. WESTERMAN: Committee on Natural Resources. H.R. 2815. A bill to provide equitable treatment for the people of the Village Corporation established for the Native Village of Saxman, Alaska, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 119-354). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. WESTERMAN: Committee on Natural Resources. H.R. 2916. A bill to authorize, ratify, and confirm the Agreement of Settlement and Compromise to Resolve the Akwesasne Mohawk Land Claim in the State of New York, and for other purposes (Rept. 119-355). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. WESTERMAN: Committee on Natural Resources. H.R. 3692. A bill to reauthorize the Young Fishermen's Development Act (Rept. 119-356). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. WESTERMAN: Committee on Natural Resources. H.R. 3872. A bill to amend the Mineral Leasing Act for Acquired Lands to make that Act applicable to hardrock minerals, with an amendment (Rept. 119-357). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. WESTERMAN: Committee on Natural Resources. H.R. 4256. A bill to reauthorize the Digital Coast Act (Rept. 119-358). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. SMITH of Missouri: Committee on Ways and Means. H.R. 4313. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to extend acute hospital care at home waiver flexibilities, and to require an additional study and report on such flexibilities, with an amendment (Rept. 119-359). Referred to

the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. SMITH of Missouri: Committee on Ways and Means. H.R. 5345. A bill to amend title VII of the Social Security Act to provide for a single point of contact at the Social Security Administration for individuals who are victims of identity theft, with an amendment (Rept. 119-360). 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. ARRINGTON (for himself, Mr. PANETTA, Mr. PETERS, Mr. HUIZENGA, Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS, Mr. MILLER of Ohio, Mr. NUNN of Iowa, and Ms. SALAZAR):

H.R. 5870. A bill to provide for a period of continuing appropriations in the event of a lapse in appropriations under the normal appropriations process, to establish procedures and consequences in the event of a failure to enact appropriations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Appropriations, and in addition to the Committees on Rules, House Administration, Oversight and Government Reform, and the Budget, 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. BEAN of Florida (for himself and Mr. HARIDOPOLOS):

H.R. 5871. A bill to require the Inspector General of the Department of Health and Human Services to submit a report on Medicare and Medicaid fraud; 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 Mr. BEAN of Florida (for himself and Mr. HARIDOPOLOS):

H.R. 5872. A bill to amend title XI of the Social Security Act to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to verify whether a health care provider is licensed in good standing before issuing the provider a unique health identifier, and for other purposes; 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 Mr. BEAN of Florida (for himself, Ms. SALAZAR, and Mr. HARIDOPOLOS):

H.R. 5873. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to provide an explanation of benefits not later than 30 days after an item or service is furnished under the Medicare program; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on 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 Mr. CLINE (for himself, Mr. CARTER of Georgia, Mr. HUNT, Mr. MOORE of Alabama, Ms. HAGEMAN, Mr. HARRIS of North Carolina, Mr. COLLINS, Mr. MCCORMICK, Mr. CLOUD, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mr. BURLISON, Ms. BOEBERT, Mr. DESJARLAIS, Mr. WEBSTER of Florida, Mr. GOODEN, Ms. MACE, Mr.