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## House of Representatives

The House met at noon 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.  
November 10, 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:

Embolden us, O God, with Your Holy Spirit, that we would not shrink from our faith or prove timid in our testimony.

In the face of all that seeks to overwhelm us—the uncertainty of these times, the disappointment in our situation, the cynicism we feel for our future—may our faith in You hold fast.

For You have given us the power to speak a different truth, a truth that reveals Your healing strength and the renewed hope that You alone offer.

You have shown us what it means to love: to notice when people are hurting, to feel compassion for those in need, to act on behalf of those whose welfare depends on our decisions.

Grant us the self-discipline You have promised, that we would not advance our own priorities, but acknowledge Your will. For Your kingdom is not produced by our efforts, but is revealed when we yield ourselves to Your beneficence and justice.

God of grace and mercy, we need not be afraid nor shall we falter when we walk confidently the direction in which

You lead us and love unconditionally those You have called us to serve.

In the strength of Your name, we pray for Your blessings on 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, November 7, 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 November 7, 2025, at 4:23 p.m.:

That the Senate passed S. 503.

That the Senate passed S. 1872.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 695.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely,

KEVIN F. MCCUMBER,  
*Clerk.*

### ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 13 of rule I, the House stands adjourned until noon on Wednesday, November 12, 2025.

Thereupon (at 12 o'clock and 3 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Wednesday, November 12, 2025, at noon.

### EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

EC-2191. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Significant New Use Rules on Certain Chemical Substances (24-4.5e) [EPA-HQ-OPPT-2024-0332; FRL-12563-02-OCSPP] (RIN: 2070-AB27) received November 4, 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-2192. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Cyclobutylfluram; Pesticide Tolerances [EPA-HQ-OPP-2022-0003; FRL-12872-01-OCSPP] received November 4, 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-2193. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting notification of the intent to designate Mark Elmer Priebe as Acting Inspector General of the Department of Education, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 403 note; Added by Public Law 117-263, Sec. 5203(a); (136 Stat. 3229) (H. Doc. No. 119—110); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform 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. CALVERT (for himself, Mr. VAN ORDEN, Mr. BARRETT, Mr. CISCOMANI,

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

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Mr. WEBSTER of Florida, and Ms. KING-HINDS):

H.R. 5992. A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to implement automated systems with callback functionality for each customer service telephone line of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. ALFORD (for himself, Mr. CARBAJAL, and Mr. JACKSON of Texas):

H.R. 5993. A bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the service members of the Military Assistance Command Vietnam-Studies and Observations Group, in recognition of their bravery and outstanding service in South Vietnam, North Vietnam, Laos, and Cambodia during the Vietnam War; to the Committee on Financial Services, and in addition to the Committee on 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 Ms. BROWNLEY (for herself and Ms. TLAI):

H.R. 5994. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to maintain demographic information regarding veterans and publish such information on a website of the Department of Veterans Affairs; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Ms. BROWNLEY (for herself and Mr. THANEDAR):

H.R. 5995. A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to make grants to eligible entities for the purpose of carrying out Ask the Question Campaigns, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Ms. BROWNLEY (for herself and Mr. MCGOVERN):

H.R. 5996. A bill to direct the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct reviews of certain budget requests of the President for the medical care accounts of the Department of Veterans Affairs; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Ms. BROWNLEY (for herself and Ms. TLAI):

H.R. 5997. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to make permanent certain programs that assist homeless veterans and other veterans with special needs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. CONAWAY:

H.R. 5998. A bill to provide for the continued operation of the Hatch Act Unit of the Office of Special Counsel during a lapse in appropriations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Mr. CONAWAY (for himself and Ms. MORRISON):

H.R. 5999. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to furnish an opioid antagonist to a veteran without requiring a prescription or copayment; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. CROW (for himself and Mr. ELLZEY):

H.R. 6000. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the collection and analysis of data regarding certain suicides by veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. CROW (for himself, Mr. CALVERT, Ms. SEWELL, and Mr. FITZPATRICK):

H.R. 6001. A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit a report on risk reduction strategies to lower the incidence and prevalence of amyotrophic lateral sclerosis in veterans; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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By Mr. CROW (for himself and Mr. WILSON of South Carolina):

H.R. 6002. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand the set of individuals eligible to transfer Post-9/11 educational assistance to eligible dependents; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. CROW (for himself and Mr. BACON):

H.R. 6003. A bill to direct the Attorney General, in consultation with the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, to establish a pilot program to help State prisons and local jails improve the documentation of incarcerated veterans; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. DE LA CRUZ:

H.R. 6004. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to construct a hospital under the jurisdiction of the Department of Veterans Affairs in the Rio Grande Valley sector, Texas; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mrs. DINGELL:

H.R. 6005. A bill to amend the Sergeant First Class Heath Robinson Honoring our Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics Act of 2022 to direct the Interagency Working Group on Toxic Exposure to conduct research on the diagnosis and treatment of health conditions of descendants of individuals exposed to toxic substances while serving as members of the Armed Forces, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. FIGURES (for himself, Ms. SEWELL, Mr. PALMER, Mr. MOORE of Alabama, Mr. ROGERS of Alabama, Mr. STRONG, and Mr. ADERHOLT):

H.R. 6006. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 401 North Elm Street in Tuskegee, Alabama, as the "Tuskegee Airmen Memorial Post Office"; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Mr. GOTTHEIMER (for himself, Mr. CONAWAY, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Mr. NORCROSS, Mr. KEAN, Mrs. MCIVER, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. PALLONE, Ms. POU, Ms. SHERILL, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, and Mr. VAN DREW):

H.R. 6007. A bill to name the Department of Veterans Affairs community-based outpatient clinic in Newton, New Jersey, as the "Anthony 'Tony' J. Gallopo VA Clinic"; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. HARDER of California:

H.R. 6008. A bill to establish a task force to conduct oversight of States with rising housing costs and develop a list of best practices for States to implement, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

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

H.R. 6009. A bill to direct the Secretary of Defense to develop a strategy on the national security implications of emerging biotechnologies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services, and in addition to the Committee on Foreign 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. LICCARDO (for himself, Mr. KILEY of California, Mr. BACON, Ms. GOODLANDER, and Ms. ROSS):

H.R. 6010. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and modify the enhanced premium tax credit, and for other purposes; 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 Mrs. MCCLAIN DELANEY (for herself, Ms. BUDZINSKI, Mr. CARSON, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Ms. CRAIG, Mr. COHEN, Mr. FIELDS, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Ms. GARCIA of Texas, Mr. GOTTHEIMER, Mr. HORSFORD, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY, Mr. LARSEN of Washington, Ms. MCCLELLAN, Mr. MCGARVEY, Mrs. MCIVER, Mr. MOULTON, Ms. NORTON, Mr. OLSZEWSKI, Ms. SIMON, Ms. TITUS, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, and Mr. WHITESIDES):

H.R. 6011. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the VA Work-Study program; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. MOULTON:

H.R. 6012. A bill to prohibit the restriction of commercial flights before the restriction of private flights during a lapse in appropriations; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. MULLIN (for himself, Mr. MOYLAN, and Mr. CASE):

H.R. 6013. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the benefits furnished by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to certain individuals who served in the forces of the Philippines and the Philippine Scouts; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mrs. RAMIREZ (for herself, Mr. TAKANO, Mr. KENNEDY of New York, Ms. BUDZINSKI, Mr. MCGARVEY, Mr. CONAWAY, Ms. BROWNLEY, and Ms. TLAI):

H.R. 6014. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide covered employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs the right to be represented during examinations that may result in disciplinary actions against the covered employee; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mrs. RAMIREZ (for herself, Ms. BUDZINSKI, Mr. TAKANO, Mr. CONAWAY, Ms. PINGREE, Mr. DOGGETT, Ms. NORTON, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY, Mr. BEYER, Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. COURTNEY, Ms. CRAIG, Ms. STRICKLAND, Ms. TITUS, Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ, Ms. ELFRETH, Mr. THANEDAR, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, Mr. CASAR, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Ms. SCHRIER, Mr. CARSON, Mr. LYNCH, Mr. EVANS of Pennsylvania, Ms. MORRISON, Mr. KENNEDY of New York, Mrs. CHERFILUS-MCCORMICK, Mr. COHEN, Mr. MCGARVEY, Ms. BROWNLEY, and Ms. TLAI):

H.R. 6015. A bill to affirm an agreement, and to nullify certain Executive orders that relate to, collective bargaining by employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, 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. SCHNEIDER:

H.R. 6016. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and modify the enhanced premium tax credit, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. VAN DREW (for himself and Mrs. CHERFILUS-MCCORMICK):

H.R. 6017. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to issue to a veteran a Veterans Bill of Rights, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. WIED (for himself, Mr. BERGMAN, Mr. SCHMIDT, Mr. MACKENZIE, Mr. GUEST, Mr. HARRIGAN, and Mrs. MCCLAIN DELANEY):

H.R. 6018. A bill to ensure that Farm Services Agency offices stay open during a government shutdown; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. BERGMAN (for himself, Mr. TAYLOR, Mr. HUIZENGA, Ms. TENNEY, Mr. JAMES, Mr. FITZGERALD, Mr. WIED, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. MOOLENAAR, Mrs. DINGELL, Mr. WALBERG, Mr. LATTA, Mr. FINSTAD, Mr. TIFFANY, Mr. MOORE of Alabama, Mr. MILLER of Ohio, Mr. BARRETT, Mr. STEIL, Ms. TLAIB, and Mr. STAUBER):

H. Res. 869. A resolution commemorating the 50th anniversary of the sinking of the S.S. Edmund Fitzgerald; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. ESPAILLAT (for himself and Mr. MEEKS):

H. Res. 870. A resolution honoring and remembering the victims of the crash of American Airlines Flight 587 in Rockaway Queens, New York, on November 12, 2001, and extending the sincerest condolences of the citizens of the United States to the families and friends of those individuals; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Ms. NORTON:

H. Res. 871. A resolution recognizing the service of all District of Columbia veterans, condemning the denial of voting representation in Congress and full local self-government for veterans and their families who are District of Columbia residents, and calling for statehood for the District of Columbia through the enactment of the Washington, D.C. Admission Act (H.R. 51 and S. 51), particularly in light of the service of District of Columbia veterans in every American war; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and in addition to the Committees on Rules, Armed Services, the Judiciary, Energy and Commerce, 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. VALADAO (for himself, Mr. JOYCE of Ohio, Mr. FONG, Mr. BEAN of Florida, Mr. NADLER, Ms. BROWN, Ms. BROWNLEY, Mr. BUCHANAN, Mr. SWALWELL, Mr. TONKO, and Mr. COSTA):

H. Res. 872. A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of "Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease (CJD) Awareness Day"; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

### 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. CALVERT:

H.R. 5992.

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

The constitutional authority of Congress to enact this legislation is provided by Article I, Section 8 of the United States Constitution, specifically clause 1 and clause 18.

By Mr. ALFORD:

H.R. 5993.

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 Ms. BROWNLEY

H.R. 5994.

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

Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution

By Ms. BROWNLEY:

H.R. 5995.

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

Article 1, Section 8

By Ms. BROWNLEY:

H.R. 5996.

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

Article 1, Section 8

By Ms. BROWNLEY:

H.R. 5997.

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

Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution

By Mr. CONAWAY:

H.R. 5998.

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

The General Welfare Clause found in Article I, Section 8, Clause 1 of the U.S. Constitution.

By Mr. CONAWAY:

H.R. 5999.

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

The General Welfare Clause found in Article I, Section 8, Clause 1 of the U.S. Constitution.

By Mr. CROW:

H.R. 6000.

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

Article I, Section 8, clause 18

By Mr. CROW:

H.R. 6001.

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

Article I, Section 8, clause 18

By Mr. CROW:

H.R. 6002.

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

Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution of the United States

By Mr. CROW:

H.R. 6003.

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

Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution of the United States

By Ms. DE LA CRUZ:

H.R. 6004.

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

Article 1, Section 8

By Mrs. DINGELL:

H.R. 6005.

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

The Constitutional authority of Congress to enact legislation provided by Article 1, Section 8 of the United States Constitution.

By Mr. FIGURES:

H.R. 6006.

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

Article 1, Section 8

By Mr. GOTTHEIMER:

H.R. 6007.

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

Article I, Section 8 of the US Constitution

By Mr. HARDER of California:

H.R. 6008.

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

Article 1, Section 8 of the Constitution

By Ms. HOULAHAN:

H.R. 6009.

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

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

By Mr. LICCARDO:

H.R. 6010.

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

Article 1, Section 1

All legislative powers herein granted shall be vested in a Congress of the United States, which shall consist of a Senate and House of Representatives.

By Mrs. MCCLAIN DELANEY:

H.R. 6011.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 3

By Mr. MOULTON:

H.R. 6012.

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

Article 1, Section 8

By Mr. MULLIN:

H.R. 6013.

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

Clause 1 of Section 8 of Article I of the Constitution;

Clause 12 of Section 8 of Article I of the Constitution;

Clause 14 of Section 8 of Article I of the Constitution.

By Mrs. RAMIREZ:

H.R. 6014.

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

Article 1, Section 8 of the Constitution of the United States

By Mrs. RAMIREZ:

H.R. 6015.

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

Article 1, Section 8 of the Constitution of the United States

By Mr. SCHNEIDER:

H.R. 6016.

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

Article I

By Mr. VAN DREW:

H.R. 6017.

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

Article 1 Section 8

By Mr. WIED:

H.R. 6018.

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

Article 1; Section 8

### ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

Under clause 7 of rule XII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions, as follows:

H.R. 221: Mrs. HARSHBARGER.

H.R. 309: Mr. BARR.

H.R. 335: Mrs. HARSHBARGER.

H.R. 492: Mr. MULLIN.

H.R. 493: Ms. WATERS.

H.R. 516: Mr. SCHNEIDER, Mr. POCAN, Ms. SANCHEZ, and Mr. HARRIS of North Carolina.

H.R. 569: Mr. DONALDS.

H.R. 583: Mr. LALOTA.

H.R. 722: Mr. SMUCKER.

H.R. 1004: Ms. SCHRIER and Mr. MASSIE.

H.R. 1054: Mr. BELL, Mr. MULLIN, and Ms. WILSON of Florida.

H.R. 1061: Ms. BUDZINSKI, Mr. WALKINSHAW, Mr. BELL, and Ms. WILSON of Florida.

H.R. 1163: Mr. MANN.

H.R. 1189: Mr. POCAN, Mr. RASKIN, and Ms. SIMON.

H.R. 1410: Mr. PETERS and Mr. DAVIS of Illinois.