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## Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Thursday, November 13, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.

## House of Representatives

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2025

The House met at noon and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. BOST).

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,  
November 12, 2025.

I hereby appoint the Honorable MIKE BOST 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:

Lead us, O Lord, this day on paths of righteousness, that emerging from these long weeks of trial and testing, we may discern what You would have us learn and how we are now to respond in faith. This shutdown has grated nerves and rattled souls. None have come through this impasse unscathed.

Remind us that the strength of Your presence and guiding hand have always been with us and remain with us still, so that having persevered we may learn the importance of patience, most especially with each other, as we commit to finishing the work set before us.

In having endured, may we receive the wisdom that persistence reveals, calling us to lead with humility and to respond with mercy.

Lord, grant that this ordeal would mature and perfect our faith, not in

the process, but faith in Your provision, not in seeking victory, but in pursuing virtue. Going forward may we prove worthy of the responsibility You have given us and faithful to the stewardship of the limitless blessings You have entrusted to our care.

We commit to Your will the work of this day, that it would glorify You and advance the work of Your kingdom.

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.

### 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 10, 2025.

Hon. MIKE JOHNSON,  
The 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 10, 2025, at 10:45 p.m.:

That the Senate passed S. 778.

That the Senate passed S. 2296.

That the Senate passed S. 2392.

That the Senate passed with an amendment H.R. 5371.

With best wishes, I am,  
Sincerely,

KEVIN F. MCCUMBER,  
Clerk.

### RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 3 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

□ 1608

### AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker at 4 o'clock and 8 minutes p.m.

### COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk 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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OFFICE OF THE CLERK,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, October 16, 2025.

Hon. MIKE JOHNSON,  
*The Speaker, House of Representatives,*  
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: I have the honor to transmit herewith a copy of the Certificate of Election received from the Honorable Adrian Fontes, Arizona Secretary of State, indicating that, at the Special Election held on September 23, 2025, the Honorable Adelita Grijalva was duly elected Representative in Congress for the Seventh Congressional District, State of Arizona.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,  
KEVIN F. McCUMBER,

*Clerk.*

Enclosure.

STATE OF ARIZONA  
CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION

I, Adrian Fontes, Secretary of State and Keeper of the Great Seal, do hereby certify that, at the 2025 Special General Election held in the State of Arizona on the 23rd day of September 2025, Adelita Grijalva was duly elected to the office of U.S. Representative in Congress—District No. 7 in and for the State of Arizona, as confirmed by the Official State Canvass on file in this office. As such, Adelita Grijalva is elected to serve as a Member of the 119th Congress to fill the remainder of the term that began at noon (EST) on January 3, 2025.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona. Done at the Capitol in Phoenix this 14th day of October 2025.

ADRIAN FONTES,  
*Secretary of State.*

[State Seal Affixed]

□ 1610

SWEARING IN OF THE HONORABLE  
ADELITA S. GRIJALVA, OF ARIZONA,  
AS A MEMBER OF THE  
HOUSE

The SPEAKER. Will the Representative-elect and the members of the Arizona delegation present themselves in the well.

All Members will rise and the Representative-elect will please raise her right hand.

Mrs. GRIJALVA appeared at the bar of the House and took the oath of office, as follows:

Do you solemnly swear or affirm that you will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that you will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that you take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that you will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which you are about to enter, so help you God.

The SPEAKER. Congratulations, you are now a Member of the 119th Congress.

WELCOMING THE HONORABLE  
ADELITA S. GRIJALVA TO THE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the gentleman from Arizona is recognized for 1 minute.

There was no objection.

Mr. GOSAR. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to rise today to congratulate our newest colleague and our fellow Arizonan on her swearing in as the Representative for Arizona's Seventh Congressional District, Congresswoman ADELITA GRIJALVA.

Congresswoman GRIJALVA has concentrated her career on issues advocating for students and supporting families.

As she follows in her late father's footsteps—and, boy, those are some footsteps, especially with those bolo ties, wow—I have no doubt she will bring to the Halls of Congress the same energy that has defined her years of public service.

As dean of the Arizona congressional delegation, I wish to congratulate Congresswoman GRIJALVA and welcome her to the United States House of Representatives.

I now yield to the gentleman from Mr. Arizona (Mr. STANTON), my friend.

Mr. STANTON. Mr. Speaker, I thank Congressman GOSAR, the new dean of Arizona's State delegation. It has been a minute since we have all been together on the House floor. I am looking for cobwebs around here.

As dean, Congressman GOSAR replaces the late Congressman Raul Grijalva, one of the most impactful leaders in Arizona history.

Now, with great pride, I rise today to do something we have waited 50 long days to do—exactly 49 days too long—and that is to introduce our colleague from Arizona, Congresswoman ADELITA GRIJALVA.

Since September 23, the people of Arizona have been waiting for this day, and the excuses for the delay have changed seemingly daily. First they said they need an election certificate, though one isn't required. Then they wanted to make sure there was enough pomp and circumstance. Then we were informed about a nonexistent Pelosi precedent.

At one point, the Speaker went on television and said, "Bless her heart. She's a Representative-elect. She doesn't know how things work around here."

Bless his heart, because here is how it should work. Let's call it the Adelita Grijalva precedent: When the American people vote, this Chamber respects their will and seats them immediately. Politics should never come into play.

Mr. Speaker, Congresswoman GRIJALVA is a native Tucsonan, the granddaughter of a bracero who came here from Mexico. She is the youngest woman ever elected to the Tucson Unified School Board, serving 20 years, then a Pima County supervisor, fighting for working families, affordable housing, and early childhood education. She brings that same fight to Congress.

The people of Arizona's Seventh District placed their trust in her, and today that trust is rewarded.

Her first act of Congress will be a powerful one. She will be the 218th and

final signature on the discharge petition to force the Trump administration to release the Epstein files, delivering long overdue justice and accountability for hundreds of victims abused by rich and powerful men.

She is a smart, principled fighter through and through.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to welcome and introduce to this Chamber Congresswoman ADELITA GRIJALVA.

Mrs. GRIJALVA. Mr. Speaker, I thank my colleague and friend, Congressman STANTON, for that kind introduction and to the entire Democratic delegation from Arizona and the delegation that stood here with me that has supported me throughout this process.

I rise today, the proud granddaughter of a bracero, a hardworking Mexican immigrant who came to this country for a better life, and I stand as the proud daughter of a U.S. Congressman, a man who spent his entire life fighting for justice, equity, and dignity for the most vulnerable.

From working as a vaquero to serving in Congress in just a single generation, that is the promise of this country. That is the America I want to raise my three beautiful children in—Adelina, Raul, and Joaquin. They, along with my amazing husband, Sol, and my wonderful Mama Ramona are here with me today.

"Thank you for your support and your love."

"Muchas gracias por su apoyo y tu amor."

Thank you to "the people," "la gente" of southern Arizona for making history, electing me as the first Latina, the first Chicana from Arizona to ever go to Congress.

(English translation of the statement made in Spanish is as follows:)

"This is a historic moment for our community. It is an honor to be the first Latina to represent Arizona in Congress. Let me assure you, while I am the first, I will not be the last."

"Este momento es historico para nuestra comunidad. Es un honor ser la primera latina en representar Arizona en el Congreso, y les aseguro que aunque soy la primera, no sere la ultima."

The SPEAKER. The gentlewoman from Arizona will provide a translation of her remarks to the Clerk.

Mrs. GRIJALVA. While we celebrate this moment, today our American promise is under serious threat. Basic freedoms are under attack. Healthcare premiums are skyrocketing. Babies are being ripped away from their parents by masked agents. We can and must do better.

What is most concerning is not what this administration has done, but what the majority in this body has failed to do: Hold Trump accountable as the co-equal branch of government that we are.

It has been 50 days since the people of Arizona's Seventh Congressional District elected me to represent them; 50