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The House met at 11 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. HARIDOPOLOS).

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,  
November 25, 2025.

I hereby appoint the Honorable MIKE HARIDOPOLOS 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:

With grateful hearts, we come before You, O Lord, to give thanks for all that Your gracious hand has provided: family and friends, life and love, all of which flow from the bounty of Your mercy on us.

Should this season find our souls anxious, allow us to feel the surround of Your gentleness. Remain near to us in every situation and receive our prayers and petitions. Hear our thanksgiving even in our most dire circumstances, for we claim our faith in Your goodness in all things and our hope in Your plan for our future.

Guard our hearts and minds as we dare to open them to receive Your compassion, even when we cannot understand the whys of our moments. May we learn to make ourselves vulnerable to Your abiding and abundant love, even while we wait for the fullness of Your grace to be revealed in our lives.

Gather Your people into Your will, that we may share in the harvest of Your love and abide in Your presence.

God, our maker, we offer thanksgiving to You on this day and in all things.

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 and joint resolutions were signed by the Speaker on Friday, November 21, 2025:

H.R. 1512, To amend the Taiwan Assurance Act of 2020 to require periodic reviews and updated reports relating to the Department of State's Taiwan Guidelines;

H.J. Res. 133, Requesting the Secretary of the Interior to authorize unique and one-time arrangements for displays on the National Mall and the Washington Monument during the period beginning on December 31, 2025, and ending on January 5, 2026;

S. 260, To amend the Bottles and Breastfeeding Equipment Screening Act to require hygienic handling of breast milk and baby formula by security screening personnel of the Transportation Security Administration and personnel of private security companies providing security screening, and for other purposes;

S. 2392, To increase, effective as of December 1, 2025, the rates of com-

pensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans, and for other purposes;

S.J. Res. 80, Providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Bureau of Land Management relating to "National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska Integrated Activity Plan Record of Decision".

### RESIGNATION OF CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Chief Administrative Officer of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Washington, DC, November 19, 2025.

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

DEAR SPEAKER JOHNSON: I am writing to inform you of my retirement, effective December 31, 2025. Over the last 14 years I have had the honor of serving the House working in the Chief Administrative Officer organization and the last 5 years as the Chief Administrative Officer. It has been a great pleasure to serve this institution and lead an organization that is dedicated to serving the Members.

Please let me know if I can be of any help moving forward.

Thank you,

CATHERINE L. SZPINDOR,  
*Chief Administrator Officer.*

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the resignation is accepted.

There was no objection.

### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces the Speaker's appointment, pursuant to the provisions

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of section 208(a) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946, of Anne Dressendorfer Binsted of Virginia to act as and to exercise the duties of Chief Administrative Officer of the House of Representatives, effective December 31, 2025.

#### ENROLLED BILL AND JOINT RESOLUTION SIGNED

Kevin F. McCumber, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly enrolled a bill and a Joint Resolution of the House of the following titles, which were thereupon signed by the Speaker on Friday, November 21, 2025:

H.R. 1512. An act to amend the Taiwan Assurance Act of 2020 to require periodic reviews and updated reports relating to the Department of State's Taiwan Guidelines.

H.J. Res. 133. An act requesting the Secretary of the Interior to authorize unique and one-time arrangements for displays on the National Mall and the Washington Monument during the period beginning on December 31, 2025, and ending on January 5, 2026.

#### SENATE ENROLLED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTION SIGNED

The Speaker announced his signature to enrolled bills and a Joint Resolution of the Senate of the following titles:

S. 260.—An act to amend the Bottles and Breastfeeding Equipment Screening Act to require hygienic handling of breast milk and baby formula by security screening personnel of the Transportation Security Administration and personnel of private security companies providing security screening, and for other purposes.

S. 2392.—An act to increase, effective as of December 1, 2025, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans, and for other purposes.

S.J. Res. 80.—A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Bureau of Land Management relating to "National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska Integrated Activity Plan Record of Decision".

#### BILLS PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Kevin F. McCumber, Clerk of the House, reported that on November 19, 2025, the following bill was presented to the President of the United States for approval:

H.R. 4405. To require the Attorney General to release all documents and records in possession of the Department of Justice relating to Jeffrey Epstein, and for other purposes.

Kevin F. McCumber, Clerk of the House, further reported that on November 21, 2025, the following bill and Joint Resolution were presented to the President of the United States for approval:

H.R. 1512. To amend the Taiwan Assurance Act of 2020 to require periodic reviews and updated reports relating to the Department of State's Taiwan Guidelines.

H.J. Res. 133. Requesting the Secretary of the Interior to authorize unique and one-

time arrangements for displays on the National Mall and the Washington Monument during the period beginning on December 31, 2025, and ending on January 5, 2026.

Kevin F. McCumber, Clerk of the House, further reported that on November 25, 2025, the following bills were presented to the President of the United States for approval:

H.R. 2483. To reauthorize certain programs that provide for opioid use disorder prevention, treatment and recovery, and for other purposes.

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.

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

H.R. 695. To amend title 38, United States Code, to increase the rate of the special pension payable to Medal of Honor recipients, and for other purposes.

#### ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 13 of rule I, the House stands adjourned until 10 a.m. Friday, November 28, 2025.

Thereupon (at 11 o'clock and 4 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Friday, November 28, 2025, at 10 a.m.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

EC-2310. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting a notice of intent to designate the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia as a Major Non-NATO Ally, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2321k(a); Public Law 87-195, Sec. 517 (as added by Public Law 104-164, title I, Sec. 147(a)(1)); (110 Stat. 1434) (H. Doc. No. 119-113); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed.

EC-2311. A letter from the Branch Chief, Border Security Regulations Branch, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's Major interim final rule—Enhanced Air Cargo Advance Screening (ACAS) [Docket No.: USCBP-2025-0053; CBP Dec. 25-08] (RIN: 1651-AB61) received November 20, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Homeland Security.

EC-2312. A letter from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's Major final rule—Medicare Program; End-Stage Renal Disease Prospective Payment System, Payment for Renal Dialysis Services Furnished to Individuals with Acute Kidney Injury, End-Stage Renal Disease Quality Incentive Program, and End-Stage Renal Disease Treatment choices Model CMS-1830-F] (RIN: 0938-AV52) received November 21, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); jointly to the Committees on Ways and Means and Energy and Commerce.

EC-2313. A letter from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Depart-

ment's Major final rule—Medicare Program: Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment and Ambulatory Surgical Center Payment System; Quality Reporting Programs; Overall Hospital Quality Star Rating; Hospital Price Transparency; and Notice of Closure of a Teaching Hospital and Opportunity To Apply for Available Slots [CMS-1834-FC] (RIN: 0938-AV51) received November 21, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); jointly to the Committees on Ways and Means and Energy and Commerce.

#### 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. Supplemental report on H.R. 4312. A bill to protect the name, image, and likeness rights of student athletes and to promote fair competition with respect to intercollegiate athletics, and for other purposes (Rept. 119-270, Pt. 3). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. WALBERG: Committee on Education and Workforce. Supplemental report on H.R. 4312. A bill to protect the name, image, and likeness rights of student athletes and to promote fair competition with respect to intercollegiate athletics, and for other purposes (Rept. 119-270, Pt. 4). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. GUTHRIE: Committee on Energy and Commerce. Supplemental report on H.R. 3668. A bill to promote interagency coordination for reviewing certain authorizations under section 3 of the Natural Gas Act, and for other purposes (Rept. 119-297, Pt. 2). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. GUTHRIE: Committee on Energy and Commerce. Supplemental report on H.R. 3616. A bill to require the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to review regulations that may affect the reliable operation of the bulk-power system (Rept. 119-302, Pt. 2). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. GUTHRIE: Committee on Energy and Commerce. Supplemental report on H.R. 3638. A bill to direct the Secretary of Energy to prepare periodic assessments and submit reports on the supply chain for the generation and transmission of electricity, and for other purposes (Rept. 119-304, Pt. 2). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. GUTHRIE: Committee on Energy and Commerce. Supplemental report on H.R. 3632. A bill to amend the Federal Power Act to adjust the requirements for orders, rules, and regulations relating to furnishing adequate service, to require owners or operators of generating facilities to provide notice of planned retirements of certain electric generating units, and for other purposes (Rept. 119-307, Pt. 2). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. WESTERMAN: Committee on Natural Resources. H.R. 302. A bill to prohibit the conditioning of any permit, lease, or other use agreement on the transfer of any water right to the United States by the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 119-384, Pt. 1). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. WESTERMAN: Committee on Natural Resources. H.R. 556. A bill to prohibit the