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## Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, December 8, 2025, at 3 p.m.

## House of Representatives

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2025

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

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,  
December 5, 2025.

I hereby appoint the Honorable MICHAEL K. SIMPSON 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 wise God, Lord everlasting, we make our ears attentive to Your wisdom. In this place where laws are made, we treasure and preserve the commandments You have given us. We incline our hearts to assent to serve as You would have us serve.

For Your wisdom is more precious than any silver we might seek as reward, more treasured than any hidden gems we would search for our own gain.

Give us then, Lord, Your wisdom, sound understanding for those who walk in Your righteousness. Be a shield for those who walk with integrity. Keep them blameless as they face the challenges that are laid before them.

Guard the paths of justice and preserve the integrity of the steps of the faithful.

Then may we understand what is good and right, what is true and just in Your eyes. And as Your wisdom enters our hearts, may the knowledge we receive be pleasant to our souls and the understanding You grant provide the sustenance for our lives.

For it is in Your wisdom we find our salvation and, in Your name, the answer to our prayers.

Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House the approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1 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, December 4, 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 December 4, 2025, at 4:26 p.m.:

That the Senate agreed to without amendment H. Con. Res. 62.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.J. Res. 131.

Appointment:  
Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely,

KEVIN F. MCCUMBER,  
*Clerk.*

### ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the House stands adjourned until noon on Tuesday next for morning-hour debate and 2 p.m. for legislative business.

There was no objection.

Thereupon (at 11 o'clock and 3 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Tuesday, December 9, 2025, at noon for morning-hour debate.

### OATH FOR ACCESS TO CLASSIFIED INFORMATION

Under clause 13 of rule XXIII, the following Member executed the oath for access to classified information:

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

EC-2322. A letter from the Regulations Coordinator, FDA, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule — Medical Devices; Quality Management System Regulation Technical Amendments [Docket No.: FDA-2025-N-4635] received December 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-2323. A letter from the Associate Director, Office of Regulatory Policy and Management, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants: Integrated Iron and Steel Manufacturing Facilities Technology Review [EPA-HQ-OAR-2002-0083; FRL-5919.4-04-OAR] received December 2, 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-2324. A letter from the Associate Director, Office of Regulatory Policy and Management, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Oil and Natural Gas Sector Climate Review: Extension of Deadlines in Standards of Performance for New, Reconstructed, and Modified Sources and Emissions Guidelines for Existing Sources [EPA-HQ-OAR-2025-0162; FRL-12675-02-OAR] (RIN 2060-AW61) received December 2, 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-2325. A letter from the Supervisory, Program Analyst, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Delete, Delete, Delete [GN Docket No.: 25-133] received December 3, 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-2326. A letter from the Associate Director, Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's direct final rule — The Sunset Rule [NRC-2025-0479] (RIN: 3150-AL39) received December 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-2327. A letter from the Senior Bureau Official, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Transmittal No. DDTC 25-103 Certification of Proposed Issuance of an Export License Pursuant to Sec 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-2328. A letter from the Senior Bureau Official, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Transmittal No. DDTC 25-078 Certification of Proposed Issuance of an Export License Pursuant to Sec 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-2329. A letter from the Senior Bureau Official, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Transmittal No. DDTC 25-070 Certification of Proposed Issuance of an Export License Pursuant to Sec 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-2330. A letter from the Senior Bureau Official, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, De-

partment of State, transmitting the Department's final rule — International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Changes to Section 126.1 [Public Notice: 12859] (RIN: 1400-AG16) received December 3, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-2331. A letter from the Biologist, National Marine Fisheries Service, Office of Protected Resources, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Takes of Marine Mammals Incidental to Specified Activities; Taking Marine Mammals Incidental to Military Readiness Activities in the Atlantic Fleet Training and Testing Study Area [Docket No.: 251030-0166] (RIN: 0648-BN17) received December 3, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

EC-2332. A letter from the Program Analyst, Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Rescinding Requirements Regarding Bridges on Federal Dams [Docket No.: FHWA-2025-0011] (RIN 2125-AG18) received December 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 Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-2333. A letter from the Program Analyst, Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Rescinding Requirements Regarding Federal-Aid Contracts for Appalachian Contracts [Docket No.: FHWA-2025-0013] (RIN: 2125-AG11) received December 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 Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-2334. A letter from the Executive Director, Office of Regulatory Oversight and Management, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting the Department's final rule — Health Care Professionals Practicing Via Telehealth [Docket No.: VA-2022-VHA-0020] (RIN: 2900-AQ59) received December 3, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-2335. A letter from the Section Chief, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's IRB only rule — Fixed Investment Trusts Staking Digital Assets (Rev. Proc. 2025-31) received December 3, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

EC-2336. A letter from the Section Chief, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's notice — Interim Guidance Regarding Interest on Loans Secured by Rural or Agricultural Real Property under Section 139L of the Internal Revenue Code [Notice 2025-71] received December 3, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

EC-2337. A letter from the Section Chief, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final regulations — Excise Tax on Repurchase of Corporate Stock [TD 10037] (RIN: 1545-BQ59) received December 3, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

EC-2338. A letter from the Regulations Coordinator, Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's Major interim final rule — Medicare and Medicaid Programs: Repeal of Minimum Staffing Standards for Long-Term Care Facilities [CMS-3442-IFC] (RIN: 0938-AV25);

jointly to the Committees on Energy and Commerce and Ways and Means.

EC-2339. 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 and Medicaid Programs; Calendar Year 2026 Home Health Prospective Payment System (HH PPS) Rate Update; Requirements for the HH Quality Reporting Program and the HH Value-Based Purchasing Expanded Model; Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies (DMEPOS) Competitive Bidding Program Updates; DMEPOS Accreditation Requirements; Provider Enrollment; and Other Medicare and Medicaid Policies [CMS-1828-F] (RIN: 0938-AV53) received December 4, 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 Energy and Commerce and Ways and Means.

**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. BILIRAKIS:

H.R. 6484. A bill to protect the safety of minors on the internet, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. CLINE (for himself and Ms. LOFGREN):

H.R. 6485. A bill to amend title 35, United States Code, to provide for a safe harbor from infringement of a method of use patent relating to drugs or biological products; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. HAMADEH of Arizona:

H.R. 6486. A bill to require the Bureau of the Census to collect information on dual citizenship status through the decennial census; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Mr. HARRIGAN (for himself and Mr. MOOLENAAR):

H.R. 6487. A bill to prohibit the issuance of certain visas to nationals of the People's Republic of China, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary, 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 Mrs. HOUCHIN:

H.R. 6488. A bill to prohibit certain platforms from allowing minors to create or maintain an account or profile on such platforms, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mrs. HOUCHIN:

H.R. 6489. A bill to ensure that providers of chatbots clearly and conspicuously disclose to users who are minors that chatbots are artificial intelligence systems, not natural person, and do not provide advice from licensed professionals, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Ms. HOULAHAN (for herself, Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia, Mr. BACON, Mr. HORSFORD, Mr. WITTMAN, and Ms. GOODLANDER):

H.R. 6490. A bill to direct the Secretary of Defense to establish a pilot program to provide certain members of the Armed Forces with timely and relevant information via text message, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. KENNEDY of Utah:

H.R. 6491. A bill to amend chapter 53 of title 49, United States Code, to allow funding recipients to assume certain responsibilities