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House of Representatives

The House met at 10:30 a.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,

May 4, 2026.

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 God, our creator and redeemer, help us to hear Your Word with new ears. Long ago, You declared that You are the first and the last. Your hand laid the foundation of the Earth and Your right hand spread out the heavens.

The former things You declared long ago, the words that came from Your mouth at creation have come to pass. All that You desire for us and all You have done for us has been made known.

Reveal to us now the hidden things we could not appreciate because Your wisdom is too wonderful for us.

Now, more than ever, we need a word from You. Your guidance unveils Your eternal and gracious design for our lives and Your direction clarifies the decisions before us.

Speak and we will listen. Lead us and we will follow.

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. Pursuant to clause 4 of rule I, the following enrolled bill was signed by the Speaker on Thursday, April 30, 2026:

S. 4465, to amend the FISA Amendments Act of 2008 to extend the authorities of title VII of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978, and for other purposes.

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, May 1, 2026.

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 May 1, 2026, at 11:18 a.m.:

That the Senate passed S. 272.
That the Senate passed S. 874.
That the Senate passed S. 1199.
That the Senate passed S. 2232.
That the Senate passed S. 2280.
That the Senate passed S. 2934.
That the Senate passed S. 2975.
That the Senate passed S. 4161.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely,

KEVIN F. MCCUMBER,
Clerk.

SENATE ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The Speaker on Thursday, April 30, 2026, announced his signature to an enrolled bill of the Senate of the following title:

S. 4465. An act to amend the FISA Amendments Act of 2008 to extend the authorities of title VII of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978, and for other purposes.

BILL PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Kevin F. McCumber, Clerk of the House, reported that on April 30, 2026, the following bill was presented to the President of the United States for approval:

H.R. 7147. Making further consolidated appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026, and for other purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 13 of rule I, the House stands adjourned until 9 a.m. on Thursday, May 7, 2026.

Thereupon (at 10 o'clock and 34 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Thursday, May 7, 2026, at 9 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-3485. A letter from the Senior Bureau Official, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Department Notification Number: RSAT 26-01, pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(b)(5)(C) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-3486. A letter from the Senior Bureau Official, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Department Notification Number: RSAT OL-25, pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(b)(5)(C) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

☐ 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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EC-3487. A letter from the Senior Bureau Official, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Department Notification Number: RSAT 26-0L, pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(b)(5)(C) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-3488. A letter from the Senior Bureau official, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Department Notification Number: RSAT 26-031, pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(b)(5)(C) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-3489. A letter from the Director, Office of Equal Employment Opportunity, U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting the Commission's FY 2025 Annual No FEAR Act Report, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 2301 note; Public Law 107-174, Sec. 203(a) (as amended by Public Law 109-435, Sec. 604(f)); (120 Stat. 3241); 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:

[Submitted May 1, 2026]

Mr. HARRIS of Maryland: Committee on Appropriations. H.R. 8646. A bill making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2027, and for other purposes (Rept. 119-632). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

[Submitted May 4, 2026]

Mr. JORDAN: Committee on the Judiciary. H.R. 1163. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to require greater transparency for Federal regulatory decisions that impact small businesses, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 119-108 Pt. 2). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. BOST: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H.R. 2137. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to limit the authority of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to deny the claim of a veteran for benefits under the laws administered by such Secretary on the sole basis that such veteran failed to appear for a medical examination associated with such claim, with an amendment (Rept. 119-633). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. BOST: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H.R. 3863. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to furnish annual mental health consultations to certain veterans, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 119-634). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. JORDAN: Committee on the Judiciary. H.R. 8365. A bill to provide for conditions on the appointment of monitors by courts, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 119-635). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. JORDAN: Committee on the Judiciary. H.R. 8352. A bill to authorize peace officer standards and training agencies to access criminal history records, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 119-636). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. JORDAN: Committee on the Judiciary. H.R. 5213. A bill to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to prohibit the award of Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grants to States or

units of local government that limit the use of cash bail, with an amendment (Rept. 119-637). 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. GREEN of Texas:

H.R. 8647. A bill Representative Green's Original Legislation to increase from 9 to 13 the number of justices of the Supreme Court; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BAIRD (for himself and Mr. KEATING):

H.R. 8648. A bill to establish in the Department of State a Foundational Infrastructure for Responsible Use of Small Modular Reactor Technology program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. BAUMGARTNER:

H.R. 8649. A bill to amend the Arms Export Control Act to authorize the use of foreign military financing for direct commercial contracts, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. CARTER of Louisiana (for himself and Ms. MCCLELLAN):

H.R. 8650. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to increase payments to States with respect to outreach and enrollment under the Medicaid program; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Ms. CASTOR of Florida (for herself, Mr. FITZPATRICK, and Ms. UNDERWOOD):

H.R. 8651. A bill to implement certain recommendations to promote the inclusion of pregnant and lactating women in clinical research, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. CLOUD:

H.R. 8652. A bill to affirm user ownership of their data, prohibit entities from requiring the transfer or monetization of private data in exchange for services, prohibit the collection of third-party contact information without written consent, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. GARAMENDI (for himself and Mr. THOMPSON of California):

H.R. 8653. A bill to direct the Secretary of Transportation to establish a grant program for demonstration projects that make critical transportation infrastructure resilient to natural hazards, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. GOLDMAN of New York (for himself, Mr. GOMEZ, Mr. KENNEDY of New York, Mr. LATIMER, Mr. MOULTON, Mr. CARSON, Mr. CISNEROS, Mr. FIELDS, Mrs. BEATTY, Mr. COHEN, and Ms. NORTON):

H.R. 8654. A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to reauthorize the Nita M. Lowey Community Learning Centers program for fiscal years 2026 through 2035, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and Workforce, 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. GOTTHEIMER (for himself and Ms. POU):

H.R. 8655. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code to create a tax credit for taxpayers selling products that promote New Jersey and to direct port authorities to give retail space preference to businesses that sell such products; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastruc-

ture, 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. HIGGINS of Louisiana (for himself, Mr. HARRIGAN, and Mrs. BIGGS of South Carolina):

H.R. 8656. A bill to require the Department of Justice to procure ballistic-resistant body armor manufactured using domestic ballistic fibers; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. HOUCHIN (for herself, Mrs. TRAHAN, Mr. VALADAO, and Mr. POCAN):

H.R. 8657. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to enhance programs for youth suicide prevention and intervention, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. KENNEDY of Utah:

H.R. 8658. A bill to amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to modify the notification requirement for emergency contract health services for certain beneficiaries, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources, 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. KIGGANS of Virginia (for herself, Mrs. BEATTY, and Mr. BERGMAN):

H.R. 8659. A bill to amend the definition of a professional student in the Higher Education Act of 1965; to the Committee on Education and Workforce.

By Mr. MACKENZIE:

H.R. 8660. A bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to protect worker access to employer equity, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and Workforce.

By Mr. MAST:

H.R. 8661. A bill to authorize the Secretary of State to provide certain direct loans and loan guarantees for the procurement of defense articles, defense services, and design and construction services, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. MILLER of Ohio:

H.R. 8662. A bill to provide assisted living assistance through Medicaid and low-income housing tax credit; 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 Ms. NORTON:

H.R. 8663. A bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to prohibit discrimination in the payment of wages on account of sex, race, or national origin, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and Workforce.

By Ms. SCHOLTEN:

H.R. 8664. A bill to require the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to implement a certain recommendation relating to artificial intelligence adoption, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business.

By Mr. ZINKE (for himself and Mr. BERA):

H.R. 8665. A bill to require the implementation of a strategy to encourage foreign partners to participate in the foreign military sales and direct commercial sales processes on a multinational basis, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. FULLER:

H.J. Res. 172. A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to protect United States citizenship; to the Committee on the Judiciary.