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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. MOORE of West Virginia).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
August 20, 2026.

I hereby appoint the Honorable RILEY M. MOORE, to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

MIKE JOHNSON,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

Pastor Zach Randles, Waterfront Church, Washington, D.C., offered the following prayer:

Awesome Almighty God, we come before You today remembering the first three verses from the 121st Psalm:

I lift my eyes up to the hills. Where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the maker of Heaven and Earth. He will not let your foot slip. He who watches over you will not slumber.

God, we thank You that in all things, we can look to You. You made all things. You know all things, and You are overseeing all things all the time.

It is with this in mind that we ask You for Your help today. Please, Almighty God, bring peace where there is conflict: in our hearts, in our homes, in this Chamber, in our country, and overseas. Only You know what it would take for truly each one of these things to happen.

Help us, O God, and bring healing alongside that peace that strengthens and restores. As they return from recess, fill this Chamber with wisdom and courage for the days ahead. They have been given an impossible task, but Your eyes, O God, are always

watching. Your hands, O God, are always guiding, and Your spirit, O God, is always leading.

Thank You for the way that You love us. Thank You for those who You have raised up to defend our country and our freedoms. Please protect them in a special way today—body, mind, and spirit—so that they can serve to the fullness of their abilities.

I pray this in the mighty name of Jesus.
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, July 30, 2026.

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 July 30, 2026, at 3:54 p.m.:

That the Senate passed S. 5123.

Appointment:
Board of Visitors of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy.

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 9 a.m. on Monday, August 24, 2026.

Thereupon (at 10 o'clock and 3 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Monday, August 24, 2026, at 9 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, EC-4443. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 26-418, "Fiscal Year 2027 Budget Support Act of 2026", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 813), was taken from the Speaker's table, referred 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:

Mr. WESTERMAN: Committee on Natural Resources. H.R. 309. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide funding for the National Law Enforcement Museum, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 119-757). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. WESTERMAN: Committee on Natural Resources. H.R. 3276. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to establish the Urban Bird Treaty Program; with an amendment (Rept. 119-758). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. WALBERG: Committee on Education and Workforce. H.R. 8476. A bill to require

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each local educational agency and institution of higher education that receives Federal financial assistance to treat discrimination motivated by antisemitism as vigorously as such agency or institution treats other forms of discrimination prohibited by title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 119-759, Pt. 1). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. WESTERMAN: Committee on Natural Resources. H.R. 3925. A bill to provide for a land exchange in San Bernardino County, California, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 119-760). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. WESTERMAN: Committee on Natural Resources. H.R. 2406. A bill to amend the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017 to address sexual harassment and sexual assault involving National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration personnel, and for other purposes (Rept. 119-761). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. WESTERMAN: Committee on Natural Resources. H.R. 2827. A bill to provide for the equitable settlement of certain Indian land disputes regarding land in Illinois, and for other purposes (Rept. 119-762). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. WESTERMAN: Committee on Natural Resources. H.R. 6893. A bill to reauthorize the Chesapeake Bay Office of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 119-763). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. WESTERMAN: Committee on Natural Resources. H.R. 7889. A bill to amend the Water Resources Research Act of 1984 to reauthorize the water resources research and technology institutes program, and for other purposes (Rept. 119-764). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

DISCHARGE OF COMMITTEE

Pursuant to clause 2 of rule XIII, the Committee on the Judiciary discharged from further consideration. H.R. 8476 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. BARRETT:

H.R. 10118. A bill to prohibit Members of Congress from signing certain nondisclosure agreements related to data centers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on House Administration.

By Mr. BARRETT:

H.R. 10119. A bill to prohibit the preemption of State or local land-use, zoning, siting, or permitting authority for data centers on non-Federal land, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. BEYER (for himself and Mr. VALADAO):

H.R. 10120. A bill to establish a National Flood Impact Reduction and Resilience Program to achieve major measurable reductions in the losses of life and property from floods through a coordinated Federal effort, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. BILIRAKIS (for himself, Mr. SOTO, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mr.

RESCHENTHALER, Mr. HERNÁNDEZ, and Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania):

H.R. 10121. A bill to obtain and direct the placement in the Capitol or on the Capitol Grounds of a statue to honor American humanitarian and star athlete Roberto Clemente of Puerto Rico; to the Committee on House Administration.

By Mr. CARTER of Louisiana (for himself, Mr. EZELL, and Mr. CARBAJAL):

H.R. 10122. A bill to establish a Fortified Roof revolving loan fund to assist State agencies in making grants for the installation of Fortified Roofs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Ms. HAGEMAN:

H.R. 10123. A bill to require the Administrator of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration to audit the issuance procedures for non-domiciled commercial driver's licenses for each State, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. HARDER of California:

H.R. 10124. A bill to improve coordination and prosecution of organized mail theft and related fraud offenses, to direct the United States Sentencing Commission to review and amend sentencing guidelines applicable to such offenses, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. HIMES (for himself, Mr. SHERMAN, Mr. FOSTER, Mr. GOTTHEIMER, Mr. CASTEN, and Mr. LICCARDO):

H.R. 10125. A bill to prohibit the purchase or sale of securities while aware of nonpublic information contained in certain social media accounts controlled by Government officials, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services, and in addition to the Committees on Agriculture, and 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 Mr. JACKSON of Texas (for himself, Mr. MCCORMICK, Mr. MESSMER, Mr. ISSA, and Mr. VAN ORDEN):

H.R. 10126. A bill to direct the Secretary of Defense to include projected demand for foreign military sales into industrial base planning; 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 Ms. MACE:

H.R. 10127. A bill to prohibit the use of Federal funds to conduct, support, or fund research that studies the effects of gender-related medical treatment, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. MCCLINTOCK:

H.R. 10128. A bill to codify Secretary's Order 3434 of the Department of the Interior; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Ms. MENG (for herself, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE, Ms. NORTON, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, and Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN):

H.R. 10129. A bill to authorize the Director of the Bureau of Prisons to provide postage stamps to indigent inmates; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MOORE of North Carolina:

H.R. 10130. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Army to establish an Army Quantum Readiness and Advanced Computing Initiative, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. MULLIN (for himself, Ms. CHU, Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois, Ms. JAYAPAL, Ms. MATSUI, and Mr. KHANNA):

H.R. 10131. A bill to amend title 44, United States Code, to prohibit the closure of Federal records centers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Mr. ROY (for himself and Mr. COHEN):

H.R. 10132. A bill to provide for congressional approval of national emergency declarations; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committees on Foreign Affairs, and Rules, 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. SCHOLTEN:

H.R. 10133. A bill to amend title XXVII of the Public Health Service Act, the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to ensure cost sharing for a drug does not exceed the nationwide average of consumer purchase prices for such drug; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, and Education and Workforce, 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. SCHOLTEN:

H.R. 10134. A bill to establish an eligibility exception for the drug discount program due to cuts to the Medicaid program; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania:

H.R. 10135. A bill to prohibit the exercise of eminent domain over agricultural land, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. WESTERMAN:

H.R. 10136. A bill to require the Secretary of Agriculture to convey the Crossett Experimental Forest to the State of Arkansas, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. WHITESIDES (for himself, Mr. BACON, and Mr. MOULTON):

H.R. 10137. A bill to direct the Inspector General of the Department of Defense to report to Congress regarding complaints of insider trading on prediction and energy markets during Operation Epic Fury, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Ms. NORTON:

H. Res. 1485. A resolution expressing support for the designation of August 22, 2026, as "Chuck Brown Day", and honoring Chuck Brown's contributions to music and to the District of Columbia; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

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. BARRETT:

H.R. 10118.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8

By Mr. BARRETT:

H.R. 10119.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8

By Mr. BEYER:

H.R. 10120.