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House of Representatives

The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. GRIFFITH).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,

August 27, 2026.

I hereby appoint the Honorable H. MORGAN GRIFFITH to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

MIKE JOHNSON,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

Reverend Charles Trullols, Catholic Information Center, Washington, D.C., offered the following prayer:

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the holy spirit.

Amen.

God Almighty and Eternal Father, source of every good gift, we come before You in gratitude.

Bless and guide the Members of this Chamber, and all those who during these weeks return to their communities to listen to the people they serve. Grant them open ears and humble hearts, that their encounters with their neighbors may deepen their understanding and bear fruit in wise laws and faithful public service.

As our Nation looks toward another season of choosing its Representatives, temper ambition with honesty and rivalry with respect. May those who seek to serve remember that, beyond parties and political divisions, every person in every district is first and foremost a child of God.

Holy spirit, fill our lawmakers with wisdom and courage. May their work strengthen the bonds that hold us together as one people, and may this country remain, under Your providence, a beacon of liberty, justice, and hope for generations to come.

Through Christ our Lord.

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.

SENATE BILL REFERRED

A bill of the Senate of the following title was taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. 675. An act to contribute funds and artifacts to the Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library in Medora, North Dakota; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 13 of rule I, the House stands adjourned until noon, Monday next, for morning-hour debate and 2 p.m. for legislative business.

Thereupon (at 9 o'clock and 3 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Monday, August 31, 2026, at noon for morning-hour debate.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

EC-4447. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting an agreement for cooperation between the Government of the United States and the Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia concerning peaceful uses of nuclear energy, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 2153(d); Public Law 95-242, Sec. 401; (92 Stat. 144) and 42 U.S.C. 2153(d); Aug. 1, 1946, ch. 724, title I, Sec. 123 (as amended by Public Law 109-401, Sec.

104(e)); (120 Stat. 2734) (H. Doc. No. 119—191); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed.

EC-4448. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting declaring a national emergency with respect to the foreign supply of bulk-power system electric equipment, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.; and 50 U.S.C. 1701 et seq. (H. Doc. No. 119—190); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed.

EC-4449. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting an alternative plan for pay adjustments for civilian Federal employees covered by the General Schedule and certain other pay systems, and for members of the Armed Forces in January 2027, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 5303(b)(1)(A); Public Law 89-554, Sec. 5303(b)(1)(A) (as amended by Public Law 101-509, Sec. 529); (104 Stat. 1430) and 5 U.S.C. 5304(a)(1); Public Law 101-509, title I, Sec. 101(a)(1); (104 Stat. 1436) (H. Doc. No. 119—189); jointly to the Committees on Oversight and Government Reform and Armed Services, and ordered to be printed.

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. SMITH of Missouri: Committee on Ways and Means. H.R. 9772. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to require disclosure by certain tax-exempt organizations of information relating to foreign contributions to such organizations; with an amendment (Rept. 119-765). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. WESTERMAN: Committee on Natural Resources. H.R. 9436. A bill to amend the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023 to extend the time period for which certain regulations concerning the North Atlantic right whale are effective; with an amendment (Rept. 119-766). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. WESTERMAN: Committee on Natural Resources. H.R. 741. A bill to elevate the position of Director of the Indian Health Service within the Department of Health and

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Human Services to Assistant Secretary for Indian Health, and for other purposes; with amendments (Rept. 119-767, Pt. 1). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. SMITH of Missouri: Committee on Ways and Means. H.R. 9771. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to impose penalties on political committees that accept foreign contributions; with an amendment (Rept. 119-768). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. WESTERMAN: Committee on Natural Resources. H.R. 726. A bill to amend the Crow Tribe Water Rights Settlement Act of 2010 to make improvements to that Act, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 119-769). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. WESTERMAN: Committee on Natural Resources. H.R. 1693. A bill to redesignate the National Historic Trails Interpretive Center in Casper, Wyoming, as the "Barbara L. Cubin National Historic Trails Interpretive Center" (Rept. 119-770). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. WESTERMAN: Committee on Natural Resources. H.R. 4219. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to establish the National Wildlife Refuge System Invasive Species Strike Team Program; with an amendment (Rept. 119-771). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. WESTERMAN: Committee on Natural Resources. H.R. 5063. A bill to ensure continuity of staffing at Federal beaches, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 119-772). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. WESTERMAN: Committee on Natural Resources. H.R. 5576. A bill to amend the Geothermal Steam Act of 1970 to promote timely exploration for geothermal resources under geothermal leases, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 119-773). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. WESTERMAN: Committee on Natural Resources. H.R. 6021. A bill to amend the Migratory Bird Treaty Act to clarify the treatment of authentic Alaska Native articles of handicraft containing nonedible migratory bird parts, and for other purposes; with amendments (Rept. 119-774). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. WESTERMAN: Committee on Natural Resources. H.R. 7487. A bill to amend the Reclamation Project Act of 1939 to encourage non-Federal hydropower development with respect to Bureau of Reclamation projects; with an amendment (Rept. 119-775). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. WESTERMAN: Committee on Natural Resources. H.R. 8121. A bill to designate the Christiansted Bandstand at the Christiansted National Historic Site, St. Croix, Virgin Islands, as the "Peter G. Thurland, Sr., Bandstand"; with an amendment (Rept. 119-776). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. WESTERMAN: Committee on Natural Resources. H.R. 8454. A bill to provide for the transfer of administrative jurisdiction over certain Federal land in the State of California, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 119-777). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. WESTERMAN: Committee on Natural Resources. 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 (Rept. 119-778, Pt. 1). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. SMITH of Missouri: Committee on Ways and Means. H.R. 9722. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to ensure fair treatment of certain charitable organizations; with an amendment (Rept. 119-779). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. WALBERG: Committee on Education and Workforce. H.R. 4795. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to prohibit an institution that participates in a nonexpressive commercial boycott of Israel from being eligible for certain funds under that Act, to require an institution that participates in certain programs under that Act to certify that students are not unreasonably obstructed from participating in academic programs in Israel, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 119-780). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. WALBERG: Committee on Education and Workforce. H.R. 2555. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to provide for certain freedom of association protections, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 119-781). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. JORDAN: Committee on the Judiciary. H.R. 1869. A bill to strengthen the Department of Justice's enforcement against trade-related crimes; with an amendment (Rept. 119-782). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. JORDAN: Committee on the Judiciary. H.R. 7730. A bill to amend title 11, United States Code, to modify certain bankruptcy eligibility requirements, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 119-783). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. JORDAN: Committee on the Judiciary. H.R. 625. A bill to clarify where court may be held for certain district courts in Texas and California; with an amendment (Rept. 119-784). 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 Energy and Commerce discharged from further consideration. H.R. 741 referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

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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 Ms. BOEBERT (for herself and Mr. VAN ORDEN):

H.R. 10150. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to provide a period of market exclusivity for botanical drugs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. DELUZIO (for himself and Mr. FINSTAD):

H.R. 10151. A bill to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to adjust the limits for technical assistance, grants for small systems, and the authorization of appropriations for the Drinking Water Infrastructure Risk and

Resilience Program; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. EVANS of Colorado:

H.R. 10152. A bill to direct the Secretary of Commerce to support the adoption and use of American open artificial intelligence models, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. FITZPATRICK (for himself, Mr. SUOZZI, Ms. MALLIOTAKIS, and Mr. BOYLE of Pennsylvania):

H.R. 10153. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to treat income earned by United States merchant mariners as foreign earned income; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. GALLAGHER:

H.R. 10154. A bill to amend the Clean Air Act to impose concurrence requirements prior to the adoption and enforcement of certain State emissions standards, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. HAMADEH of Arizona:

H.R. 10155. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to include certain prior active duty as a regular member of an Armed Force for reduced eligibility age for retirement as a member of the reserve components; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. HARDER of California (for himself and Mrs. McBATH):

H.R. 10156. A bill to authorize workforce development innovation grants for the implementation, expansion, and evaluation of evidence-based workforce programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and Workforce.

By Mrs. HARSHBARGER (for herself, Mr. MOORE of West Virginia, and Mr. BURCHETT):

H.R. 10157. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exempt home distillery establishments from taxation and other requirements, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mrs. HARSHBARGER (for herself and Mrs. DINGELL):

H.R. 10158. A bill to require the Secretary of Commerce to conduct a study on the national and economic security risks posed by foreign adversaries to the automotive industry of the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, 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 Mr. HUDSON (for himself and Mr. KNOTT):

H.R. 10159. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Army to convey to the State of North Carolina a certain parcel of real property located at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, on which the State shall construct a veterans' State home, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. KEAN (for himself, Ms. SCHRIER, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. CASTEN, and Mr. COHEN):

H.R. 10160. A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to improve mental health care for veterans through the establishment of a minimum requirement for the number of Vet Centers per State; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. KEAN (for himself and Mr. GOTTHEIMER):

H.R. 10161. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to require States to prohibit the sale of certain products containing nitrous oxide as a condition on receipt of block grants for community mental health services, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.