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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. SIMPSON).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
September 17, 2026.

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

Pastor Dexter Skepple, Speak the Word Ministries, Frederiksted, St. Croix, Virgin Islands, offered the following prayer:

Father, in the name of Jesus, we come before You praying over this Nation. Your Word declares in 2 Chronicles 7:14 that if Your people humble themselves, pray, seek Your face, and turn from their wicked ways, You will hear from Heaven, forgive their sins, and heal their land.

Father, heal our land. We pray over every Congressman, Congresswoman, Senator, Governor, government leader, and staff member. Give them godly wisdom and guide their decision. Let Your Holy Spirit rest upon them and direct their steps.

Lord, align our ways with Your ways. Wash us, cleanse us, and make us whole. We declare that no weapon formed against this Nation shall prosper.

Your Word says in Isaiah 1:19 that if we are willing and obedient, then we will eat the good of the land. Help us to walk in obedience and put Your Word first.

Thank You, Father, for Your presence, Your power, Your protection, and

Your anointing. May Your hand remain upon our leaders, our families, our communities, and our Nation.

In Jesus' precious name, 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.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 13 of rule I, the House stands adjourned until 10:30 a.m. on Monday, September 21, 2026.

Thereupon (at 10 o'clock and 32 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Monday, September 21, 2026, at 10:30 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV,

EC-4752. A letter from the General Counsel, National Credit Union Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Termination of Excess Insurance Coverage (RIN: 3133-AF97) received August 25, 2026, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868), was taken from the Speaker's table, referred to the Committee on Financial Services.

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. HILL of Arkansas:

H.R. 10477. A bill to amend the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 to exclude the audits of privately held, non-carrying brokers and dealers that are in good standing from certain requirements under title I of that Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. ROSE (for himself, Mr. VAN ORDEN, Mr. BURCHETT, and Mr. MILLS):

H.R. 10478. A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a pilot program to arrange for qualified pension assistance organizations to provide claims development support to veterans and beneficiaries, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. BACON:

H.R. 10479. A bill to direct the Secretary of Defense to establish a policy to guide the development and acquisition of quantum computing systems for the Department of Defense, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. BACON:

H.R. 10480. A bill to amend chapter 57 of title 10, United States Code, to provide for recipients of the Medal of Honor to receive identification allowing unaccompanied access to military installations, to establish a Department of Defense Medal of Honor Liaison, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. BACON:

H.R. 10481. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to designate the National Guard Relief Foundation as a military welfare society for certain purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. BACON:

H.R. 10482. A bill to require the Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering to establish a dashboard for military construction projects for Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation facilities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. BACON:

H.R. 10483. A bill to direct the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Nuclear, Chemical, and Biological Defense, Policy and Programs to seek to enter into an agreement with a University Affiliated Research Center affiliated with United States Strategic Command

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to conduct an independent scientific assessment with respect to bone marrow radiation shielding for nuclear survivability; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. BACON:

H.R. 10484. A bill to require the Secretary of Defense to issue Department of Defense-wide guidance for identifying certain artificial intelligence products and excluding and removing those products from systems and devices of the Department, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. BACON:

H.R. 10485. A bill to direct the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs to have a review conducted of the occupational health and safety conditions of facilities associated with the Minuteman III intercontinental ballistic missile system; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. BELL (for himself, Mr. HURD of Colorado, Mr. MOSKOWITZ, Mr. CARTER of Louisiana, Mr. BISHOP, Mr. MFUME, Mr. SHERMAN, Mr. FIELDS, Ms. BUDZINSKI, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Mr. MENEFEE, Mr. GARCIA of California, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. SUBRAMANYAM, Mr. MRVAN, Ms. LOIS FRANKEL of Florida, Ms. TOKUDA, Mr. SOTO, Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY, Mr. SORESEN, and Mr. RILEY of New York):

H.R. 10486. A bill to provide for the continuation of FEMA operations during a lapse in appropriations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committees on Science, Space, and Technology, and Financial Services, 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. BURCHETT:

H.R. 10487. A bill to amend title IV of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act to require project sponsors to offer substance use disorder treatment to persons admitted to emergency shelter, transitional housing, or permanent housing, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. CASTEN (for himself, Ms. CASTOR of Florida, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. MCGOVERN, and Mr. LATIMER):

H.R. 10488. A bill to restore and strengthen the obligation of the Environmental Protection Agency to protect human health and the environment, to halt unlawful deregulatory actions, to require enforcement of the Clean Air Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure, Agriculture, Natural Resources, and 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 Ms. CLARKE of New York:

H.R. 10489. A bill to amend title VI of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 to establish a Federal renewable electricity standard for retail electricity suppliers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas (for herself and Mr. SCHMIDT):

H.R. 10490. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to direct the Secretary of the Treasury to develop model guidance for States to assist with the establishment of certain tax-favored accounts for children; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. DAVIDSON:

H.R. 10491. A bill to direct the National Institutes of Health to conduct a study on the

effects of 750-kilovolt or greater transmission lines, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Ms. DEXTER (for herself, Mr. HUFFMAN, and Mr. GALLAGHER):

H.R. 10492. A bill to authorize the Federal Wildland Firefighter Health and Wellbeing Program, a comprehensive initiative to improve the health of Federal wildland firefighters, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committees on Agriculture, 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 Mr. EMMER (for himself, Mr. STAUBER, Mrs. FISCHBACH, and Mr. FINSTAD):

H.R. 10493. A bill to apply certain requirements for the structure of metropolitan planning organizations designated under title 23, United States Code, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mrs. FOUSHEE:

H.R. 10494. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide American tariff rebates, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on the Judiciary, and Homeland Security, 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. HAMADEH of Arizona:

H.R. 10495. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to establish enhanced penalties for certain frauds, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on Financial Services, and Agriculture, 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. HILL of Arkansas (for himself and Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia):

H.R. 10496. A bill to provide temporary reauthorization of demonstration authority and to direct the Commissioner of Social Security to carry out a demonstration project related to individuals who receive disability insurance benefits under title II of the Social Security Act; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Ms. HOULAHAN (for herself, Ms. GOODLANDER, Mr. WHITESIDES, Mr. RYAN, Mr. TRAN, and Mr. PANETTA):

H.R. 10497. A bill to require explicit Congressional approval for troops or armed persons at polling places for the only exception in the United States Code, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on 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 Mr. KHANNA (for himself, Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Ms. HOYLE of Oregon, and Ms. JAYAPAL):

H.R. 10498. A bill to provide payments to United States taxpayers and dependents to compensate for the costs of the Iran war, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Appropriations, 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. LAHOOD (for himself, Ms. DELBENE, and Ms. MALLIOTAKIS):

H.R. 10499. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to establish a credit for

prepared meal donations made to certain tax-exempt organizations; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Ms. LEE of Florida:

H.R. 10500. A bill to amend the Natural Gas Act with respect to the judicial review of an application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, 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. MCCORMICK (for himself, Mr. FULLER, and Mrs. HARSHBARGER):

H.R. 10501. A bill to amend the Communist Control Act of 1954 to provide that the Democratic Socialists of America shall be treated like the Communist Party of the United States of America, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MCDOWELL (for himself and Mr. WALKINSHAW):

H.R. 10502. A bill to direct the Director of National Intelligence to submit to Congress a report on the use of artificial intelligence systems to acquire, analyze, query, disseminate, or otherwise access information under section 702 of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Intelligence (Permanent Select), 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. OMAR (for himself, Ms. CRAIG, Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois, Ms. TLAIB, Ms. PINGREE, Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE, and Ms. BYNUM):

H.R. 10503. A bill to establish a Federal grant program to reimburse certain States for the costs incurred and damage caused by widespread deployment of Federal immigration officials, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on Homeland Security, and 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. RASKIN (for himself and Mr. NUNN of Iowa):

H.R. 10504. A bill to amend the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004 to limit adverse security clearance and suitability determinations based on past marijuana use, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Ms. SALAZAR (for herself, Mr. BERA, and Mr. GIMENEZ):

H.R. 10505. A bill to reauthorize the Tropical Forest and Coral Reef Conservation Act of 1998; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Ms. SCANLON:

H.R. 10506. A bill to confer in the Secretary of Agriculture the authority to use civil investigative demands for enforcement of the Packers and Stockyards Act, 1921, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. TAYLOR:

H.R. 10507. A bill to require a report on expanding the scope of jurisdiction under the terrorism exception to the Foreign Sovereign Immunities Act in cases where a terrorist attack resulted in injury but no death; to the Committee on the Judiciary, 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 Mr. THOMPSON of California (for himself and Mr. GALLAGHER):

H.R. 10508. A bill to strengthen services provided in rural areas, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, the Judiciary, Agriculture, Education and Workforce, and Transportation and Infrastructure, 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. VASQUEZ (for himself and Mr. NUNN of Iowa):

H.R. 10509. A bill to suspend the Presidential Proclamation relating to expanding foreign beef imports and establish a Beef Import and Domestic Supply Advisory Board to increase the domestic supply of beef and lower costs for consumers over the long term, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, 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. BERGMAN (for himself and Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina):

H. Res. 1558. A resolution expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that, to maintain the health care safety net, Federally Qualified Health Centers should continue to operate under their longstanding single patient definition for delivery of all services, including prescription drugs; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. CASTRO of Texas (for himself, Mr. CISCOMANI, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Ms. BARRAGÁN, Ms. BROWNLEY, Mr. CARBAJAL, Mr. CORREA, Ms. CROCKETT, Mr. DESAULNIER, Ms. TITUS, Mr. FROST, Ms. FRIEDMAN, Mr. GARCIA of California, Mr. VICENTE GONZALEZ of Texas, Mr. GOMEZ, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. LIEU, Mrs. MCBATH, Mr. MULLIN, Mr. MOULTON, Ms. NORTON, Mr. PETERS, Mr. TORRES of New York, Ms. TLAIB, Mr. VARGAS, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mr. VALADAO, Mr. SOTO, Mr. COSTA, Mr. KHANNA, Ms. STANSBURY, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mrs. MCIVER, Ms. SALINAS, Mr. AGUILAR, Ms. JACOBS, Mr. RASKIN, Mrs. TORRES of California, Mrs. TRAHAN, Mr. CASAR, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, Ms. MEJIA, Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois, Mr. CUELLAR, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Mr. CISNEROS, Ms. SÁNCHEZ, Mr. RUIZ, Mr. VASQUEZ, Ms. GARCIA of Texas, Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ, Mrs. GRIJALVA, Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY, Mr. HERNÁNDEZ, Mrs. RAMIREZ, Ms. SIMON, and Ms. ESCOBAR):

H. Res. 1559. A resolution expressing support for the designation of the week beginning on September 14, 2026, as “National Hispanic-Serving Institutions Week”; to the Committee on Education and Workforce.

By Ms. ESCOBAR:

H. Res. 1560. A resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4393) to secure the border and reform the immigration laws; to the Committee on Rules.

By Mr. FONG (for himself, Mr. VALADAO, Mr. CALVERT, and Mrs. KIM):

H. Res. 1561. A resolution expressing support for the designation of the third week of September as “Fungal Disease Awareness Week” and encouraging efforts to improve awareness, diagnosis, treatment, surveillance, and prevention of fungal diseases in the United States; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Ms. HOULAHAN (for herself, Mr. MIN, Mr. CROW, Mr. MOULTON, Ms. PINGREE, Ms. SALINAS, Mr. CARSON, Ms. BROWNLEY, and Ms. TLAIB):

H. Res. 1562. A resolution expressing support for “Military Sexual Trauma Awareness Day”; to the Committee on Armed Services, and in addition to the Committee on Veterans’ 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 Mrs. KIM (for herself, Mr. GOLDEN of Maine, and Mr. FITZPATRICK):

H. Res. 1563. A resolution amending the Rules of the House of Representatives with respect to the certification requirement in the case of a congressional earmark or limited tax or tariff benefit; to the Committee on Ethics.

By Mr. MANN (for himself, Mr. PANNETTA, Mr. FEENSTRA, Mr. ROSE, Mr. SMITH of Nebraska, Mr. VAN ORDEN, Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia, Ms. BONAMICI, Mr. BOST, Mr. JACKSON of Texas, Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania, Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania, Mrs. CAMMACK, Mr. COSTA, Mr. ELLZEY, Ms. LETLOW, Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina, Mrs. MILLER of Illinois, Mr. MOOLENAAR, Mr. BALDERSON, Ms. DE LA CRUZ, and Ms. BUDZINSKI):

H. Res. 1564. A resolution recognizing September 17, 2026, as National Teach Ag Day; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Ms. MENG (for herself and Mr. LYNCH):

H. Res. 1565. A resolution expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the United States Postal Service should issue a commemorative postage stamp honoring Lewis Howard Latimer, in recognition of his distinctive life, scientific achievements, and his civic contributions to technological advancement, to commemorate the 178th year anniversary of his birth and that the Citizens Stamp Advisory Committee should recommend to the Postmaster General that such a stamp be issued; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania (for himself and Mr. WALKINSHAW):

H. Res. 1566. A resolution expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the third Friday of September should be recognized as “National POW/MIA Recognition Day”; to the Committee on Armed Services.

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. HILL of Arkansas:

H.R. 10477.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I Section 8 of the Constitution

By Mr. ROSE:

H.R. 10478.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8

By Mr. BACON:

H.R. 10479.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8

By Mr. BACON:

H.R. 10480.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8

By Mr. BACON:

H.R. 10481.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8

By Mr. BACON:

H.R. 10482.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8

By Mr. BACON:

H.R. 10483.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8

By Mr. BACON:

H.R. 10484.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8

By Mr. BACON:

H.R. 10485.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8

By Mr. BELL:

H.R. 10486.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8

By Mr. BURCHETT:

H.R. 10487.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8

By Mr. CASTEN:

H.R. 10488.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, clause 3 of the Constitution

By Ms. CLARKE of New York:

H.R. 10489.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Title 1, Section 8

By Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas:

H.R. 10490.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

This legislation is introduced pursuant to Article I, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution

By Mr. DAVIDSON:

H.R. 10491.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1 Section 8

By Ms. DEXTER:

H.R. 10492.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1 Section 8

By Mr. EMMER:

H.R. 10493.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8

By Mrs. FOUSHEE:

H.R. 10494.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8, clause 1, (Taxing and Spending Clause)

By Mr. HAMADEH of Arizona:

H.R. 10495.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

section 8 of article I of the Constitution

By Mr. HILL of Arkansas:

H.R. 10496.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to Article I, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution.

By Ms. HOULAHAN:

H.R. 10497.