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Senate

The Senate met at 11:30 and 2 seconds a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable TED BUDD, a Senator from the State of North Carolina.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. GRASSLEY).

The clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, August 20, 2026.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable TED BUDD, a Senator from the State of North Carolina, to perform the duties of the Chair.

CHUCK GRASSLEY,
President pro tempore.

Mr. BUDD thereupon assumed the Chair as Acting President pro tempore.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY,
AUGUST 24, 2026, AT 12:30 P.M.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate stands adjourned until 12:30 p.m. on Monday, August 24, 2026.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 11:30 and 42 seconds a.m., adjourned until Monday, August 24, 2026, at 12:30 p.m.

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