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The House met at 11 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. SMITH of New Jersey).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
November 5th, 2026.

I hereby appoint the Honorable CHRISTOPHER H. 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:

All-knowing and all-powerful God, there is nothing that You don't already know, nothing over which You are not sovereign. We commend unto You our unknowing—our inability to see what these days will portend for this country and the governing of this Nation. We appeal to You in our humanity—with our limited perspective and our dependence on Your wisdom to guide us in our lives.

As children we sang easily that You have the whole world in Your hands. Inspire us to see—wherever we stand—that You still do. Our past, our present, and our future are laid bare before You.

May we bear up under the accounting to which You will hold us. In our response to uncertainty, may we trust in Your wisdom. In our living into these times of change, may we yield ourselves to Your direction.

Search us, God, and know our hearts. Lead us into the way You would have us go and into the lives You would have us lead.

In Your sovereign name, we pray.

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 noon on Monday, November 9, 2026, for morning-hour debate and 2 p.m. for legislative business.

Thereupon (at 11 o'clock and 2 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until noon on Monday, November 9, 2026, 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–5061. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting notice of the continuation of the National Emergency with respect to the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction that was declared in Executive Order 12938 of November 14, 1994, is to continue in effect beyond November 14, 2026, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1622(d); Public Law 94-412, Sec. 202(d); (90 Stat. 1257) (H. Doc. No. 119—207); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed.

EC–5062. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting a notification that the national emergency with respect to the situation in Nicaragua originally declared in Executive Order 13851 of November 27, 2018, is to continue in effect beyond November 27, 2026, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1622(d); Public Law 94-412, Sec. 202(d); (90 Stat. 1257) (H. Doc. No. 119—208); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed.

EC–5063. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting notification that the national emergency with respect to Iran declared in Executive Order 12170 of November 14, 1979, is to continue in effect beyond November 14, 2026, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1622(d); Public Law 94-412, Sec. 202(d); (90 Stat. 1257) (H. Doc. No. 119—210); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed.

EC–5064. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting notification that the national emergency with respect to the threat from securities investments that finance certain companies of the People's Republic of China, declared in Executive Order 13959 of November 12, 2020, and expanded in scope by Executive Order 14032 of June 3, 2021, is to continue in effect beyond November 12, 2026, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1622(d); Public Law 94-412, Sec. 202(d); (90 Stat. 1257) (H. Doc. No. 119—209); jointly to the Committees on Foreign Affairs and Financial 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. BOST: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H.R. 5723. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to identify and report instances of fraud with respect to disability benefit questionnaire forms of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 119–869). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. WALBERG: Committee on Education and Workforce. H.R. 9605. A bill to ensure the Department of Health and Human Services will manage accreditation for foreign medical schools, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 119–870). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

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