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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. 5304a(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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