United States
of America

Congressional Record

PROCEEDINGS AND DEBATES OF THE *119th* CONGRESS, SECOND SESSION

Vol. 172 WASHINGTON, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2026 *No. 161*

House of Representatives

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

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
October 15, 2026.

I hereby appoint the Honorable ROBERT J. WITTMAN 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:

O Lord, our God, throughout Scripture, You have shown us the way we are to go and the paths we should take. Blessed are those, You have said, whose way is blameless, who walk in Your law.

But too often, we are inclined to wander, prone to leave the God we say we love. Confident in our own sense of direction, lured by the appeal of immediate pleasure, our hearts turn from You. We become lost in the distractions of our own devising and lose sight of the blessings You provide.

God, show us mercy. In our faithlessness, remind us that You are always faithful. Then may we turn our eyes back to You, seek You with our whole heart, and direct our lives in accordance with Your law. May we abide in Your righteous presence and respond to Your steadfast love in the living of these days.

In Your sovereign name, we pray.

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.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, October 14, 2026.

Hon. MIKE JOHNSON,
Speaker, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on October 14, 2026, at 2:35 p.m.:

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 227.
That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 837.
That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 997.
That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 1190.
That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 1550.
That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 1703.
That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 1744.
That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 1945.
That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 3620.
That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 4307.
That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 5235.
That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 5284.
That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 6380.
That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 7022.
That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 7730.
That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 7831.
That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 8205.
That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 8352.
That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 9496.
That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 10159.
That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 10167.

With best wishes, I am,
Sincerely,

KEVIN F. MCCUMBER,
Clerk.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 4 of rule I, the following enrolled bills were signed by Speaker pro tempore HOUCHIN on Wednesday, October 14, 2026:

H.R. 227, to allow a period in which members of the clergy may revoke their exemption from Social Security coverage, and for other purposes;

H.R. 837, to require the Secretary of Agriculture to convey the Pleasant Valley Ranger District Administrative Site to Gila County, Arizona;

H.R. 997, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to conform to the intent of the Internal Revenue Service Restructuring and Reform Act of 1998, as set forth in the joint explanatory statement of the committee of conference accompanying Conference Report 105–599, that the National Taxpayer Advocate be able to hire and consult counsel as appropriate;

Printed on recycled paper.