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Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, May 19, 2025, at 3 p.m.

House of Representatives

SATURDAY, MAY 17, 2025

The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. BEGICH).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
May 17, 2025.

I hereby appoint the Honorable NICHOLAS J. BEGICH, III to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

MIKE JOHNSON,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Reverend John Kellogg, Christ Church Capitol Hill, Washington, D.C., offered the following prayer:

Almighty God, our great country is in Your hands. We thank You for all that You have blessed us with and pray that we might be good stewards of these blessings. Look with favor upon the public servants that represent us in Congress, as well as their staffs and families. Grant them clarity, foresight, and mutual support as they work together to lead this land. It is with humble and grateful hearts that we beseech You.

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.

JOINT RESOLUTIONS PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Kevin F. McCumber, Clerk of the House, reported that on May 16, 2025, the following joint resolutions were presented to the President of the United States for approval.

H.J. Res. 61. Providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to "National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants: Rubber Tire Manufacturing"

H.J. Res. 60. Providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the National Park Service relating to "Glen Canyon National Recreation Area: Motor Vehicles"

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 13 of rule I, the House stands adjourned until noon on Monday next for morning-hour debate and 2 p.m. for legislative business.

Thereupon (at 10 o'clock and 2 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Monday, May 19, 2025, at noon for morning-hour debate.

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. 217. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to make permanent the pilot program authorized by the Communities Helping Invest through Property and Improvements Needed for Veterans Act of 2016, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 119-97). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. BOST: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H.R. 2201. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve claims, made under laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, regarding military sexual trauma, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 119-98). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. BOST: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H.R. 658. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish qualifications for the appointment of a person as a marriage and family therapist, qualified to provide clinical supervision, in the Veterans Health Administration (Rept. 119-99). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. BOST: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H.R. 1286. A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to seek to enter into an agreement with a federally funded research and development center for an assessment of forms that the Secretary sends to claimants for benefits under laws administered by the Secretary, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 119-100). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

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Mr. BOST: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H.R. 1823. A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and the Comptroller General of the United States to report on certain funding shortfalls in the Department of Veterans Affairs; with an amendment (Rept. 119-101). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

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. FITZPATRICK (for himself and Mr. GOLDEN of Maine):

H.R. 3475. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to establish a new first-time homebuyer credit and to establish the starter home construction credit; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. KELLY of Mississippi (for himself, Ms. GOODLANDER, Mr. MOORE of Alabama, Mr. GUEST, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania, and Mr. TONKO):

H.R. 3476. A bill to amend the Food Security Act of 1985 to require the Secretary of Agriculture to establish the forest conservation easement program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. LARSEN of Washington (for himself and Mr. COHEN):

H.R. 3477. A bill to direct the Secretary of Transportation to require certain air carriers to develop and regularly update an operational resiliency strategy, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. MCGUIRE:

H.R. 3478. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to limit penalties relating to

the destruction of aircraft to apply only with respect to manned aircraft, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on 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 Ms. BONAMICI (for herself, Mr. PETERS, Ms. NORTON, Mr. MOSKOWITZ, and Mr. GOTTHEIMER):

H. Res. 424. A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of "National Honor Our LGBT Elders Day"; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, 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. MORELLE (for himself and Mr. MAST):

H. Res. 425. A resolution expressing support for designation of May 16, 2025, as the "National Day of Light"; to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

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. FITZPATRICK:

H.R. 3475.

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

Article I, Section VIII, Clause 18

By Mr. KELLY of Mississippi:

H.R. 3476.

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

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 3

By Mr. LARSEN of Washington:

H.R. 3477.

Article 1, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution

By Mr. MCGUIRE:

H.R. 3478.

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

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 18.

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

Under clause 7 of rule XII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions, as follows:

H.R. 1236: Mr. MOYLAN, Mr. MIN, Mr. EZELL, Mr. MORAN, Mr. GARCIA of California, and Mr. HUNT.

H.R. 1313: Mr. PFLUGER.

H.R. 2808: Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mr. LYNCH, Mr. MEEKS, Ms. MCBRIDE, and Mr. SCHMIDT.

H.R. 3457: Ms. SEWELL.

DISCHARGE PETITIONS—ADDITIONS AND WITHDRAWALS

The following Members added their names to the following discharge petitions:

Petition 2 by Mr. CASTEN on House Resolution 250: Ms. Kamlager-Dove, Mr. Gottheimer, Ms. Sherrill, and Mr. Pallone.

Petition 3 by Mr. BOYLE of Pennsylvania on House Resolution 278: Mr. Swalwell, Ms. Perez, Mr. Johnson of Georgia, Mr. Neal, Mr. Gottheimer, and Ms. Sherrill.

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, May 17, 2025

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 128 (H.R. 2243) and YEA on Roll Call No. 129 (H. Res. 352).

HONORING DOMINICAN AUTHOR
WEEK**HON. PABLO JOSÉ HERNÁNDEZ**

OF PUERTO RICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, May 17, 2025

Mr. HERNÁNDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with great pride to recognize and celebrate the extraordinary contributions of Dominican writers during the official observance of the Casa Dominicana Week of the Dominican Author, to be held from May 12 to May 17, 2025. This historic celebration is made possible through the joint efforts of the Dominican Ministry of Culture, Dominican Consulate in Puerto Rico, UNESCO Dominican Republic, and PEN International Dominican Republic. It is also thanks to the collaboration of the Senate of Puerto Rico, House of Representatives of Puerto Rico, and the Municipal Legislature of San Juan.

The written word is among the most powerful expressions of a person's soul. Through literature, authors preserve memory, provoke

thought, and illuminate the human condition. Dominican literature in particular stands as a vibrant testament to the cultural richness, resilience, and creativity of a people whose stories transcend borders and generations. Puerto Rico and the Dominican Republic share a deep connection and culture. Our common Spanish language reflects a historical struggle. Literature serves as a testament to our history and the relationship we have shared between both countries for centuries.

This week, as the representative of Puerto Rico in Congress, I join the Dominican Republic in Congress, I join the Dominican Republic to honor a distinguished group of Dominican writers, both from the homeland and the diaspora, who have made exceptional contributions to the arts and the global literary community. In addition, the Dominican community makes essential contributions to Puerto Rican society as business owners, athletes and great citizens. Today, I am pleased to recognize the contributions of the following Dominican honorees to the Caribbean and global literature:

Carlos Roberto Gómez Beras, Miguel Ángel Fornerin, Eugenio García Cuevas, Doris Melo, Antonio Nelson Soto, Miguel Patiño, Ramón Darío Jiménez.

Sebastián Robiou Lamarche, Ana A. Marchena Segura, Giovanni di Pietro, Israel Mercedes, Romelinda Grullón, Nelson del Castillo, Dulce Elvira de los Santos.

Grace Peña, Rosario Guzmán, Pamela Bernal, Dorothy Bell Ferrer, Rafael Méndez Tejada.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I commend these distinguished authors on their well-deserved recognition, and I wish them continued success in their future endeavors.

REMEMBERING CHAIRMAN BO
MAZZETTI**HON. DARRELL ISSA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, May 17, 2025

Mr. ISSA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary life of Bo Mazzetti—a veteran, a veteran statesman, and a relentless champion for tribal sovereignty and the people of the Rincon Band of Luiseño Indians.

For over two decades, Bo not only led his own tribe but also helped lead California's Native nations into a more prosperous future. Known for his steady hand, quiet dignity, and unmatched resolve, Bo was most importantly a leader who never failed to listen. From San Diego County, to Sacramento, and all the way to the halls of Congress—he made historic changes to advance tribal sovereignty. Be it tribal water rights, infrastructure modernization, or unjust gaming compacts, Bo brought common sense solutions to difficult problems.

A Vietnam veteran, Bo remained devoted to leadership and service from the time he enlisted in the Navy. And to those of us who had the honor to serve and work alongside him—he was a friend.

Bo's legacy will live on in the lands he protected, the institutions he built, and the generations he empowered. My prayers are with his wife, Mary, his children, and the entire Rincon community,

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Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate was not in session and stands adjourned until 3 p.m. on Monday, May 19, 2025.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 4 public bills, H.R. 3475–3478; and 2 resolutions, H. Res. 424–425 were introduced. **Page H2108**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H2108**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 217, to amend title 38, United States Code, to make permanent the pilot program authorized by the Communities Helping Invest through Property and Improvements Needed for Veterans Act of 2016, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 119–97);

H.R. 2201, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve claims, made under laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, regarding military sexual trauma, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 119–98);

H.R. 658, to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish qualifications for the appointment of a person as a marriage and family therapist, qualified to provide clinical supervision, in the Veterans Health Administration (H. Rept. 119–99);

H.R. 1286, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to seek to enter into an agreement with a federally funded research and development center for an assessment of forms that the Secretary sends to claimants for benefits under laws administered by the Secretary, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 119–100); and

H.R. 1823, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and the Comptroller General of the United States to report on certain funding shortfalls in the

Department of Veterans Affairs, with an amendment (H. Rept. 119–101). **Pages H2107–08**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Begich to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H2107**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Rev. John Kellogg, Christ Church Capitol Hill, Washington DC. **Page H2107**

Quorum Calls—Votes: There were no Yea and Nay votes, and there were no Recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 10:02 a.m.

Committee Meetings

FISCAL YEAR 2026 REVIEW OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE'S CYBER POSTURE

Committee on Armed Services: On Friday, May 16, 2025, Subcommittee on Cyber, Information Technologies, and Innovation held a hearing entitled “Fiscal Year 2026 Review of the Department of Defense’s Cyber Posture”. Testimony was heard from Laurie Buckhout, Performing the Duties of Assistant Secretary of Defense for Cyber Policy, Office of the Secretary of Defense, Department of Defense; and Lieutenant General William J. Hartman, U.S. Army, Acting Commander, U.S. Cyber Command, and Performing the Duties of Director, National Security Agency, and Chief, Central Security Service, Department of Defense.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

House

Committee on the Budget: On Friday, May 16, 2025, Full Committee began a markup on legislation to provide for reconciliation pursuant to title II of the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2025, H. Con. Res. 14.

Committee on the Budget, May 18, Full Committee, continue markup on legislation to provide for reconciliation pursuant to title II of the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2025, H. Con. Res. 14, 10 p.m., 210 Cannon.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR SUNDAY,
MAY 18, 2025

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

Committee on Rules, Full Committee, hearing on S.J. Res. 13, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency of the Department of the Treasury relating to the review of applications under the Bank Merger Act; and S.J. Res. 31, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to “Review of Final Rule Reclassification of Major Sources as Area Sources Under Section 112 of the Clean Air Act”, 4 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, Subcommittee on Technology Modernization, hearing entitled “Improving Software Licensing Management”, 3 p.m., 360 Cannon.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

3 p.m., Monday, May 19

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 5:30 p.m.), Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of Charles Kushner, of New York, to be Ambassador to the French Republic, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Principality of Monaco, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture thereon at 5:30 p.m.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12 noon, Monday, May 19

House Chamber

Program for Monday: Consideration of measures under suspension of the Rules.

Extensions of Remarks, as inserted in this issue

HOUSE

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