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## House of Representatives

The House met at 3 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. THORNBERRY).

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,  
April 23, 2018.

I hereby appoint the Honorable MAC THORNBERRY to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

PAUL D. RYAN,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

### PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer: Gracious God, we give You thanks for giving us another day.

You have blessed us with all good gifts, and with thankful hearts we express our gratitude. You have created us with opportunities to serve other people in their need, to share together in respect and affection, and to be faithful in the responsibilities we have been given.

In this moment of prayer, please grant to the Members of this people's House, the gifts of wisdom and discernment, that in their words and actions they will do justice, love with mercy, and walk humbly with You.

May all that is done this day be for Your greater honor and glory.  
Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands 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.

### RESIGNATION FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, April 23, 2018.

Hon. PAUL D. RYAN,  
*Speaker, House of Representatives,  
Washington, DC.*

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: I have notified Oklahoma Governor Mary Fallin that I will resign my office as the Representative of Oklahoma's 1st Congressional District effective as of 10:30 a.m. today, Monday April 23, 2018.

As you know, on April 19th, the Senate confirmed my nomination to serve as Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. It has been a great honor to represent the people of Oklahoma's 1st District in the 113th, 114th, and 115th Congresses.

NASA's leadership team and 17,000 employees comprise a scientific and engineering resource unique in the world. They will enable America to secure its future as the world's preeminent space-faring nation, advancing a new era in space exploration and expanding understanding of our home planet.

As NASA Administrator, I will look forward to working with you, and with all members of the House and the Senate, to ensure that the United States realizes its full potential as the world's leader in space.

Sincerely,  
JIM BRIDENSTINE.

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, April 23, 2018.

Hon. MARY FALLIN,  
*Office of the Governor,  
Oklahoma City, OK.*

DEAR GOVERNOR FALLIN: On Thursday April 19th, 2018, the United States Senate confirmed my nomination to serve as Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

Accordingly, I write to provide you with advance notice that I will resign my office as United States Representative for the 1st District of Oklahoma effective as of 10:30 a.m. today, Monday April 23, 2018.

It has been a great honor to represent the people of the 1st District in the 113th, 114th, and 115th Congresses.

NASA's leadership team and 17,000 employees comprise a scientific and engineering resource unique in the world. They will enable America to secure its future as the world's preeminent space-faring nation, advancing a new era in space exploration and expanding understanding of our home planet.

I look forward to the opportunity to serve the United States, and Oklahoma, in a new capacity as NASA Administrator.

Sincerely,  
JIM BRIDENSTINE.

### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under clause 5(d) of rule XX, the Chair announces to the House that, in light of the resignation of the gentleman from Oklahoma (Mr. BRIDENSTINE), the whole number of the House is 429.

### 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:

☐ This symbol represents the time of day during the House proceedings, e.g., ☐ 1407 is 2:07 p.m.

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