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House of Representatives

This being the day fixed by the 20th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, for the meeting of the 116th Congress of the United States, the Representatives-elect met in their Hall, and at noon were called to order by the Clerk of the House of Representatives, Hon. Karen L. Haas.

Reverend EMANUEL CLEAVER, St. James United Methodist Church, Kansas City, Missouri, offered the following prayer:

Almighty and endearing God, whose Lordship is just and true, we bow in recognition of that Godship in this hallowed and consequential moment of inaugurating a Speaker to preside over and provide leadership to the House of Representatives of the United States.

May we temporarily hush our preoccupation with vexing considerations that deplete our energy and consume our hours to seek now favor from Thou whose immaculate voting record demonstrates our need of Thy guidance.

We pray, O Lord, for wisdom sufficient to lean not on our unaided privilege and power to embrace our summons to address the great challenges of this day that are fraught with tribalism at home and turbulence abroad.

Thou who has the whole world in His hand, to Thee we pray for inner resources to rise as a legislative body above political selfishness and then shrink to a level of humility and penitence that would be in harmony with Your will.

When we leave this place, we will, with Your blessing, launch a bold attempt to become the architects of a kindlier Nation that is purging itself of any and all prejudices which degrade the unmatched blessings You have awarded the people of this great Nation.

Inspire us, the Members of this august body, to dedicate ourselves to the healing of open sores in a land where there is far too much mistrust and enmity of those who are different.

Led now in this temple of governance by the Speaker and leaders of both sides of the political aisle, we pray for Your presence in this place.

We need Thee every hour. O Lord, how we need thee. When we are puzzled, guide us with Your hand of direction. When we are worn and wearied, grant us light to find a just and fair way, and when we are confused, anoint our priorities and pet projects so that any diminutive success may give You the glory.

Receive now this prayer, O Lord.
Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The CLERK. The Representatives-elect and their guests will please remain standing and join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Clerk 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.

The CLERK. As directed by law, the Clerk of the House has prepared the official roll of the Representatives-elect.

Certificates of election covering 434 seats in the 116th Congress have been received by the Clerk of the House. The Clerk has not received a certificate of election from the Ninth District of the State of North Carolina. The names of those persons whose credentials show that they were regularly elected as Representatives in accord with the laws of their respective States or of the United States will be called.

The Representatives-elect will record their presence by electronic device and their names will be reported in alphabetical order by State, beginning with the State of Alabama, to determine whether a quorum is present.

Representatives-elect will have a minimum of 15 minutes to record their presence by electronic device.

Representatives-elect who have not obtained their voting ID cards may do so now in the Speaker's lobby.

The call was taken by electronic device, and the following Representatives-elect responded to their names:

[Roll No. 1]

ANSWERED "PRESENT"—431

ALABAMA

Aderholt Palmer Sewell
Brooks Roby
Byrne Rogers

ALASKA

Young

ARIZONA

Biggs Grijalva O'Halleran
Gallego Kirpatrick Schweikert
Gosar Lesko Stanton

ARKANSAS

Crawford Westerman
Hill Womack

CALIFORNIA

Aguilar Garamendi Panetta
Barragan Gomez Pelosi
Bass Harder Peters
Bera Hill Porter
Brownley Huffman Rouda
Calvert Khanna Roybal-Allard
Carbajal LaMalfa Ruiz
Cardenas Lee Sanchez
Chu, Judy Levin Schiff
Cisneros Lieu, Ted Sherman
Cook Lofgren Speier
Correa Lowenthal Swalwell
Costa Matsui Takano
Cox McCarthy Thompson
Davis McClintock Torres
DeSaulnier McNerney Vargas
Eshoo Napolitano Waters

COLORADO

Buck Lamborn Tipton
Crow Neguse
DeGette Perlmutter

CONNECTICUT

Courtney Hayes Larson
DeLauro Himes

DELAWARE

Blunt Rochester

FLORIDA

Bilirakis Dunn Murphy
Buchanan Frankel Posey
Castor Gaetz Rooney
Crist Hastings Rutherford
Demings Lawson Shalala
Deutch Mast Shalala
Diaz-Balart Mucarsel-Powell Soto

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| | GEORGIA | | | NEW MEXICO | | Herrera Beutler | McMorris | Smith |
| | | | Haaland | Lujan | Torres Small | Jayapal | Rodgers | |
| Allen | Graves | McBath | | NEW YORK | | WEST VIRGINIA | | |
| Bishop | Hice | Scott, Austin | | Lowe | Rice | McKinley | Miller | Mooney |
| Carter | Johnson | Scott, David | | Maloney, | Rose | WISCONSIN | | |
| Collins | Lewis | Woodall | | Carolyn B. | Serrano | Duffy | Kind | Sensenbrenner |
| Ferguson | Loudermilk | | | Delgado | Stefanik | Gallagher | Moore | Steil |
| | HAWAII | | | Engel | Meeks | Grothman | Pocan | |
| Case | Gabbard | | | Espaillat | Meng | WYOMING | | |
| | IDAHO | | | Higgins | Morelle | Cheney | | |
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| | ILLINOIS | | | Katko | Ocasio-Cortez | | | |
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| Bustos | Kinzinger | Schakowsky | | Holding | Price | | | |
| Casten | Krishnamoorthi | Schneider | Adams | Budd | Hudson | | | |
| Davis, Danny K. | LaHood | Shimkus | Budd | McHenry | McHenry | | | |
| Foster | Lipinski | Underwood | Butterfield | Meadows | Meadows | | | |
| Garcia | Quigley | | Fox | | | | | |
| | INDIANA | | | NORTH DAKOTA | | | | |
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| Estes | Watkins | | | Lucas | | | | |
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| Comer | Massie | | | Schrader | | | | |
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| Kildee | Slotkin | | | Fleischmann | Roe, David P. | | | |
| | MINNESOTA | | | Green | Rose, John W. | | | |
| Craig | McCollum | Phillips | | TEXAS | | | | |
| Emmer | Omar | | | Escobar | Marchant | | | |
| Hagedorn | Peterson | | | Fletcher | McCaul | | | |
| | MISSISSIPPI | | | Flores | Olson | | | |
| Guest | Palazzo | | | Garcia | Ratcliffe | | | |
| Kelly | Thompson | | | Gohmert | Roy | | | |
| | MISSOURI | | | Gonzalez | Taylor | | | |
| Clay | Hartzler | Smith | | Gooden | Thornberry | | | |
| Cleaver | Long | Wagner | | Granger | Veasey | | | |
| Graves | Luetkemeyer | | | Green | Vela | | | |
| | MONTANA | | | Hurd | Weber | | | |
| | Gianforte | | | Jackson Lee | Williams | | | |
| | NEBRASKA | | | Johnson | Wright | | | |
| Bacon | Fortenberry | Smith | | UTAH | | | | |
| | NEVADA | | | McAdams | | | | |
| Amodei | Lee | | | Stewart | | | | |
| Horsford | Titus | | | VERMONT | | | | |
| | NEW HAMPSHIRE | | | Welch | | | | |
| Kuster | Pappas | | | VIRGINIA | | | | |
| | NEW JERSEY | | | Beyer | Luria | Spanberger | | |
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| Kim | Norcross | Pascrell | | Connolly | Riggleman | Wittman | | |
| | | | | Griffith | Scott | | | |

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The CLERK. Four hundred thirty-one Representatives-elect have recorded their presence. A quorum is present.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE CLERK

The CLERK. Credentials, regular in form, have been received showing the election of:

The Honorable JENNIFFER GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN as Resident Commissioner from the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico for a term of 4 years beginning January 3, 2017;

The Honorable ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON as Delegate from the District of Columbia;

The Honorable Michael F. Q. San Nicolas as Delegate from Guam;

The Honorable STACEY E. PLASKETT as Delegate from the Virgin Islands;

The Honorable AUMUA AMATA COLEMAN RADEWAGEN as Delegate from American Samoa; and

The Honorable GREGORIO KILILI CAMACHO SABLAN as Delegate from the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

ELECTION OF SPEAKER

The CLERK. Pursuant to law and precedent, the next order of business is the election of the Speaker of the House of Representatives for the 116th Congress.

Nominations are now in order.

The Clerk recognizes the gentleman from New York (Mr. JEFFRIES).

Mr. JEFFRIES. Madam Clerk, let me begin by welcoming all of the Members and our families to the people's House in connection with the start of the 116th Congress.

The Scripture says:

Weeping may endure during the long night, but joy will come in the morning.

Madam Clerk, it is with great joy that I rise today, as directed by the House Democratic Caucus, to place the name of NANCY PELOSI in nomination to be the next Speaker of the United States House of Representatives.

Without question, NANCY PELOSI has a track record of legislative success that is unparalleled in modern American history.

NANCY PELOSI captained the ship that defeated the effort to privatize Social Security; rescued our economy in the midst of the Great Recession; saved the American automobile industry; provided affordable healthcare to more