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The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. CUNNINGHAM).

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,  
February 12, 2019.

I hereby appoint the Honorable JOE CUNNINGHAM to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

### PRAYER

Reverend Dr. Dan C. Cummins, Capitol Worship, Washington, D.C., offered the following prayer:

Heavenly Father, we pause in Your presence, in this hallowed Chamber, remembering the lifetimes of two great Americans and distinguished Members of Congress: John David Dingell, Jr., and Walter Beaman Jones, Jr.

With their passing, Lord, our Nation is immeasurably indebted to them and to their families for their tireless dedication and dutiful sacrifices offered upon the altar of public service.

Einstein's words fit appropriately: "Only a life lived in the service of others is worth living." May we, too, live emulating their example.

The prophet Jeremiah declares that, while we are formed in our mother's womb, You designed a purpose for every life. With certainty, Messrs. Dingell and Jones were greeted with these words from their Creator: Well done, thou good and faithful servant.

So let us comfort one another with these words.

O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through Jesus Christ, our resurrected Lord. 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.

### PUBLICATION OF COMMITTEE RULES

RULES OF THE COMMITTEE ON RULES FOR THE 116TH CONGRESS

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
COMMITTEE ON RULES,

Washington, DC, February 12, 2019.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,  
*Speaker of the House,*  
Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: Pursuant to clause 2(a)(2) of rule XI, the Committee on Rules' rules of procedure for the 116th Congress are transmitted herewith. They were adopted on January 8, 2019 by a nonrecord vote.

Sincerely,

JAMES P. MCGOVERN,  
*Chairman.*

### RULE 1.—GENERAL PROVISIONS

(a) The Rules of the House are the rules of the Committee and its subcommittees so far as applicable, except that a motion to recess from day to day, and a motion to dispense with the first reading (in full) of a bill or resolution, if printed copies are available, are non-debatable privileged motions in the Committee. A proposed investigative or oversight report shall be considered as read if it has been available to the members of the Committee for at least 24 hours (excluding Saturdays, Sundays, or legal holidays except when the House is in session on such day).

(b) Each subcommittee is a part of the Committee, and is subject to the authority and direction of the Committee and to its rules so far as applicable.

(c) The provisions of clause 2 of rule XI of the Rules of the House are incorporated by reference as the rules of the Committee to the extent applicable.

(d) The Committee's rules shall be published in the Congressional Record not later than 30 days after the Committee is elected in each odd-numbered year.

### RULE 2.—REGULAR, ADDITIONAL, AND SPECIAL MEETINGS

#### REGULAR MEETINGS

(a)(1) The Committee shall regularly meet at 5:00 p.m. on the first day on which votes are scheduled of each week when the House is in session.

(2) A regular meeting of the Committee may be dispensed with if, in the judgment of the Chair, there is no need for the meeting.

(3) Additional regular meetings and hearings of the Committee may be called by the Chair.

#### NOTICE FOR REGULAR MEETINGS

(b) The Chair shall notify in electronic or written form each member of the Committee of the agenda of each regular meeting of the Committee at least 48 hours before the time of the meeting and shall provide to each member of the Committee, at least 24 hours before the time of each regular meeting:

(1) for each bill or resolution scheduled on the agenda for consideration of a rule, a copy of—

(A) the bill or resolution;  
(B) any committee reports thereon; and  
(C) any available letter requesting a rule for the bill or resolution; and

(2) for each other bill, resolution, report, or other matter on the agenda a copy of—

(A) the bill, resolution, report, or materials relating to the other matter in question; and  
(B) any report on the bill, resolution, report, or any other matter made by any subcommittee of the Committee.

#### EMERGENCY MEETINGS

(c)(1) The Chair may call an emergency meeting of the Committee at any time on any measure or matter which the Chair determines to be of an emergency nature; provided, however, that the Chair has made an

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

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