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## Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 19, 2019, at 9:30 a.m.

## House of Representatives

MONDAY, MARCH 18, 2019

The House met at noon and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. RASKIN).

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,

March 18, 2019.

I hereby appoint the Honorable JAMIE RASKIN to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,

*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

### PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer:

Gracious and Merciful God, we give You thanks for giving us another day.

In this Chamber, where the people's House gathers, we pause to offer You gratitude for the gift of this good land on which we live, and for this great Nation which You have inspired in developing over so many years. Continue to inspire the American people, that through the difficulties of these days, we might keep liberty and justice alive in our Nation, and in the world.

Bless all the Members who are home meeting with constituents or traveling to gather information and knowledge about the issues that are pertinent to their work in committees. May their presence among others be an inspiration for all considering public service.

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

Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 2(a) of House Resolution 208, 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, March 14, 2019.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,  
*The Speaker, House of Representatives,*  
Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM 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 March 14, 2019, at 3:02 p.m.:

That the Senate agreed to S.J. Res. 7.  
That the Senate agreed to without amendment H.J. Res. 46.

With best wishes, I am.  
Sincerely,

CHERYL L. JOHNSON.

### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 4 of rule I, the following enrolled joint resolution was signed by the Speaker on Thursday, March 14, 2019:

H.J. Res. 46, Relating to a national emergency declared by the President on February 15, 2019.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, March 15, 2019.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,  
*The Speaker, House of Representatives,*  
Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, I have the honor to transmit a sealed envelope received from the White House on March 15, 2019 at 4:42 p.m., said to contain a message from the President returning without his approval H.J. Res. 46, a Joint Resolution relating to a national emergency declared by the President on February 15, 2019.

With best wishes, I am  
Sincerely,

CHERYL L. JOHNSON,  
*Clerk of the House.*

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

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