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## House of Representatives

The House met at 1 p.m. 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,  
November 8, 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

Pastor Deamon Scapin, Triumph Church DC, Washington, D.C., offered the following prayer:

Father of all nations, release Your power to heal our Nation.

We know that You see everything, even secret and hidden things. God of Heaven, let truth reign. Let what is done in secret be shouted from the housetops. Bring justice and righteousness to this House. Forgive us when pride, selfishness, and greed have been the motivators for evil behavior. We seek Your face today, believing that You will heal our fractured system and expose all dishonesty.

Bind the lying spirit of Satan and remove corruption, falsehood, and bias. Let discernment rule and wisdom permeate our decision makers. Reveal what needs to be revealed and cover what needs to be covered. May a spirit of unity and harmony come over both Chambers of Congress. Silence the voices of contention and division, amplify voices of healing and progress for Your glory and the good of this land.

In the name of Jesus, we pray.  
Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 4(a) of House Resolution 656, 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, November 6, 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 November 6, 2019, at 11:12 a.m.:

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 724.

With best wishes, I am  
Sincerely,

CHERYL L. JOHNSON.

### 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, November 8, 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 November 8, 2019, at 12:23 p.m.:

That the Senate passed S. 979.

That the Senate passed S. 1388.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 1123.

Appointments:

Board of Visitors of the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy.

Board of Visitors of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

GLORIA J. LETT,  
*Deputy Clerk.*

### RESIGNATION AS MEMBER OF PERMANENT SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following resignation as a member of the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, November 8, 2019.

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

DEAR SPEAKER PELOSI: This letter serves as my intent to resign from the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, effective today.

Sincerely,

RICK CRAWFORD,  
*Member of Congress.*

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the resignation is accepted.

There was no objection.

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

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