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The House met at 2 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. ROSE of New York).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
December 3, 2019.

I hereby appoint the Honorable MAX ROSE 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: God of light, we give You thanks for giving us another day.

Send Your spirit of peace and calm, that all might have confidence in Your faithfulness to us, and that no matter what lies ahead, Your grace is abundantly available.

For millions of Americans, it is a season of anticipation of the coming of God's blessing. It is also a season of difficult memories for many because of addiction, divorce, or the first Christmastime without a loved one. Bless all who are in need of Your healing presence.

These same realities are shared by many in the people's House, even while they engage in ongoing tense and difficult negotiations and address contentious issues. Lord, have mercy on Your people, and provide the grace that is needed for the work of the House to be fruitful and beneficial for all Americans.

May all that is done in the days to come 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.

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, December 3, 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 December 3, 2019, at 12:00 p.m.:

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 1138.

With best wishes, I am
Sincerely,

CHERYL L. JOHNSON.

RECOGNIZING THE WORK OF THE STATEN ISLAND COUNCIL OF JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS

(Mr. ROSE of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. ROSE of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize my dear friends, Mendy Mirocznik and Scott Maurer, and the Staten Island Council of Jewish Organizations.

Every year, COJO puts on incredible events that celebrate Jewish tradition and bring together the Jewish community with other communities of faith from across Staten Island. Now, more than ever, this work is essential to maintaining and building upon the fabric of our great borough.

All too often, though, external forces work to separate communities and isolate them, which leads to polarization, misunderstanding, and fear.

Not with COJO, though. COJO works to build bridges between communities so that we can come together. Most importantly, COJO ensures the security of the Jewish community on Staten Island, which, unfortunately, feels more and more at risk due to recent events.

Across the country and around the world, we see a rising tide of anti-Semitism, from hate speech and graffiti in my district to terror attacks at synagogues across the country.

Now, more than ever, COJO's work is necessary, and I am proud to work with them each and every day to build a safer Staten Island for all.

COMMUNICATION FROM LEGISLATIVE DIRECTOR, THE HONORABLE LANCE GOODEN, MEMBER OF CONGRESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. TRONE) laid before the House the following communication from Ryan Ethington, Legislative Director, the Honorable LANCE GOODEN, Member of Congress:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, December 2, 2019.

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

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: This is to notify you formally, pursuant to Rule VIII of the

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