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## House of Representatives

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

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,  
December 13, 2019.

I hereby appoint the Honorable KAREN BASS 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:  
Loving God, we give You thanks for giving us another day.

In the waning days of the First Session of the 116th Congress, help the Members of the House, and those of the Senate, to act wisely and carefully in the important work they do.

And as our Nation passes through this holy season for millions of Americans, may there be goodwill in our communities, and peace and reconciliation where those virtues are so sorely needed.

May all that is done within the people's House be for Your greater honor and glory.

Amen.

### REAPPOINTMENT TO COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces the Speaker's reappointment, effective December 16, 2019, pursuant to section 2 of the Civil Rights Commission Amendments Act of 1994 (42 U.S.C. 1975), and the order of

the House of January 3, 2019, of the following individual on the part of the House to the Commission on Civil Rights for a term expiring December 15, 2025:

Upon the recommendation of the minority leader:

Mr. Peter N. Kirsanow, Cleveland, Ohio.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 7(a) of House Resolution 758, 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.

### RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 2 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

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### AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. SHERMAN) at 4 p.m.

### 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 13, 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 13, 2019, at 2:33 p.m.:

That the Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 23. Appointment: Board of Visitors of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy.

With best wishes, I am  
Sincerely,

*Cheryl L. Johnson.*

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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 December 13, 2019, at 3:30 p.m., and said to contain a message from the President whereby he transmits to the Congress legislation and supporting documents to implement the United States—Mexico—Canada Agreement.

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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