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## House of Representatives

The House met at 11 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mrs. DINGELL).

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,  
December 23, 2019.

I hereby appoint the Honorable DEBBIE DINGELL 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 mercy, we give You thanks for giving us another day. Bless our Nation as holy days of religious traditions for so many of our citizens approach, and as the year comes to a close.

Help us to look to the future with hope, committed to a renewed effort to work together as citizens of a united America.

Help us all to be truly grateful for the blessings of this past year. And as always, we pray that whatever is done this day be for Your greater honor and glory.

Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 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.

### 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 19, 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 19, 2019, at 5:17 p.m.:

That the Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 81.  
That the Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 82.  
That the Senate agrees to the House amendment to the Senate amendment to the bill H.R. 1158.

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 bills were signed by the Speaker on Thursday, December 19, 2019:

H.R. 777, to reauthorize programs authorized under the Debbie Smith Act of 2004;

H.R. 1158, making consolidated appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020, and for other purposes;

H.R. 1865, making further consolidated appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020, and for other purposes;

H.R. 3196, to designate the Large Synoptic Survey Telescope as the "Vera C. Rubin Observatory";

S. 151, to deter criminal robocall violations and improve enforcement of section 227(b) of the Communications Act of 1934, and for other purposes.

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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 23, 2019, at 10:10 a.m.:

That the Senate passed S. 221.  
That the Senate passed S. 439.  
That the Senate passed S. 1029.  
That the Senate passed S. 1309.  
That the Senate passed S. 1434.  
That the Senate passed S. 1608.  
That the Senate passed S. 2096.  
That the Senate passed S. 3147.  
That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 1424.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 2385.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 2476.

That the Senate passed with an amendment H.R. 550.

Appointment: United States-China Economic and Security Review Commission (2)  
With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

CHERYL L. JOHNSON.

### SENATE BILLS REFERRED

Bills of the Senate of the following titles were taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

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

Matter set in this typeface indicates words inserted or appended, rather than spoken, by a Member of the House on the floor.



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