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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. BUTTERFIELD).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
December 30, 2019.

I hereby appoint the Honorable G.K. BUTTERFIELD to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

Rabbi Arnold E. Resnicoff, Chaplain, U.S. Navy, Retired, Washington, D.C., offered the following prayer:

Almighty God, we pray, reflect, and meditate in different ways, but as a year—a decade ends—and 2020 begins, may we reaffirm, united, the hope of Langston Hughes: “Let America be the dream the dreamers dreamed.”

Dreamers dreamed a nation founded on equality, rights; a Constitution established for a more perfect union for liberty, for us, and our posterity. Our votes, oaths, and acts, must reflect those dreams.

With this decade’s last House prayer, we give thanks for progress, look ahead with hope, but with eyes wide open to prejudice, hatred, and terror, that remain—fueling violence like the anti-Semitic Hanukkah party attack Saturday; the Texas church attack Sunday—praying, Almighty God, for strength to dream the bravest dream our dreamers dreamed, our people dreamed:

“We shall overcome. We shall overcome. We shall overcome, some day. Deep in my heart, I do believe, we shall overcome, some day.”

And let us say, amen.

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.

REAPPOINTMENT OF INDIVIDUAL TO UNITED STATES-CHINA ECONOMIC AND SECURITY REVIEW COMMISSION

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces the Speaker’s reappointment, effective January 1, 2020, pursuant to section 1238(b)(3) of the Floyd D. Spence National Authorization Act for fiscal year 2001 (22 U.S.C. 7002), as amended, and the order of the House of January 3, 2019, of the following individual on the part of the House to the United States-China Economic and Security Review Commission for a term expiring on December 31, 2021:

Ms. Carolyn Bartholomew, Washington, D.C.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE REPUBLICAN LEADER

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Honorable KEVIN MCCARTHY, Republican Leader:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, December 19, 2019.

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

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: Pursuant to 22 USC 7002, I am pleased to appoint the following member to the United States-China Economic and Security Review Commission on behalf of the Speaker:

Mr. Michael Wessel, Falls Church, Virginia.

As previously agreed, because of the change in Congress and the presumed statutory intent of the Commission, I am appointing Mr. Wessel on behalf of the Speaker. As such, I am pleased to make this appointment.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

KEVIN MCCARTHY,
Republican Leader.

HOUSE BILLS APPROVED BY THE PRESIDENT

The President notified the Clerk of the House that on the following dates he had approved and signed bills of the following titles:

September 26, 2019:

H.R. 1200. An Act to increase, effective as December 1, 2019, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans, and for other purposes.

September 27, 2019:

H.R. 4378. An Act making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2020, and for other purposes.

September 30, 2019:

H.R. 1058. An Act to amend the Public Health Service Act to enhance activities of the National Institutes of Health with respect to research on autism spectrum disorder and enhance programs relating to autism, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4285. An Act to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend and modify certain authorities and requirements relating to the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

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

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