The House met at 10 a.m. 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,

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:

May all that is done this day be for Your greater honor and glory.

As the Members of the people’s House find their way back to the Capitol in anticipation of a busy Second Session of the 116th Congress, we ask Your continued blessing on our Nation.

May the days of celebration near the end of the 2019 and the welcoming of a new year inspire hope and good will among the Members of the people’s House, that the issues to be faced by the House adjourned until Friday, January 3, 2020, at 11 a.m.

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.

ADJOURNMENT
The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 7(b) of House Resolution 758, the House stands adjourned until 11 a.m. on Friday, January 3, 2020.

Thereupon (at 10 o’clock and 2 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Friday, January 3, 2020, at 11 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.
Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker’s table and referred as follows:

3384. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Agriculture, transmitting a letter to report a violation of the Antideficiency Act as required by 31 U.S.C. 1351, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1351; Public Law 97-258; (96 Stat. 926); to the Committee on Appropriations.

3385. A letter from the Case Officer, Wage and Hour Division, Department of Labor, transmitting the Department’s final rule — Regular Rate under the Fair Labor Standards Act (RIN: 1235-AA24) received December 17, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Education and Labor.

3386. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration’s temporary rule — International Fisheries: Western and Central Pacific Fisheries for Highly Migratory Species; Reopening and Closing of the Purse Seine Fishery in the ELAPS in 2019 (Docket No.: 190220141-9141-01) (RIN: 0648-XP004) received December 18, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS
Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. FALLONE, Committee on Energy and Commerce, H.R. 535. A bill to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to designate per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances as hazardous substances under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980; with an amendment (Rept. 116-364, Pt. 1). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS
Under clause 7 of rule XII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions, as follows:

H.R. 1518: Mr. FITZPATRICK.
H.R. 1605: Mr. LIPINSKI.
H.R. 1695: Mr. RUIZ.
H.R. 3386: Ms. LOFGREN.
H.R. 3397: Mr. CARPER of West Virginia.
H.R. 3399: Mr. HULTENER of Nebraska.
H.R. 3426: Mr. MCMULLEN.
H.R. 3431: Ms. SCHERR.
H.R. 3432: Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi.
H.R. 3434: Mr. MCGOVERN.
H.R. 3435: Mr. BRINDISH and Ms. BROWNLEY of California.
H. Res. 69: Mr. MARCHANT.
H. Res. 720: Mr. CARTWRIGHT.

PETITIONS, ETC.
Under clause 3 of rule XII,

74. The SPEAKER presented a petition of the Board of Supervisors, Halifax County, VA, relative to Resolution 2019-36, Declaring Halifax County as a Second Amendment Sanctuary, which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
The Senate met at 6:30 and 1 second p.m. and was called to order by the Honorable Joni Ernst, a Senator from the State of Iowa.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. Grassley).

The legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, January 2, 2020,

To the Senate:
Under the provisions of rule 1, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable Joni Ernst, a Senator from the State of Iowa, to perform the duties of the Chair.

Chuck Grassley,
President pro tempore.

Ms. Ernst thereupon assumed the Chair as Acting President pro tempore.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL FRIDAY, JANUARY 3, 2020, AT 12 NOON

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate stands adjourned until 12 noon on Friday, January 3, 2020.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 6:30 and 34 seconds p.m., adjourned until Friday, January 3, 2020, at 12 noon.
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Senate

Chamber Action
The Senate met at 6:30:01 p.m. in pro forma session, and adjourned at 6:30:34 p.m. until 12 noon, on Friday, January 3, 2020.

Committee Meetings
No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action
Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: There were no Public Bills or Resolutions introduced in today’s Record.

Additional Cosponsors: Page H12305

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Bass to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. Page H12305

Quorum Calls—Votes: There were no Yea and Nay votes, and there were no Recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 10:02 a.m.

Committee Meetings
No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings
No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, JANUARY 3, 2020
(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate
No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House
No hearings are scheduled.
Next Meeting of the SENATE
12 noon, Friday, January 3

Program for Friday: Senate will convene the 2nd Session of the 116th Congress.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
11 a.m., Friday, January 3

Program for Friday: House will meet in Pro Forma session at 11 a.m.