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House of Representatives

The House met at 2 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer: Merciful God, we give You thanks for giving us another year.

We ask Your blessing upon the Members of this people's House as they reconvene for the Second Session of the 116th Congress. May they anticipate the opportunities and difficulties that are before them, and before so many Americans, with steadfast determination to work together toward solutions that will benefit their countrymen.

Grant that they be worthy of the responsibilities they have been given by their constituents and truly be the people You have called them to be. May the walls of disagreement that have divided this assembly be put aside and replaced by a spirit of respect and dignity and, where needed, cooperation.

May Your spirit, O God, be in all of our hearts and minds and encourage us to do the works of peace and justice, now and always.

May all that we do be done for Your greater honor and glory.

Amen.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, January 7, 2020.

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 January 7, 2020, at 12:18 p.m.:

That the Senate passed S. 3076.
With best wishes, I am
Sincerely,

CHERYL L. JOHNSON.

COMMUNICATION FROM CHAIR OF HOUSE DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following communication from the Chair of the House Democratic Caucus:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, January 7, 2020.

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

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: Pursuant to House of Representatives Rule X, Clause 5(b)(1), I am writing to inform you that Representative Jefferson Van Drew has resigned as a Member of the House Democratic Caucus.

Sincerely,

HAKEEM JEFFRIES,
Chairman,
House Democratic Caucus.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE

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

JANUARY 7, 2020.

Hon. COLLIN C. PETERSON,
Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN PETERSON: This letter is to advise you that Representative Jefferson Van Drew's election to the Committee on Agriculture has been automatically vacated pursuant to clause 5(b) of rule X effective today.

Best regards,

NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE

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

JANUARY 7, 2020.

Hon. RAÚL M. GRIJALVA,
Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN GRIJALVA: This letter is to advise you that Representative Jefferson Van Drew's election to the Committee on Natural Resources has been automatically vacated pursuant to clause 5(b) of rule X effective today.

Best regards,

NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House.

RECESS

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

Accordingly (at 2 o'clock and 4 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

□ 1830

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker at 6 o'clock and 30 minutes p.m.

CALL OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER. A call of the House is ordered to ascertain the presence of a quorum.

Members will record their presence by electronic device.

The call was taken by electronic device, and the following Members responded to their names:

[Roll No. 1]

ANSWERED "PRESENT"—384

Abraham	Bacon	Bishop (GA)
Adams	Baird	Bishop (NC)
Aderholt	Balderson	Bishop (UT)
Aguilar	Banks	Blumenauer
Allen	Barr	Blunt Rochester
Allred	Barragán	Bonamici
Amash	Bass	Bost
Amodei	Bera	Boyle, Brendan F.
Armstrong	Bergman	Brady
Arrington	Beyer	Brindisi
Axne	Biggs	Brooks (AL)
Babin	Bilirakis	

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

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