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## Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, January 13, 2020, at 3 p.m.

## House of Representatives

FRIDAY, JANUARY 10, 2020

The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. CICILLINE).

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,  
January 10, 2020.

I hereby appoint the Honorable DAVID N. CICILLINE to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,  
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

### PRAYER

Rabbi Barry H. Block, Congregation B'nai Israel, Little Rock, Arkansas, offered the following prayer:

Source of blessing, we come before You today asking Your blessings upon the United States House of Representatives.

At this time of grave division, inspire these Members of the people's House to reach across every kind of aisle, to build new friendships that may grow into opportunities for greater understanding, seeking shared solutions to America's greatest problems.

As the winds of war threaten all humanity, inspire the Members of the people's House to work toward peace, for the ability to wage peace is a greater measure of a nation's strength than the capacity to wage war.

Consecrate this House to perfect the Nation our Founders could not even en-

vision—justice, liberty, freedom from persecution, and discrimination for every person within our borders. Then will this House and our Nation truly be blessed.

Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. RODNEY DAVIS) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois 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.

### WELCOMING RABBI BARRY BLOCK

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the gentleman from Arkansas (Mr. HILL) is recognized for 1 minute.

There was no objection.

Mr. HILL of Arkansas. Mr. Speaker, today I rise with my friend JOHN BOOZMAN, former Member of this House and now a Senator from Arkansas, to welcome today's guest chaplain, my dear friend, Rabbi Barry Block of Congrega-

tion B'nai Israel in Little Rock, Arkansas.

Realizing his love for reformed Judaism at a young age, Rabbi Block earned his master of arts in Hebrew letters from Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion before being ordained 3 years following completion of his degree.

Having devoted much of his life to the church, Rabbi Block found his way to Congregation B'nai Israel in my hometown of Little Rock, Arkansas, in 2013, after serving over 20 years at Temple Beth-El in San Antonio, Texas.

He has served Reform Judaism nationally and regionally as a member of the Board of the Central Conference of American Rabbis and chair of its resolutions and nominating committees and as president of the Southwest Association of Reform Rabbis.

He is the loving father of his two sons, Robert and Daniel.

I want to thank Rabbi Block for his gracing us with a wonderful opening prayer and wish him, his family, and his congregation continued success in our community of Little Rock.

### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. CUELLAR). The Chair will entertain up to five further requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

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