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## House of Representatives

The House met at 10:30 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. BEYER).

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,  
January 17, 2020.

I hereby appoint the Honorable DONALD S. BEYER, Jr. to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,  
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

### PRAYER

Reverend Brendan Glasgow, St. Peter's Catholic Church, Washington, D.C., offered the following prayer:

Good and gracious Father, You are the source of every good thing and the fount of every blessing. We praise You for Your great care that You have for us, Your children. As a source of all that is good and true, we ask You to inspire within our hearts a greater longing to pursue these ends and draw us ever closer to Yourself.

We ask You to send forth Your blessing upon all those gathered here in this House.

May we receive Your guidance and wisdom in accomplishing the tasks set before us. Protect us, keep our country safe from all harm, and may we pursue in freedom of heart the things that are Yours now and forever.

Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 3(a) of House Resolution 790, 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, January 16, 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 16, 2020, at 1:13 p.m.:

That the Senate passed S. 3084.

That the Senate passed S. 3201.

That the Senate passed with an amendment H.R. 886.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 5430.

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:

S. 3084. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to modify the limitation on pay for certain high-level employees and officers of the Department of Veterans Affairs; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S. 3201. An act to extend the temporary scheduling order for fentanyl-related sub-

stances, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce; in addition, to the Committee on the Judiciary; and to the Committee on Ways and Means for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

### BILLS PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Cheryl L. Johnson, Clerk of the House, reported that on January 16, 2020, she presented to the President of the United States, for his approval, the following bills:

H.R. 434. To amend the National Trails System Act to provide for the study of the Emancipation National Historic Trail, and for other purposes.

H.R. 263. To rename the Oyster Bay National Wildlife Refuge as the Congressman Lester Wolff Oyster Bay National Wildlife Refuge.

### ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 3(b) of House Resolution 790, the House stands adjourned until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, January 21, 2020.

Thereupon (at 10 o'clock and 33 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Tuesday, January 21, 2020, at 10 a.m.

### PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions of the following titles were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. ARRINGTON:

H.R. 5652. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reduce the rate of tax on estates, gifts, and generation-skipping transfers; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on the Budget, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

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

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