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## House of Representatives

The House met at 11 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. RASKIN).

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,  
May 22, 2020.

I hereby appoint the Honorable JAMIE RASKIN 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: Compassionate and merciful God, thank You for giving us another day.

Lord, bless the world, give health to our bodies and comfort to our hearts. You ask us to not be afraid. When our faith is weak and we are fearful, this is difficult for us, but You, O Lord, will not leave us at the mercy of the storm.

Bless those who continue to serve, even though threatened in doing so, healthcare professionals, food service workers, and those whose work demands they engage outside zones of distance protection.

If the struggle against COVID-19 is a war, then we are all truly an invisible army fighting in the most dangerous trenches, an army for whom solidarity is perhaps our most powerful weapon.

May we all be willing to make personal sacrifices for the benefit of the entire community, especially when societal rules are moving toward opening after a prolonged period of isolation.

Help us, O Lord, during this time to take stock and renew our lives together as citizens. Our ways of life, often so competitive and individualistic, have been slowed down and

quieted. May we take appropriate stock, and perhaps emerge more grounded in our understanding that we are brothers and sisters and in need of the health and well-being of one another, all of us.

May everything done this day be for Your greater honor and glory.  
Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 4(a) of House Resolution 967, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

Mr. DAVIDSON of Ohio 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, May 22, 2020.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,  
*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 May 22, 2020, at 10:29 a.m.:

That the Senate passed S. 945.  
That the Senate passed S. 1130.  
That the Senate passed S. 1380.

That the Senate passed S. 2927.  
That the Senate passed S. 3782.  
That the Senate agreed to Relative to the death of the Honorable Thomas Allen Coburn, former United States Senator for the State of Oklahoma S. Res. 583.  
With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely,

ROBERT F. REEVES,  
*Deputy Clerk.*

### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 4 of rule I, the following enrolled bill and joint resolution were signed by the Speaker on Tuesday, May 19, 2020:

H.R. 943, to authorize the Director of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum to support Holocaust education programs, and for other purposes;

H.J. Res. 76, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of Education relating to "Borrower Defense Institutional Accountability."

### COMMUNICATION FROM THE SERGEANT AT ARMS

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Sergeant at Arms of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE SERGEANT AT ARMS,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, May 19, 2020.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,  
*Speaker, House of Representatives,*  
Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: Pursuant to section 1(a) of House Resolution 965, following consultation with the Office of Attending Physician, I write to notify you of an ongoing public health emergency due to a novel coronavirus. The public health emergency in effect is caused by the novel coronavirus SARS-CoV-2.

Sincerely,

PAUL D. IRVING,  
*Sergeant at Arms.*

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

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