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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.

Matter set in this typeface indicates words inserted or appended, rather than spoken, by a Member of the House on the floor.



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ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER  
PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces the Speaker's designation on May 20, 2020, of a "covered period" pursuant to section 1(a) of House Resolution 965.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER  
PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, if a veto message on H.J. Res. 76 is laid before the House, then after the message is read and the objections of the President are spread at large upon the Journal, further consideration of the veto message and the joint resolution shall be postponed until the legislative day of Thursday, May 28, 2020; and that on that legislative day, the House will proceed to the constitutional question of reconsideration and dispose of such question without intervening motion.

There was no objection.

REAPPOINTMENT OF INDIVIDUAL  
TO HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces the Speaker's reappointment, pursuant to section 4003(e) of the 21st Century Cures Act (Pub. L. 114-255), and the order of the House of January 3, 2019, of the following individual on the part of the House to the Health Information Technology Advisory Committee:

Dr. Steven Lane, Palo Alto, California

APPOINTMENT OF INDIVIDUAL TO  
COMMISSION ON INTERNATIONAL  
RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces the Speaker's appointment, pursuant to section 201(b) of the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998 (22 U.S.C. 6431), and the order of the House of January 3, 2019, of the following individual on the part of the House to the Commission on International Religious Freedom for a term ending May 14, 2022:

Mr. Nury Turkel, Alexandria, Virginia, to succeed Dr. Tenzin Dorjee

COMMUNICATION FROM THE  
REPUBLICAN LEADER

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Honorable KEVIN MCCARTHY, Republican Leader:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, May 19, 2020.

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

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER, Pursuant to 42 USC §300jj-12, I am pleased to appoint the following member to the Health Information Technology Advisory Committee, effective May 22, 2020:

Dr. Jim Jirjis, Nashville, Tennessee.  
Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

KEVIN MCCARTHY,  
Republican Leader.

RESIGNATION FROM THE HOUSE  
OF REPRESENTATIVES

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following resignation from the House of Representatives:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, May 22, 2020.

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

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER, As I prepare to assume my duties as Director of National Intelligence, I hereby make official my resignation from the U.S. House of Representatives, effective Friday, May 22, 2020. I have also submitted my notice to Governor Abbott to advise him on my resignation. I have attached that letter to this notice.

The Ineligibility Clause of the Constitution of the United States precludes concurrent service in different branches of the federal government. In dedicating myself to the duties and responsibilities of my new office in the Executive branch, I must therefore yield my office in the Legislative branch.

It has been my honor to be a Member of this Chamber and to serve the people of the great state of Texas and the constituents of the 4th District of Texas. I will forever be grateful for the opportunity. I look forward to continuing to work with you and your colleagues in the House serving the nation in my new position.

Sincerely,

JOHN RATCLIFFE,  
Member of Congress.

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, May 22, 2020.

Hon. GREG ABBOTT,  
Governor, State of Texas  
Austin, TX.

DEAR GOVERNOR ABBOTT, I hereby submit my resignation as United States Representative of the 4th District of Texas effective Friday, May 22, 2020.

I am also on the ballot for reelection to this same office in November. The Constitution of the United States precludes concurrent service in the Executive and Legislative branches of the federal government. Therefore, I will be ineligible to serve as United States Representative of the 4th District of Texas if reelected.

It has been my honor to represent the great state of Texas and the constituents of the 4th District of Texas. I will be forever grateful for the opportunity to serve the people of Northeast Texas.

Sincerely,

JOHN RATCLIFFE.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER  
PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under clause 5(d) of rule XX, the Chair announces to the House that, in light of the resignation of the gentleman from Texas (Mr. RATCLIFFE), the whole number of the House is 431.

ENROLLED BILL AND JOINT  
RESOLUTION SIGNED

Cheryl L. Johnson, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly enrolled a bill and joint resolution of the House of the following titles, which were thereupon signed by the Speaker on Tuesday, May 19, 2020:

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

H.J. Res. 76. Joint Resolution 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".

BILLS PRESENTED TO THE  
PRESIDENT

Cheryl L. Johnson, Clerk of the House, reported that on April 23, 2020, she presented to the President of the United States, for his approval, the following bills:

H.R. 266. Making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6322. To make certain improvements in the educational assistance benefits under the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs in the case of changes to courses of education by reason of emergency situations, and for other purposes.

## ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 4(b) of House Resolution 967, the House stands adjourned until 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, May 26, 2020.

Thereupon (at 11 o'clock and 8 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Tuesday, May 26, 2020, at 9:30 a.m.

OATH FOR ACCESS TO CLASSIFIED  
INFORMATION

Under clause 13 of rule XXIII, the following Members executed the oath for access to classified information.

Mike Garcia.  
Thomas P. Tiffany.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS,  
ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

4351. A letter from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — American Society of Mechanical Engineers 2015-2017 Code Editions Incorporation by Reference [NRC-2016-0082] (RIN: 3150-AJ74) received May 19, 2020, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

4352. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting notification that the national emergency, with respect to the stabilization of Iraq, originally declared in Executive Order 13303 of May 22, 2003, is to continue in effect beyond May 22,