

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.

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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.

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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,