

oceans with deadly speed. Improving nations' abilities to address public health threats before they spin out of control is a matter of national security. I am glad to have worked again in a bipartisan effort to see that the House both approved and adopted these amendments to the National Defense Authorization Act.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until 10 a.m. today.

Accordingly (at 9 o'clock and 32 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker at 10 a.m.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer: God of Heaven and Earth, thank You for giving us another day.

The Nation awakes to reports of rising coronavirus numbers, many in places once touted as being safe from the danger of spread. Have mercy on us. Help us to hear Your call to leave pride and boasting behind and together face a most dangerous threat to the health and well-being of our citizens.

Bless the Members of this people's House with Your spirit of cooperation and a desire to work together to address our Nation's most pressing needs.

Continue to bless and protect those men and women who have been burdened for so long with the care of the infected, even as they are asked to make more bricks with less straw. As hospitals fill, empower those given the responsibility to lead with wisdom and practical insights to rise to the demands of their leadership.

May all that is done be for Your greater honor and glory. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Texas (Mr. WILLIAMS) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. WILLIAMS 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 laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, July 20, 2020.

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

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: I have the honor to transmit herewith a scanned copy of a letter received from Mr. Robert Brehm and Mr. Todd Valentine, Co-Executive Directors, New York State Board of Elections, indicating that, according to the preliminary results of the Special Election held June 23, 2020, the Honorable Chris Jacobs was elected Representative to Congress for the Twenty-Seventh Congressional District, State of New York.

With best wishes, I am
Sincerely,

CHERYL L. JOHNSON.

NEW YORK STATE
BOARD OF ELECTIONS,
Albany, NY, July 17, 2020.

Hon. CHERYL L. JOHNSON,
Clerk, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MS. JOHNSON: This is to advise you that the unofficial results of the Special Election held on Tuesday, June 23, 2020, for Representative in Congress from the 27th Congressional District of New York, show that Chris Jacobs received 81,034 of the total number of votes cast for that office.

Chris Jacobs—81,034;
Nathan D. McMurray—72,887;
Michael J. Gammariello—995;
Duane Whitmer—1,419.

It would appear from these unofficial results that Chris Jacobs was elected as Representative in Congress from the 27th Congressional District of New York.

To the best of our knowledge and belief at this time, there is no contest to this election.

As soon as the official results are certified to this office by all (Part of Erie, Genesee, Livingston, Part of Monroe, Part of Niagara, Part of Ontario, Orleans and Wyoming Counties) involved, an official Certificate of Election will be prepared for transmittal as required by law.

Regards,

ROBERT A. BREHM,
Co-Executive Director.
TODD D. VALENTINE,
Co-Executive Director.

SWEARING IN OF THE HONORABLE CHRIS JACOBS, OF NEW YORK, AS A MEMBER OF THE HOUSE

Mrs. LOWEY. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the gentleman from New York, the Honorable CHRIS JACOBS, be permitted to take the oath of office today.

His certificate of election has not arrived, but there is no contest and no question has been raised with regard to his election.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from New York?

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER. Will the Representative-elect and the members of the New York delegation present themselves in the well.

All Members will rise and the Representative-elect will please raise his right hand.

Mr. JACOBS appeared at the bar of the House and took the oath of office, as follows:

Do you solemnly swear or affirm that you will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that you will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that you take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that you will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which you are about to enter, so help you God.

The SPEAKER. Congratulations, you are now a Member of the 116th Congress.

WELCOMING THE HONORABLE CHRIS JACOBS TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the gentlewoman from New York (Mrs. LOWEY) is recognized for 1 minute.

There was no objection.

Mrs. LOWEY. Madam Speaker, it is my honor, on behalf of the New York Congressional delegation, as the co-dean along with Chairman ELIOT ENGEL, to welcome our newest member, CHRIS JACOBS. Or perhaps I should say welcome him back, since Mr. JACOBS began his career just out of college working for New York Congressman Jack Kemp.

After returning home to western New York, he has pursued various professional paths, including public service. He began an education charity and his own small business, Avalon Development.

Mr. JACOBS served as the Erie County Clerk and most recently was a member of the New York State Senate since 2017.

I congratulate Congressman JACOBS and look forward to working with him at this critical time to deliver for our home State of New York in the coming months.

I also welcome his family here today, including his wife, Martina, and beautiful young daughter, Anna.

Madam Speaker, at this time I am pleased to yield to the gentleman from New York (Mr. KING).

Mr. KING of New York. Madam Speaker, it is really a privilege to be here today to welcome CHRIS JACOBS to the House of Representatives.

As Congresswoman LOWEY said, he has a long career both in government and being active in his community, especially setting up an inner city scholarship fund for the City of Buffalo, serving as Secretary of State for the State of New York, then being elected Erie County Clerk, and then being elected New York State senator.

It is a very perilous time to be coming to Congress. The country is going through extreme tension and conflict. The fact is, CHRIS has the credentials, he has the qualifications, and he has the ability to make sure that he will do