

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

the best for his constituents, for the entire Congress, and also for the country.

So with that, CHRIS, I am really proud to welcome you here today.

And, again, sometimes you hear about all of the partisanship. Believe me, we in New York do try to work together. NITA and I, we don't always agree on everything, but we always find a way to work together. This is true of most of the members of the delegation. I have no doubt that you will do an outstanding, excellent job. I look forward to working with you over the next several months.

Mrs. LOWEY. Madam Speaker, I am pleased to yield to our newest Member of Congress, Congressman CHRIS JACOBS.

Mr. JACOBS. Madam Speaker, thank you very much and thank you for conducting the ceremony today.

I want to thank Representative LOWEY and Representative KING for those kind introductions.

I also want to acknowledge the Members of the entire New York State delegation that are here today. I look forward to working with all of you to help our State in a time that they are clearly in need, in a fiscal crisis.

I also want to acknowledge my family members that are here today: My wife, Martina, and my daughter, Anna. Thank you for your love and support during this campaign. My mother, Pamela, and my two brothers, Larry and Luke, are also here. Thank you for all your support during my entire time of public service. I love you all very much.

I also want to acknowledge two special friends of mine that are here in the audience today, Marina Woolcock and Dr. John Long. John Long has been an adviser and mentor to me my entire career in public service. Dr. John Long is 93 years young, and he is a veteran of World War II. If we could just acknowledge Dr. Long and thank him for his service to our country.

Finally, yesterday was my late father's birthday. He would have been 82. My father was a doctor in Buffalo, New York. I want to wish him a happy birthday in heaven, and I want to thank him for instilling in me a desire to serve others as he did.

I just want to conclude with a message to the citizens of the 27th Congressional District. It is the greatest honor of my life to be chosen by you to represent you in Congress. As your Congressman, I promise to fight hard every day for the comeback of our region and to always serve with honesty and integrity.

Thank you very much.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. Under clause 5(d) of rule XX, the Chair announces to the House that, in light of the administration of the oath of office to the gentleman from New York, the whole number of the House is 431.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will entertain up to 15 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

UNWELCOME TACTICS BY FEDERAL AGENTS

(Mr. BLUMENAUER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Madam Speaker, I fear that people don't really appreciate what is going on in my hometown of Portland, Oregon, with the Federal interference, so let's put a face on it.

Christopher J. David, a 53-year-old Navy veteran, graduate of the Naval Academy, college wrestler, was concerned about the Pinochet-type behavior of Federal officials in our community—uninvited, unwelcomed, and unprepared.

He felt that their actions as Federal agents was in violation of their oath to support, uphold, and defend the Constitution, which our new colleague just accepted.

When he asked officers how they justified what they were doing with their oath of office, he didn't get an answer; he got pepper sprayed. He was beaten. His hand was broken. He is facing surgery to install pins, screws, and plates.

This is the face of the Trump administration's unprecedented interference in our community, taking a difficult situation and making it worse.

Madam Speaker, I hope my colleagues will take a hard look at what is going on here, because the Trump administration is trying to overshadow its other failures with tactics like this. There is more on the horizon.

MFAR TRANSPARENCY ACT

(Mr. WILLIAMS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. WILLIAMS. Madam Speaker, I rise today urging the administration to delay a harmful rule that would be catastrophic to rural hospitals and healthcare providers in the 25th District of Texas.

The coronavirus pandemic has presented challenges unseen before in American history. While all businesses have been forced to operate in a new environment, healthcare providers have overcome tremendous hurdles to meet the needs of their patients, despite historical financial losses.

Implementation of the Medicaid Fiscal Accountability Rule, or MFAR, would lead to devastating hospital closures in Texas and restrict access to crucial health services.

The financial impact alone would cost our State nearly \$11 billion and cause local governments to increase taxes, resulting in less care and more red tape.

That is why I am leading the fight on behalf of all Texans. I am proud to in-

troduce the bipartisan MFAR Transparency Act to analyze the impact of the rule before blindly moving forward so that our health systems can continue to serve patients during the most dynamic health crisis of our generation.

I thank my colleague, Congresswoman EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON, for joining me in this effort.

In God we trust.

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HONORING THE LIFE OF JIM SMITH

(Mr. ROSE of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. ROSE of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Mr. Jim Smith, a dedicated community advocate, a mentor, and the Father of Gay Pride on Staten Island.

Jim was the consummate Staten Islander. As a kid, he was the Staten Island Advance paperboy and a standout at Curtis High School. He went on to serve his country in the Coast Guard and honored his fellow veterans by bringing home a Vietnam memorial to West Brighton.

But he is best known as one of the founders of Staten Island's Pride Center, where he spent years opening hearts and minds to the idea that love is love. So, it is only fitting that Jim left us on the 51st anniversary of Stonewall, leaving behind countless Staten Islanders whose lives are better for having known him.

Today, we honor his incredible life, and I hope next year we can honor him one last time when he looks down and sees the Pride Center finally marching down Forest Avenue in our St. Patrick's Day parade.

REVIEWING AMERICA'S ROLE IN GLOBAL HUMAN RIGHTS

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, on Thursday, the Commission on Unalienable Rights of the State Department report was released, as reviewed by Walter Russell Mead in *The Wall Street Journal* on Friday. The commission was chaired by Harvard legal scholar Mary Ann Glendon.

"America's founding was the most significant event in the history of human rights. . . . Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, who convened the commission . . . doubled down on the combative and incendiary nature of the report."

"Mr. Pompeo summarized their central contention about America's role in the global fight for human rights in nine memorable words: 'America is special. America is good. America does good.' It upholds a limited concept of