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House of Representatives

This being the day fixed by the 20th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, for the meeting of the 117th Congress of the United States, the Representatives-elect met in their Hall, and at noon were called to order by the Clerk of the House of Representatives, Hon. Cheryl L. Johnson.

Reverend Emanuel Cleaver, II, St. James United Methodist Church, Kansas City, Missouri, offered the following prayer:

Eternal God, noiselessly we bow before Your throne of grace as we leave behind the politically and socially clamorous year of 2020. We gather, now, in this consequential Chamber to inaugurate another chapter in our roller coaster representative government. The Members of this august body acknowledge Your sacred supremacy and, therefore, confess that without Your favor and forbearance, we enter this new year relying, dangerously, on our own fallible nature.

God, at a moment when many believe that the bright light of democracy is beginning to dim, empower us with an extra dose of commitment to its principles. May we, of the 117th Congress, refuel the lamp of liberty so brimful that generations unborn will witness its undying flame. And may we model community healing, control our tribal tendencies and quicken our spirit that we may feel Thy priestly presence even in moments of heightened disagreement. May we so feel Your presence that our service here may not be soiled by any utterances or acts unworthy of this high office. Insert in our spirit a light so bright that we can see ourselves and our politics as we really are—soiled by selfishness, perverted by prejudice and inveigled by ideology.

Now, may the God who created the world and everything in it bless us and keep us. May the Lord make His face to shine upon us and be gracious unto us. May the Lord lift up the light of His countenance upon us and give us peace—peace in our families, peace across this land and dare I ask, O Lord, peace even in this Chamber, now and evermore. We ask it in the name of the monotheistic God and Brahma and God known by many names by many different faiths.

Amen, and a woman.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The CLERK. The Representativeselect and their guests will please remain standing and join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Clerk 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.

The CLERK. As directed by law, the Clerk of the House has prepared the official roll of the Representatives-elect.

Certificates of election covering 434 seats in the One Hundred Seventeenth Congress have been received by the Clerk of the House. The Clerk has not received a certificate of election from the 22nd District of the State of New York. The names of those persons whose credentials show that they were regularly elected as Representatives in accord with the laws of their respective States or of the United States will be

The Representatives-elect will record their presence by electronic device and their names will be reported in alphabetical order by State, beginning with the State of Alabama, to determine whether a quorum is present.

Representatives-elect will their presence by electronic device.

Representatives-elect who have not obtained their voting ID cards may do so now in Statuary Hall.

The call was taken by electronic device, and the following Representatives-elect responded to their names:

[Roll No. 1] [ANSWERED PRESENT-427]

ALABAMA

Aderholt Moore (AL) Sewell Rogers (AL)

ALASKA

Young

ARIZONA

Grijalva O'Halleran Gallego Kirkpatrick Schweikert Gosar Lesko Stanton

ARKANSAS

Westerman Crawford

CALIFORNIA

Aguilar Issa. Pelosi Barragán Jacobs (CA) Peters Khanna Kim (CA) Porter Bera. Roybal-Allard Brownley LaMalfa Ruiz Lee (CA) Sánchez Carbajal Levin (CA) Schiff Lieu Cárdenas Sherman Lofgren Speier Lowenthal Correa Steel Costa Matsui Swalwell DeSaulnier McCarthy Takano McClintock Eshoo Thompson (CA) Garamendi McNerney Torres Garcia (CA) Napolitano Vargas Gomez Nunes Harder (CA) Obernolte Waters Huffman Panetta

COLORADO

Boebert DeGette Perlmutter Buck Lamborn

CONNECTICUT

Courtney Haves Larson (CT) DeLauro

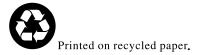
DELAWARE Blunt Rochester

FLORIDA

Posey **Bilirakis** Dunn Frankel, Lois Rutherford Buchanan Cammack Franklin, C. Soto Castor (FL) Scott Steube Crist Gaetz Waltz Gimenez Demings Wasserman Deutch Lawson (FL) Schultz Webster Diaz-Balart Mast Murphy (FL) Wilson (FL)

☐ 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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Allen Bishop (GA) Bourdeaux	Ferguson Greene (GA) Hice (GA)	McBath Scott, Austin Scott, David	Haaland	Herrell NEW YORK	Leger Fernandez	
Carter (GA) Clyde	Johnson (GA) Loudermilk	Williams (GA)	Bowman Clarke (NY)	Katko Malliotakis	Ocasio-Cortez Reed	
	HAWAII		Delgado	Maloney,	Rice (NY)	
Case	Kahele		Espaillat Garbarino	Carolyn B. Maloney, Sean	Stefanik Suozzi	
	IDAHO		Higgins (NY) Jacobs (NY)	Meeks Meng	Tonko Torres (NY)	
Fulcher	Simpson		Jeffries Jones	Morelle Nadler	Velázquez Zeldin	
Bost	ILLINOIS García (IL)	Newman		NORTH CAROLI	۸A	
Bustos	Kelly (IL)	Quigley	Adams	Foxx	Price (NC)	
Casten Davis, Danny K.	Kinzinger Krishnamoorthi	Rush Schakowsky	Bishop (NC) Budd	Hudson Manning	Ross Rouzer	
Davis, Rodney Foster	LaHood Miller (IL)	Schneider Underwood	Butterfield Cawthorn	McHenry Murphy	1touzei	
	INDIANA			NORTH DAKOT.	A	
Baird	Carson	Pence		Armstrong		
Banks Bucshon	Hollingsworth Mrvan	Spartz Walorski		OHIO		
	IOWA		Balderson Beatty	Gonzalez (OH) Johnson (OH)	Ryan Stivers	
Axne Feenstra	Hinson Miller-Meeks		Chabot	Jordan	Turner	
	KANSAS		Davidson Fudge	Joyce (OH) Kaptur	Wenstrup	
Davids (KS) Estes	LaTurner Mann		Gibbs	Latta		
	KENTUCKY		Bice	OKLAHOMA Hern	Mullin	
Barr	Guthrie	Rogers (KY)	Cole	Lucas	WILLIAM	
Comer	Massie LOUISIANA	Yarmuth	Donto	OREGON	Galana Ian	
Graves (LA) Higgins (LA)	Johnson (LA) Letlow	Richmond Scalise	Bentz Blumenauer	Bonamici DeFazio	Schrader	
88 ()	MAINE			PENNSYLVANI	A	
Golden	Pingree		Boyle, Brendan F.	Fitzpatrick Houlahan	Perry Reschenthaler	
Gordon	MARYLAND		Cartwright	Joyce (PA)	Scanlon	
Brown	Mfume	Sarbanes	Dean Doyle, Michael	Keller Kelly (PA)	Smucker Thompson (PA)	
Harris Hoyer	Raskin Ruppersberger	Trone	F. Evans	Lamb Meuser	Wild	
N	ASSACHUSET'	rs		RHODE ISLAND		
Auchineloss Clark (MA)	Lynch	Neal Progalog	Cicilline	Langevin		
Keating	McGovern Moulton	Pressley Trahan		SOUTH CAROLIN	NA	
	MICHIGAN		Clyburn	Norman	Wilson (SC)	
Bergman	Levin (MI)	Stevens	Duncan Mace	Rice (SC) Timmons		
Dingell Huizenga	McClain Meijer	Upton Tlaib		SOUTH DAKOT.	Δ	
Kildee Lawrence	Moolenaar Slotkin	Walberg		Johnson (SD)	a	
	MINNESOTA			TENNESSEE		
Craig	Hagedorn	Phillips	Burchett	DesJarlais	Harshbarger	
Emmer Fischbach	McCollum Omar	Stauber	Cohen Cooper	Fleischmann Green (TN)	Kustoff Rose	
	MISSISSIPPI			TEXAS		
Guest Kelly (MS)	Palazzo Thompson (MS)		Allred Arrington	Fletcher Garcia (TX)	Nehls Pfluger	
	MISSOURI		Babin	Gohmert	Roy	
Bush	Hartzler	Smith (MO)	Brady Burgess	Gonzales, Tony Gonzalez,	Sessions Taylor	
Cleaver	Long	Wagner	Carter (TX) Castro (TX)	Vicente Gooden (TX)	Van Duyne	
Graves (MO)	Luetkemeyer		Cloud	Granger	Veasey Vela	
	MONTANA		Crenshaw Cuellar	Green, Al (TX) Jackson	Weber (TX)	
	Rosendale		Doggett	Jackson Lee	Williams (TX) Wright	
_	NEBRASKA		Escobar Fallon	Johnson (TX) McCaul		
Bacon	Fortenberry	Smith (NE)		UTAH		
A	NEVADA		Curtis	Owens		
Amodei Horsford	Lee (NV) Titus		Moore (UT)	Stewart		
1	NEW HAMPSHIE	RE	VERMONT			
Kuster	Pappas			Welch		
	NEW JERSEY			VIRGINIA		
Gottheimer Kim (NJ)	Pallone Pascrell	Sires Smith (NJ)	Beyer Cline	Griffith Luria	Spanberger Wexton	
Malinowski	Payne	Van Drew	Connolly	McEachin	Wittman	
Norcross	Sherrill	Watson Coleman	Good (VA)	Scott (VA)		

WASHINGTON

Smith (WA) Larsen (WA) Herrera Beutler Newhouse Strickland Rodgers (WA) Schrier

WEST VIRGINIA

McKinley Miller (WV) Mooney

DelBene

Jayapal Kilmer

WISCONSIN

Fitzgerald Kind Steil Gallagher Moore (WI) Tiffany Grothman Pocan

WYOMING

Cheney

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The CLERK. Four hundred twentyseven Representatives-elect have recorded their presence. A quorum is present.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE CLERK

The CLERK. Credentials, regular in form, have been received showing the election of:

The Honorable Jenniffer González-Colón as Resident Commissioner from the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico for a term of 4 years beginning January 3, 2021;

The Honorable Eleanor Holmes NORTON as delegate from the District of Columbia:

The Honorable MICHAEL F.Q. SAN NICOLAS as delegate from Guam;

The Honorable STACEY E. PLASKETT as delegate from the Virgin Islands;

The Honorable AUMUA AMATA COLE-MAN RADEWAGEN as delegate from American Samoa; and

The Honorable Gregorio Kilili CAMACHO SABLAN as delegate from the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE CLERK

The CLERK. The Clerk will state that since the last regular election of Representatives to the 117th Congress, a vacancy now exists in the Fifth District of the State of Louisiana, occasioned by the death of the late Honorable Luke Letlow.

RECESS

The CLERK. Without objection, the House will stand in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

There was no objection.

Accordingly (at 1 o'clock and 28 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Clerk of the House at 1 o'clock and 59 minutes p.m.

ELECTION OF SPEAKER

The CLERK. Pursuant to law and precedent, the next order of business is the election of the Speaker of the