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 in moments of heightened disagreeability. We ask it in the name of the One, who knows that the 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 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 Representatives-elect 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 called.

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.

The Representatives-elect will record 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
Brooks
Carl

ALASKA
Young

ARIZONA
Richards
Rives
Young

ARKANSAS
Westerman
Womack

CALIFORNIA
Issa
Jacobs (CA)
Khanna
Kim (CA)

COLORADO
DeGette
Lamborn
Neuse

CONNECTICUT
Hayes
Larson (CT)

DELAWARE
Blunt
Rochester

FLORIDA
Bilirakis
Buchanan
Cammack
Carter (FL)

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

The Clerk. Four hundred seventy-seven Representatives-elect have recorded their presence. A quorum is present.

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 recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Clerk of the House at 1 o’clock and 28 minutes p.m., the House stood in recess.

AFTER RECESS

ELECTION OF SPEAKER

The Clerk. Pursuant to law and precedent, the next order of business is the election of the Speaker of the House.
House of Representatives for the 117th Congress.

Nominations are now in order.

The Clerk recognizes the gentleman from New York (Mr. JEFFRIES).

Mr. JEFFRIES. Madam Clerk, I rise today to nominate for election of the House Democratic Caucus, by the vote of that Caucus, to place the name of the Honorable NANCY PELOSI, Representative-elect from the great State of California, by way of Charm City, into nomination for election to the position of Speaker of the United States House of Representatives.

NANCY PELOSI believes in the power of American exceptionalism.

NANCY PELOSI believes in the goodness of the American people.

NANCY PELOSI believes that our diversity is our strength and that our unity is our power.

NANCY PELOSI believes that the House is fundamentally the institution best equipped to reflect the hopes, the dreams, and the aspirations of everyday Americans.

NANCY PELOSI believes that our sacred mission is to continue America’s long, necessary, and majestic march toward a more perfect Union.

The Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., once observed that the true measure of a leader is not how one fares in moments of comfort or convenience, but how one fares in moments of challenge and controversy. NANCY PELOSI has passed that test with flying colors over and over and over again.

As a result of her tremendous leadership, during a moment of great turbulence, House Democrats ended the longest government shutdown in American history; addressed the humanitarian crisis at the border; negotiated a historic trade agreement that protected good-paying American jobs; held the President accountable because no one is above the law; passed progressive legislation to transform policing in America as part of our effort to deal with systemic racism; ended the egregious practice of surprise billing because healthcare is a right, not simply a privilege; and confronted the once-in-a-century COVID–19 pandemic with a comprehensive, passionate, and continuing congressional response that, at the end of the day, will crush the virus and supercharge our economy.

That is the NANCY PELOSI track record.

NANCY PELOSI is a champion of the children, a defender of the disenfranchised, a voice for the voiceless, a fabulously solicitous, a notorious negotiator, and a legendary legislator for such a time as this.

This is a moment of great challenge here in America, filled with trials and tribulations and a lot of pain and suffering and death. But America is a resilient Nation. House Democrats are a resilient Caucus. NANCY PELOSI is a resilient leader.

Brighter days are ahead in the United States of America. This is a day of great renewal in the House of Representatives. This is a day when House Democrats will begin our work with the next President of the United States of America, Joe Biden, and his partner, Kamala Harris, so we can build back better for the people. This is a day when, as Speaker, NANCY PELOSI will lead the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives.

NANCY PELOSI has passed that test with flying colors.

God bless NANCY PELOSI. God bless the Congress. God bless the United States of America.

The CLERK. The Clerk now recognizes the gentleman from Wyoming (Ms. CHENEY).

Ms. CHENEY. Madam Clerk, I proudly place her name into nomination, and when it is all said and done, history will record that today was a good day.

God bless NANCY PELOSI. God bless the Congress. God bless the United States of America.

The Clerk now recognizes the gentleman from New York (Mr. JEFFRIES).

Madam Clerk, the nominating ceremony looks very different today in this Chamber. Our masks and our distancing requirements are reminders of this pandemic threat that we face and that we must defeat together, but the Congress is also different because of something we all take great pride in. This body now has more women Members than at any time in our history. Our new Republican women are here to work. They are here to get things done. As we like to say in Wyoming, it is time to grow up. There is no one in this body more responsible for our tremendous new class of Members, our men and women, than our leader, KEVIN MCCARTHY. Through his tireless work and his efforts to date, we have made historic gains, and we are not done.

These gains would not have happened without Leader MCCARTHY’s unmatched work ethic, his strategic and tactical skill, and his commitment to our candidates. Nor would they have happened without KEVIN’s steadfast commitment to defending our freedom, standing up for our Constitution, and remembering that the work we do in this Chamber affects American families and workers all across this Nation.

Madam Clerk, it is my high honor today to have the great privilege to nominate the gentleman from California (Mr. MCCARTHY) to lead us in the United States House of Representatives.

Leader MCCARTHY is a grandson of a cattle rancher, the son of a firefighter. He grew up in a working-class family. He started and ran his own business, Kevin’s Oil in Bakersfield. He paid his way through college. And he knows firsthand that our small businesses are the backbone of our economy and that government is more often the problem than the solution.

No one has been a greater champion of ensuring that our government is limited, defending the rights of the States and the people in those States, and resisting the urge of some of our colleagues to steal power from the people and give it to the government.

Leader MCCARTHY will continue to look for ways to work across the aisle. More times than I can count over the last 2 years, he has led us in putting forward proposals, like the Commitment to America, that encapsulate good policy that should be bipartisan and continue to do this, but he will never compromise our fundamental rights and freedoms.

Last year, as the threat from the Chinese Communist Party grew and spread, Leader MCCARTHY established the China Task Force and urged Democrats to join us in confronting a grave threat that requires bipartisan solutions. They refused. Nonetheless, the task force he directed published legislative recommendations, two-thirds of which are bipartisan.

Leader MCCARTHY ensured that we were united as we successfully fought the unconstitutional and partisan impeachment effort launched by our Democratic colleagues, and he guided us through the unprecedented challenges of operating in and responding to the global COVID pandemic.

For a real guide as to how things will operate once Leader MCCARTHY is Speaker MCCARTHY, look to the historic productivity we saw the last time Republicans were in charge in the 115th Congress. Leader MCCARTHY led us in repealing regulations, cutting taxes, supporting our veterans, combating opioid addiction and human trafficking, securing our borders, growing our economy, and defending our Nation.

Leader MCCARTHY made sure that we passed on time and at a sufficient level, for the first time in more than a decade, appropriations to ensure that we fulfilled our most sacred constitutional duty. As Speaker, that is the kind of record he will deliver on again.

Madam Clerk, as Republicans, we know that the United States Constitution is our sword and our shield. We know that our rights do not come from government; they come from God. We...
know that those rights are protected by the exquisite structure designed by our Founding Fathers.

Madam Clerk, over here on this side of the aisle, we are going to continue to call them Founding Fathers, despite the new House rules package. We know that the man to lead us as we confront the important work ahead is our Republican leader, KEVIN McCARTHY.

Madam Clerk, because he will lead us in fighting for all the people of this great Nation; because he will continue to stand against socialism; because he will continue to stand against the expansion of government power that strips power from the people and gives it to the government; because he knows that the most important words of our founding document are the first 3 words, “We the people,” as chair of the House Republican Conference, I am honored and directed by the vote of that Conference to present for election to the Office of the Speaker of the House of Representatives for the 117th Congress the name of the Honorable KEVIN McCARTHY, Representative-elect from the State of California.

The CLERK. The names of the Honorable NANCY PELOSI, a Representative-elect from the State of California, and the Honorable KEVIN McCARTHY, a Representative-elect from the State of California, have been placed in nomination.

Are there further nominations? There being no further nominations, the Clerk appoints the following tellers:

The gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. SCALISE);

The gentleman from California (Mr. GROTHMAN);

The gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. HURST);

The gentleman from New York (Mr. SCHULZE).

The Clerk will continue to stand against social

The Clerk, the tellers agree in their tallies that the total number of votes cast is 427, of which the Honorable NANCY PELOSI of the State of California has received 216, the Honorable KEVIN McCARTHY of the State of California has received 209, the Honorable TAMMY DUCKWORTH of the State of Illinois has received 1, the Honorable HAKEEM JEFFRIES of the State of New York has received 1.

Therefore, the Honorable NANCY PELOSI of the State of California, having received a majority of the votes cast, is duly elected Speaker of the House of Representatives for the 117th Congress.

The Clerk appoints the following committee to escort the Speaker-elect to the chair:

The gentleman from Maryland (Mr. HOYER);

The gentleman from California (Mr. McCAUGHLIN);

The gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. CLEBURNE);

The gentleman from Louisiana (Mr. SCALISE);

The gentleman from Massachusetts (Ms. CLARK);

The gentleman from Wyoming (Ms. CHEYENNE);

The gentleman from New York (Mr. JEFFRIES);

The gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. EMMER);

The gentleman from California (Mr. AGUILAR);

The gentleman from Alabama (Mr. PALMER);

The gentleman from New York (Mr. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY);
The gentleman from Louisiana (Mr. Johnson); The gentlewoman from Ohio (Mrs. Beatty); The gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. Hudson); The gentlewoman from California (Ms. Jacobs); The gentlewoman from Oklahoma (Mrs. Bice); And the Members of the California delegation.

The members of the committee from majority and minority leadership will retire from the Chamber to escort the Speaker-elect to the chair.

RECESS

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

There was no objection.

Accordingly (at 4 o’clock and 52 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

SWEARING IN OF SPEAKER

The Sergeant at Arms announced the Speaker-elect of the House of Representatives of the 117th Congress, who was escorted to the chair by the Committee of Escort.

Mr. McCarthy. Colleagues, friends, and fellow Americans, it is my honor to welcome you to the first day of the 117th Congress. We are here with the Speaker-elect to the chair.

The gentlewoman from California (Ms. DeGette); The gentleman from Louisiana (Mr. Hudson); (Mr. Hudson); The gentlewoman from Texas (Rep. Lipinski).

The response from the American people to our commitment was resounding. Even though we were outset in district by district, no Republican incumbent was defeated—none. All across this country, voters endorsed common sense, not conflict. It was a referendum against a radical agenda to defund the police and punish hard work. It was a wake-up call.

The question I ask of this Congress is: Were we listening? As we enter the new Congress, I ask every Member to step out of your office, go to the Cannon Office Building tunnel, look at that small desk, and ask yourself: What is in your desk?

And the Members of the California delegation.

Can we make that same commitment to America?

As a former small business owner, I understand how tough things can be even in the best of times. As we battle the coronavirus, our small businesses and our streets that are destroying livelihoods and making it impossible to beat the odds. So I will not hike their taxes.

Can we make that same commitment to America?

As a fourth-generation Central Valley Member from California, I represent farmers and oil field workers who rise at the dawn to go to work; who pray to God; and who raise the next generation of decent citizens who will respect their individuality and their freedom, and I will not forget them.

Can we keep that commitment to America?

No more misplaced priorities. The American people deserve better. America is worth fighting for. Americans’ rights are worth fighting for. Their dreams are worth fighting for; their voices are worth fighting for; and, most importantly, their voices are worth being heard on this floor. In the darkest days of the Civil War, when this Nation was literally burning with division, Abraham Lincoln advised us to strive “to maintain
the government and institutions of our fathers, to enjoy them ourselves, and to transmit them to our children and our children’s children forever.”

He was right then and he is right now. For the sake of the many generations to come, we need to succeed now. With that, I want to congratulate the Speaker.

Madam Speaker, as I hand you this gavel, I just ask that you keep in mind that all the people in America will have a voice on this floor.

Ms. PELOSI. Members of Congress, families, friends, welcome all.

As the House, it is my great honor to preside over this sacred ritual of renewal as we gather under great honor to preside over this sacred ceremonies to come, we need to succeed now. For the sake of the many generations, our democracy will—welcome and congratulations on your election as leader.

I especially thank our distinguished chair of the Caucus, Mr. JEFFRIES, Chairman JEFFRIES, for his very generous nomination.

Thank you, Mr. JEFFRIES.

It gives me great pride to serve as Speaker of the most diverse House of Representatives in the history of our country with a record-shattering 122 women—122 women, you can applaud that—100 years after women won the right to vote.

Now, let us take a moment to give thanks to our courageous servicemembers in uniform, and our veterans and their families and caregivers, whose service makes us the land of the free and the home of the brave. Our promise to them is that Congress will continue to work in a bipartisan way to build a future worthy of their sacrifice.

As we look forward to the new Congress, let us take a moment to remember three champions of democracy we honored by a lying-in-state ceremony lost during the 116th Congress, each of whose memories is a source of strength and inspiration to us as we approach the challenges ahead. Scripture tells us that to everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under the heavens; a time to be born, and a time to die. Now is certainly a time for our Nation to heal.

Our most urgent priority will continue to be defeating the coronavirus, and defeat it, we will. Defeat it, we will.

Two weeks ago, we passed an emergency relief package to crush the virus and put money in the pockets of workers and families, which is now the law, but we must do more to recognize our heroes. Let us thank our heroes: our healthcare workers; our first responders; our police and fire, who we have denied support by denying help to State and local government; our transportation, sanitation, food, and social workers; and our teachers, our teachers, our teachers. They make our lives possible at the State and local level and will facilitate the distribution of the vaccine in a fair and equitable manner. We owe them more.

Many of our recovery workers are from communities of color and low wealth, which have been devastatingly and disproportionately affected by the coronavirus. They have been there for us; we must be there for them.

With President-elect Biden and Vice President-elect HARRIS, who were elected 2 months ago from today, the House will continue our work to save lives and livelihoods, to build back better in a way that advances justice in America.

Indeed, the pandemic has pulled back the curtain and shown even worsened disparities in our economy and our society. We must pursue justice: economic justice, justice in health, racial justice, environmental and climate justice—the list goes on.

Every morning in this Chamber, we take the pledge: One nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

“Liberty and justice for all.” Every day, this Congress must live up to that pledge.

To advance justice, I am establishing the bipartisan Select Committee on Economic Disparity and Fairness in Growth to combat the disparities of income and wealth that undermine faith in America’s promise for a better future for our children. Working with the committees of jurisdiction, the select committee will recommend proposals that power fair economic growth to make the American dream work for everyone.

In all that we do, let us be For the People, recognizing the beautiful diversity of America so that no one is left
SWEARING IN OF DEAN
The SPEAKER. I am honored to be sworn in by the gentleman from Alaska (Mr. YOUNG), my friend of many years. Thank you for your guidance. And, again, I don’t drink, but I am happy to have ice cream with anybody anytime.

The Chair will now swear in the gentleman from Alaska (Mr. YOUNG).
The Speaker administered the oath of office to Mr. YOUNG 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 and maintain allegiance to the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Alaska; that you will obey the laws and be an忠贞在美国？

The question was taken; and the Speaker announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. ROY. Madam Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

THE SPEAKER. The yeas and nays are ordered. Members-elect will record their votes by electronic device.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 371, nays 2, not voting 59, as follows:

A resolution was taken to have it.
When we swear in the freshmen, the first-time Members-elect, anyone else who is in the room may raise his or her hand and take the oath as well.

However, then when you leave here, whether you do it now—I mean, after you have been sworn in or you are doing it in the series, you must leave through this side and sign the oath card. After you get sworn in, you must leave and go sign the card that you have been sworn in, out that door. So that will save you some time, if you wish.

We still have a number of Members-elect who have not voted yet, so we cannot do the swearing in until that happens. But to our new Members-elect, observe that it is important to vote early, because we don’t usually keep it open this long.

\[1834\] Messrs. PALAZZO and REED changed their vote from “nay” to “yea.” So the resolution was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The Members-elect rose, and the Speaker administered the oath of office to them as follows:

Do you solemnly swear 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 Members of the 117th Congress. The Chair is prepared to swear in the group of Members-elect currently in the Chamber. The Members-elect will rise.

The Chair will now administer the oath of office. All Members-elect will raise their right hand.

The Members-elect rose, and the Speaker administered the oath of office to them as follows:

Do you solemnly swear 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 Members of the 117th Congress.
MAJORITY LEADER
Mr. JEFFRIES. Madam Speaker, as chair of the Democratic Caucus, I am directed to report to the House that the Democratic Members have selected as majority leader the gentleman from Maryland, the Honorable STENY HOYER.

MINORITY LEADER
Ms. CHENEY. Madam Speaker, as chair of the Republican Conference, I have been directed to report to the House that the Republican Members have selected as minority leader the gentleman from California, the Honorable KEVIN McCArTHY.

MAJORITY WHIP AND ASSISTANT SPEAKER
Mr. JEFFRIES. Madam Speaker, as chair of the House Democratic Caucus, I have been directed to report to the House that the Democratic Members have selected as majority whip the distinguished gentleman from the great State of South Carolina, the Honorable JAMES E. CLYBURN; and as Assistant Speaker, the distinguished gentlewoman from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the Honorable KATHERINE CLARK.

MINORITY WHIP
Ms. CHENEY. Madam Speaker, as chair of the Republican Conference, I have been directed to report to the House that the Republican Members have selected as minority whip the gentleman from Louisiana, the Honorable STEVE SCALISE.

ELECTING OFFICERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Mr. JEFFRIES. Madam Speaker, I offer a privileged resolution and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

Resolved, That the Senate be informed that a quorum of each House has assembled and that Congress is ready to receive any communication that he may be pleased to make:

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

AUTHORIZING THE SPEAKER TO APPOINT A COMMITTEE TO NOTIFY THE PRESIDENT OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CONGRESS
Mr. HOYER: Mr. Speaker, I offer a privileged resolution and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution as follows:

H. RES. 4
Resolved. That a committee of two Members be appointed by the Speaker on the part of the House of Representatives to join with a committee on the part of the Senate to notify the President of the United States that a quorum of each House has assembled and Congress is ready to receive any communication that he may be pleased to make:

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO COMMITTEE TO NOTIFY THE PRESIDENT, PURSUANT TO HOUSE RESOLUTION 4
The Speaker pro tempore (Mr. CLYBURN). Without objection, pursuant to House Resolution 4, the Chair announces the Speaker’s appointment of the following Members to the committee on the part of the House to join a committee on the part of the Senate to notify the President of the United States that a quorum of each House has assembled and that Congress is ready to receive any communication that he may be pleased to make:

The gentleman from Maryland (Mr. HOYER) and the gentleman from California (Mr. McCArTHY).

There was no objection.

AUTHORIZING THE CLERK TO INFORM THE PRESIDENT OF THE ELECTION OF THE SPEAKER AND THE CLERK
The Speaker pro tempore (Mr. CLYBURN). Without objection, pursuant to House Resolution 1, the Speaker appoints the following Members to the committee on the part of the House to join a committee on the part of the Senate to notify the President of the United States that the House of Representatives has elected Nancy Pelosi, a Representative from the State of California as Speaker, and Cheryl L. Johnson, a citizen of the State of Louisiana as Clerk, of the House of Representatives of the One Hundred Seventeenth Congress.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.
PROVIDING FOR THE DESIGNATION OF CERTAIN MINORITY EMPLOYEES

Ms. CHENEY, Mr. Speaker, I offer a resolution and ask unanimous consent for its immediate consideration. The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from Wyoming? There was no objection.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

H. RES. 6
Resolved, That pursuant to the Legislative Pay Act of 1929, as amended, the six minority employees authorized therein shall be the following named persons, effective January 3, 2021, until otherwise ordered by the House, to wit: Dan Meyer, James Min, Natalie Joyce, Will Dunham, Machalagh Carr, and Matt Sparks, each to receive gross compensation at the rate of pay for up to 3 further minority employees.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

AUTHORIZING THE SPEAKER TO ADMINISTER THE OATH OF OFFICE

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Mr. Speaker, I offer a privileged resolution and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 7
Whereas, Alcee L. Hastings, a Representative-elect from the Twentieth District of the State of Florida, has been unable from illness to appear in person to be sworn as a Member of the House, and there being no contest or question as to his election: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Speaker, or deputy named by her, is hereby authorized to administer the oath of office to the Honorable Alcee L. Hastings at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, and that such oath be accepted and received by the House as the oath of office of the Honorable Alcee L. Hastings.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

APPOINTMENT OF HONORABLE DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ TO ADMINISTER OATH OF OFFICE TO HONORABLE ALCEE L. HASTINGS OF FLORIDA

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the provisions of House Resolution 7, the Chair appoints the Honorable Debbie Wasserman Schultz of Florida to administer the oath of office to the Honorable Alcee L. Hastings of Florida.

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:


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

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: The Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on January 3, 2021, at 1:59 p.m.:

That the Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 1. That the Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 2. That the Senate agreed to S. Res. 1. That the Senate agreed to S. Res. 2. That the Senate agreed to S. Res. 3. With best wishes, I am, Sincerely, GLORIA J. LETT, Deputy Clerk.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair would like to make a statement concerning the introduction and reference of bills.

Since the rules of the 117th Congress have not yet been adopted, the rights of Members to introduce bills, and the authority of the Speaker to refer them, is delayed. The Chair will state that submitted bills will be held until adoption of the rules, at which time they will be referred as expeditiously as possible to the appropriate committee. At that time, the bills which are not referred and do not appear in the RECORD as of that day will be included in the next day’s RECORD and printed with a date as of the time that the rules were adopted.

TO PROVIDE FOR THE COUNTING ON JANUARY 6, 2021, OF THE ELECTORAL VOTES FOR PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

The Speaker pro tempore laid before the House the following privileged concurrent resolution:

S. CON. RES. 1
Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concuring), That the two Houses of Congress shall meet in the Hall of the House of Representatives on Wednesday, the 6th day of January, 2021, at 1 O’clock post meridian, pursuant to the requirements of the Constitution and laws relating to the election of President and Vice President of the United States, and the President of the Senate shall be the President of the Senate; that two tellers shall be previously appointed by the President of the Senate on the part of the Senate and two by the Speaker on the part of the House of Representatives, to whom shall be handed, as they are opened by the President of the Senate, all the certificates and papers purporting to be certificates of the electoral votes, which certificates and papers shall be opened, presented, and acted upon in the alphabetical order of the States, beginning with the letter “A”; and said tellers, having then read the same in the presence and hearing of the two Houses, shall make a list of the votes as they shall appear from said certificates, and the votes having been ascertained and counted in the manner and according to the rules by law provided, the result of the same shall be delivered to the President of the Senate, who shall thereupon announce the state of the vote, which announcement shall be deemed a sufficient declaration of the persons, if any, elected President and Vice President of the United States, and together with a list of the votes, be entered on the Journals of the two Houses.

The concurrent resolution was concurred in.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

EXTENDING THE LIFE OF THE JOINT CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE ON INAUGURAL CEREMONIES

The Speaker pro tempore laid before the House the following privileged concurrent resolution:

S. CON. RES. 2
Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concuring),

SECTION 1. REAUTHORIZATION OF JOINT COMMITTEE.
Effective from January 3, 2021, the joint committee created by Senate Concurrent Resolution 38 (116th Congress), agreed to June 26, 2020, to make the necessary arrangements for the inauguration of the President-elect and the Vice President-elect of the United States, is continued with the same power and authority provided for in that resolution.

SEC. 2. USE OF CAPITOL.
The rotunda and Emancipation Hall of the United States Capitol are authorized to be used on January 10, 2021, January 17, 2021, and January 20, 2021 by the joint committee created by Senate Concurrent Resolution 38 (116th Congress), agreed to June 26, 2020, in connection with the proceedings and ceremonies conducted for the inauguration of the President-elect and the Vice President-elect of the United States.

The concurrent resolution was concurred in.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces to the House that the whole number of the House is 430.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn until 10 a.m. tomorrow.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 7 o’clock and 25 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Monday, January 4, 2021, at 10 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

EC-1. Under clause 2 of rule XIV, a letter from the Clerk, U.S. House of Representatives, transmitting a list of reports created by the Clerk, pursuant to Rule II, clause 2(b), of the Rules of
the House (H. Doc. No. 117–4), was taken from the Speaker’s table, referred to the Committee on House Administration and ordered to be printed.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions of the following titles were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. HOYER:
H. Res. 1. A resolution authorizing and directing the Speaker to administer the oath of office; considered and agreed to.
By Mr. JEFFRIES:
H. Res. 2. A resolution electing officers of the House of Representatives; considered and agreed to.
By Mr. HOYER:
H. Res. 3. A resolution to inform the Senate that a quorum of the House has assembled and of the election of the Speaker and the Clerk; considered and agreed to.
By Mr. HOYER:
H. Res. 4. A resolution authorizing the Speaker to appoint a committee to notify the President of the assembly of the Congress; considered and agreed to.
By Mr. HOYER:
H. Res. 5. A resolution authorizing the Clerk to inform the President of the election of the Speaker and the Clerk; considered and agreed to.
By Ms. CHENEY:
H. Res. 6. A resolution providing for the designation of certain minority employees; considered and agreed to.
By Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ:
H. Res. 7. A resolution authorizing the Speaker to administer the oath of office; considered and agreed to.
The third day of January being the day prescribed by the Constitution of the United States for the annual meeting of the Congress, the Senate assembled in its Chamber at the Capitol for the commencement of the 1st session of the 117th Congress and at 12:01 p.m. was called to order by the Vice President (Mr. PENCE).

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Eternal God, who wraps the ocean in a cloak, You make the rough places smooth and the crooked places straight.

As we begin this 117th Congress, provide our incoming Senators with Your wisdom and direction. Lord, use them to transform dark yesterdays into bright tomorrows. Bless all our legislators with Your intervening love. Pursue them with such goodness and mercy that they will be inspired to tell of Your faithfulness so that unborn generations will know and love You.

Lord, You are our shield and You give us victory.

We pray in Your marvelous Name.

Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The VICE PRESIDENT 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.

CERTIFICATES OF ELECTION

The VICE PRESIDENT. The Chair lays before the Senate the certificates of election of 32 Senators elected for 6-year terms beginning on January 3, 2021. All certificates, the Chair is advised, are in the form suggested by the Senate or contain all essential requirements of the form suggested by the Senate. If there be no objection, the reading of the certificates will be waived and they will be printed in full in the RECORD. There being no objection, the material ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION

To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that on the third day of November, 2020, Cory Booker, was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of New Jersey, a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the third day of January, 2021. Given, under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of New Jersey, this seventh day of December two thousand and twenty.

By the Governor: PHIL MURPHY, Governor.

Attest: TAHRESHA WAY, Secretary of State.

[State Seal Affixed]

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR TERM

To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that on the third day of November, Two Thousand Twenty, Shelley Moore Capito was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of West Virginia, a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years beginning on the third day of January, Two Thousand Twenty-one. Witness: His excellency our governor, James C. Justice, and our seal hereto affixed at Charleston this 9th day of December, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty.

By the governor: JAMES C. JUSTICE, Governor.

Attest: MAC WARNER, Secretary of State.

[State Seal Affixed]

STATE OF LOUISIANA

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR TERM

To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that on the 3rd day of November, 2020, ``Bill'' Cassidy was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Louisiana a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the 3rd day of January, 2021. Witness: His Excellency our Governor John Bel Edwards, and our seal hereto affixed at Baton Rouge, Louisiana this 1st day of December, in the year of our Lord 2020.

By the Governor: JOHN BEL EDWARDS, Governor of Louisiana.

Attest: R. KYLE ARDOIN, Secretary of State.

[State Seal Affixed]

STATE OF MAINE

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR TERM

To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that on the third day of November, Two Thousand Twenty, Susan Margaret Collins, was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Maine, a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the third day of January, in the year Two Thousand and Twenty-one.

Witness: Her excellency our Governor, Janet T. Mills, and our seal hereto affixed at Augusta, Maine this twenty-third day of November, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Twenty.

By the Governor: JANET T. MILLS, Governor.

Attest: MATTHEW DUNLAP, Secretary of State.

[State Seal Affixed]

STATE OF DELAWARE

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR TERM

To all Persons to Whom These Presents Shall Come, Greetings:

Whereas, an election was held in the State of Delaware, on Tuesday, the third day of November, in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty, that being the Tuesday next after the first Monday in said month, in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution and Laws of the State of Delaware, in that behalf, for the purpose of choosing by
ballot a Senator for the people of said State in the United States Senate, for the term of six years commencing January 3, 2021.

And whereas, the official certificates or returns of said election, held in the several counties of the said State, in due manner made out, signed and executed, have been delivered to me according to the laws of the said State, by the Superior Court of said counties; and having examined said returns, and enumerated and ascertained the number of votes for each and every candidate or person voted for, for United States Senate, I have found Christopher A. Coons to be the person highest in vote, and therefore duly elected and chosen United States Senator of this State.

I, the said John C. Carney, Governor aforesaid, in accordance with the provisions of the Act of the General Assembly of this State in that behalf, do hereby, therefore, declare, make known and certify that the said Christopher A. Coons has received the highest vote at the election aforesaid and therefore is the legally elected United States Senator for the State of Delaware.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the said State, at Wilmington, the 24th day of November in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty and in the year of the Independence of the United States of America two hundred forty-five.

By the Governor:

JOHN C. CARNEY,
Governor.

[State Seal Affixed]

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR TERM

To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that on the 3rd day of November, 2020, John Carnell was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of North Carolina a Senator from said State to represent said State in the United States Senate for the term of six years, beginning on the 3rd day of January, 2021.

Witness: His Excellency our Governor Roy Cooper, and our seal hereto affixed at Raleigh, North Carolina, this 3rd day of November, 2020.

By the Governor:

ROY COOPER,
Governor.

[State Seal Affixed]

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR TERM

To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that on the 3rd day of November, 2020, Joni Ernst was duly elected as Senator to the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the 3rd day of January, 2021.

Witness: His Excellency, our Governor, and our seal hereto affixed at Des Moines this 30th day of November in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty-one.

By the Governor:

JKM JENS K. HARTLEY,
Governor.

[State Seal Affixed]
STATE OF OKLAHOMA
CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR TERM
To the President of the Senate of the United States:
This is to certify that on the 3rd day of November, 2020, Jim Inhofe was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Oklahoma a Senator from said State to represent Oklahoma in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the 3rd day of January, 2021.
Witness: His Excellency our governor J. KEVIN STITT, and our seal hereto affixed at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma this 1st day of December, in the year of our Lord 2020.
By the governor:
J. KEVIN STITT, Governor.
J. BRIAN RINGMAN, Secretary of State.
[State Seal Affixed]

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION
To the President of the Senate of the United States:
This is to certify that on the 3rd day of November, 2020, Mark Gordon was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of New Mexico a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the 3rd day of January, 2021.
Witness: His Excellency our governor MAGGIE TOULOUSE OLIVER, and our seal hereto affixed at Santa Fe, New Mexico, this 10th day of December, 2020.
By the governor:
MARK GORDON, Governor.
SCOTT SCHWARZ, Secretary of State.
[State Seal Affixed]

STATE OF WYOMING
CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR TERM
To the President of the Senate of the United States:
This is to certify that on the 3rd day of November, 2020, Cynthia Lummis was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Wyoming a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the 3rd day of January, 2021, as declared and determined by the State canvassing Board.
Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of New Mexico, in Santa Fe, New Mexico, this 10th day of December, 2020.
MICHELLE LUJAN GRIISHAM, Governor.
[State Seal Affixed]

STATE OF IDAHO
CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR TERM
To the President of the Senate of the United States:
This is to certify that on the 3rd day of November, 2020, Jim Risch was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Idaho a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the 3rd day of January, 2021.
Witness: His Excellency our Governor Brad Little, and our seal hereto affixed at Boise this 23rd day of December, in the year of our Lord 2020.
By the governor:
BRAD LITTLE, Governor.
PHIL KOCOS, Secretary of State.
[State Seal Affixed]

STATE OF MICHIGAN
CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR TERM
To the President of the Senate of the United States:
This is to certify that on the 3rd day of November, 2020, Gary Peters was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Michigan a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the 3rd day of January, 2021.
Witness: His Excellency our Governor GRETCHEN WHITMER, and our seal hereto affixed this 13th day of December, in the year of our Lord 2020.
By the governor:
GRETCHEN WHITMER, Governor.
BEV CLARNO, Secretary of State.
[State Seal Affixed]

STATE OF KANSAS
CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR TERM
To the President of the Senate of the United States:
This is to certify that on the 3rd day of November, 2020, Roger Marshall was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Kansas a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the 3rd day of January, 2021.
Witness: Her Excellency our governor Laura Kelly, and our seal hereto affixed at Topeka, Kansas this 14th day of December, in the year of our Lord 2020.
By the governor:
LAURA KELLY, Governor.
SCOTT SCHWARZ, Secretary of State.
[State Seal Affixed]

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR TERM
To the President of the Senate of the United States:
This is to certify that on the day of November 3, 2020, Honorable Mitch McConnell was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the Commonwealth of Kentucky a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning the 3rd day of January, 2021.
Witness: His Excellency our Governor Andy Beshear, and our seal hereto affixed on this 20th day of November, in the year of our Lord 2020.
By the Governor:
ANDY BESHEAR, Governor.
MICHAEL G. ADAMS, Secretary of State.
[State Seal Affixed]

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR TERM
To the President of the Senate of the United States:
This is to certify that on the 3rd day of November, 2020, Gina Raimondo was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Rhode Island a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years beginning on the 3rd day of January, 2021.
Witness: Her Excellency our Governor, Gina M. Raimondo, and our seal hereto affixed on this 2nd day of December, 2020.
By the governor:
GINA M. RAIMONDO, Governor.
GINA M. RAIMONDO, Governor.
[State Seal Affixed]

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA
CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR TERM
To the President of the Senate of the United States:
This is to certify that on the 3rd day of November, 2020, Mike Rounds was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of South Dakota a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the 3rd day of January, 2021.
Witness: Her Excellency our Governor Kristi Noem, our seal hereto affixed at 8:00 am this 12th day of November, in the year of our Lord 2020.
By the Governor of the State of South Dakota:
KRISTI NOEM, Governor of South Dakota.
[State Seal Affixed]

STATE OF NEBRASKA
CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR TERM
To the President of the Senate of the United States:
This is to certify that on the 3rd day of November, 2020, Ben Sasse was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Nebraska a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years beginning on the 3rd day of January, 2021.
Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Nebraska.
By the Governor:
STEVE BARNETT, Governor.
[State Seal Affixed]
ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE

The VICE PRESIDENT. If the Senators to be sworn will now present themselves at the desk in pairs as their names are called in alphabetical order, the Chair will administer their oaths of office.

The clerk will read the names of the first pair.

The legislative clerk called the names of Mr. BOOKER of New Jersey, Mrs. CAPITO of West Virginia.

These Senators, escorted by Mr. SCHUMER and Mr. BARRASSO, respectively, advanced to the desk of the Vice President; the oath prescribed by law was administered to them by the Vice President; and they severally subscribed to the oath in the Official Oath Book.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Congratulations.

(Applause, Senators rising.)

The VICE PRESIDENT. The clerk will read the names of the next pair.

The legislative clerk called the names of Mr. COOK of Maryland and Mr. CORNYN of Texas.

These Senators, escorted by Mr. CARPER and Ms. COLLINS, respectively, advanced to the desk of the Vice President; the oath prescribed by law was administered to them by the Vice President; and they severally subscribed to the oath in the Official Oath Book.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Congratulations.

(Applause, Senators rising.)

The VICE PRESIDENT. The clerk will read the names of the next pair.

The legislative clerk called the names of Mr. COTTON of Arkansas and Mr. DAINES of Montana.

These Senators, escorted by Mr. BOOZMAN and Mr. LANKFORD, respectively, advanced to the desk of the Vice President; the oath prescribed by law was administered to them by the Vice President; and they severally subscribed to the oath in the Official Oath Book.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Congratulations.

(Applause, Senators rising.)

The VICE PRESIDENT. The clerk will read the names of the next pair.

The legislative clerk called the names of Mr. DURBIN of Illinois and Ms. ERNST of Iowa.

These Senators, escorted by Ms. DUCKWORTH and Mr. GRASSLEY, respectively, advanced to the desk of the Vice President; the oath prescribed by law was administered to them by the Vice President; and they severally subscribed to the oath in the Official Oath Book.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Congratulations.

(Applause, Senators rising.)

The VICE PRESIDENT. The clerk will read the names of the next pair.

The legislative clerk called the names of Mr. GRAHAM of South Carolina and Mr. Hagerty of Tennessee.

These Senators, escorted by Mr. BLUNT, and Mr. ALEXANDER and Mrs. BLACKBURN, respectively, advanced to...
The legislative clerk called the names of Mr. Hickenlooper of Colorado and Mrs. HYDE-SMITH of Mississippi.

These Senators, escorted by Mr. BENNET and Mr. WICKER, respectively, advanced to the desk of the Vice President; the oath prescribed by law was administered to them by the Vice President; and they severally subscribed to the oath in the Official Oath Book.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Congratulations, Senators.

(Appause, Senators rising.)

The VICE PRESIDENT. The clerk will read the names of the next group of Senators.

The legislative clerk called the names of Mr. INHOFE of Oklahoma and Mr. LUJÁN of New Mexico.

These Senators, escorted by Mr. LANKFORD and Mr. UDALL, respectively, advanced to the desk of the Vice President; the oath prescribed by law was administered to them by the Vice President; and they severally subscribed to the oath in the Official Oath Book.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Congratulations, Senators.

(Appause, Senators rising.)

The VICE PRESIDENT. The clerk will read the names of the next group of Senators.

The legislative clerk called the names of Mrs. Lumms of Wyoming and Mr. MARKEY of Massachusetts.

These Senators, escorted by Mr. ENZI, Mr. BARRASSO, and Ms. WARREN, respectively, advanced to the desk of the Vice President; the oath prescribed by law was administered to them by the Vice President; and they severally subscribed to the oath in the Official Oath Book.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Congratulations, Senators.

(Appause, Senators rising.)

The VICE PRESIDENT. The clerk will read the names of the next group of Senators.

The legislative clerk called the names of M. Marshall of Kansas and Mr. McCONNELL of Kentucky.

These Senators, escorted by Mr. ROBERTS and Mr. ALEXANDER, respectively, advanced to the desk of the Vice President; the oath prescribed by law was administered to them by the Vice President; and they severally subscribed to the oath in the Official Oath Book.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Congratulations, Senators.

(Appause, Senators rising.)

The VICE PRESIDENT. The clerk will read the names of the next group of Senators.

The legislative clerk called the names of Mr. MEKELLY of Oregon and Mr. PETERS of Michigan.

These Senators, escorted by Mr. WYDEN and Ms. STABENOW, respectively, advanced to the desk of the Vice President; the oath prescribed by law was administered to them by the Vice President; and they severally subscribed to the oath in the Official Oath Book.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Congratulations, Senators.

(Appause, Senators rising.)

The VICE PRESIDENT. The clerk will read the names of the next group of Senators.

The legislative clerk called the names of Mr. REED of Rhode Island and Mr. RISCH of Idaho.

These Senators, escorted by Mr. KELLY and Mr. CRapo, respectively, advanced to the desk of the Vice President; the oath prescribed by law was administered to them by the Vice President; and they severally subscribed to the oath in the Official Oath Book.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Congratulations, Senators.

(Appause, Senators rising.)

The VICE PRESIDENT. The clerk will read the names of the next group of Senators.

The legislative clerk called the names of Mr. ROUNDS of South Dakota and Mr. Sasse of Nebraska.

These Senators, escorted by Mr. INHOFE and Mr. ALEXANDER, respectively, advanced to the desk of the Vice President; the oath prescribed by law was administered to them by the Vice President; and they severally subscribed to the oath in the Official Oath Book.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Congratulations, Senators.

(Appause, Senators rising.)

The VICE PRESIDENT. The clerk will read the names of the next group of Senators.

The legislative clerk called the names of Mr. BOUNDS of South Dakota and Mrs. SHAHEEN of New Hampshire.

These Senators, escorted by Ms. HASAN and Ms. KLOBUCHAR, respectively, advanced to the desk of the Vice President; the oath prescribed by law was administered to them by the Vice President; and they severally subscribed to the oath in the Official Oath Book.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Congratulations, Senators.

(Appause, Senators rising.)

The VICE PRESIDENT. The clerk will call the names of the next pair.

The legislative clerk called the names of Mr. Tuberville, Alabama and Mr. WARNER of Virginia.

These Senators, escorted by Mr. SHELY and Mr. BENNET, respectively, advanced to the desk of the Vice President; the oath prescribed by law was administered to them by the Vice President; and they severally subscribed to the oath in the Official Oath Book.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Congratulations, Senators.

(Appause, Senators rising.)

The VICE PRESIDENT. The majority leader, Mr. McCONNELL, Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The absence of a quorum having been suggested, the clerk will call the roll. The legislative clerk called the roll, and the following Senators entered the Chamber and answered to their names:

[Quorum No. 1]

The VICE PRESIDENT. A quorum is present.

LIST OF SENATORS BY STATES

Alabama—Richard C. Shelby and Tommy Tuberville
Arkansas—John Boozman and Tom Cotton
Arizona—Kyrsten Sinema and Mark Kelly
California—Dianne Feinstein and Kamala D. Harris
Colorado—Michael F. Bennet and John Hickenlooper
Connecticut—Richard Blumenthal and Christopher Murphy
Delaware—Thomas R. Carper and Christopher A. Coons
Florida—Marco Rubio and Rick Scott
Georgia—Kelly Loeffler
Hawaii—Brian Schatz and Mazie K. Hirono
Idaho—Mike Crapo and James E. Risch
Illinois—Richard J. Durbin and Tammy Duckworth

Washington—Patty Murray and Maria Cantwell
West Virginia—Joe Manchin and Shelley Moore Capito
Wisconsin—Ron Johnson and Tammy Baldwin
Wyoming—John Barrasso and Cynthia Lummis

The VICE PRESIDENT. Congratulations, Senators.

The legislative clerk reported that the Roll Call had been closed; the Chair declared that a quorum was present; and the roll was closed.
Indiana—Todd Young and Mike Braun
Iowa—Chuck Grassley and Joni Ernst
Kansas—Jerry Moran and Roger Marshall
Kentucky—Mitch McConnell and Rand Paul
Louisiana—Bill Cassidy and John Kennedy
Maine—Susan M. Collins and Angus S. King, Jr.
Maryland—Benjamin L. Cardin and Chris Van Hollen
Massachusetts—Elizabeth Warren and Edward J. Markey
Michigan—Debbie Stabenow and Gary C. Peters
Minnesota—Amy Klobuchar and Tina Smith
Mississippi—Roger F. Wicker and Cindy Hyde-Smith
Missouri—Roy Blunt and Josh Hawley
Montana—Jon Tester and Steve Daines
Nebraska—Deb Fischer and Ben Sasse
Nevada—Catherine Cortez Masto and Jacky Rosen
New Hampshire—Jeanne Shaheen and Maggie Hassan
New Jersey—Robert Menendez and Cory A. Booker
New Mexico—Martin Heinrich and Ben Ray Lujan
New York—Charles E. Schumer and Kirsten E. Gillibrand
North Carolina—Richard Burr and Thom Tillis
North Dakota—John Hoeven and Kevin Cramer
Ohio—Sherrod Brown and Rob Portman
Oklahoma—James M. Inhofe and James Lankford
Oregon—Ron Wyden and Jeff Merkley
Pennsylvania—Robert P. Casey, Jr., and Patrick J. Toomey
Rhode Island—Jack Reed and Sheldon Whitehouse
South Carolina—Lindsey Graham and Tim Scott
South Dakota—John Thune and Mike Rounds
Tennessee—Marsha Blackburn and Bill Hagerty
Texas—John Cornyn and Ted Cruz
Utah—Mike Lee and Mitt Romney
Vermont—Patrick J. Leahy and Bernard Sanders
Virginia—Mark R. Warner and Tim Kaine
Washington—Patty Murray and Maria Cantwell
West Virginia—Joe Manchin III and Shelley Moore Capito
Wisconsin—Ron Johnson and Tammy Baldwin
Wyoming—John Barrasso and Cynthia Lummis

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The VICE PRESIDENT. The majority leader is recognized.

WELCOMING MEMBERS OF THE SENATE

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, very briefly, I simply want to welcome all Senators on this first day of the 117th Congress.

Today, six new Members are joining our ranks for the first time, Senators Hager of Alaska, Hickenlooper from Colorado, Lujan of New Mexico, Lumis of Wyoming, Marshall of Kansas, and Tuberiville of Alabama have been elected to serve the people of their home States, and, of course, Senator Kelly of Arizona was sworn in a few weeks ago. We congratulate all of our new colleagues, as well as their families, and look forward to the ways in which their unique experiences, their ideas, and their priorities will enrich this institution and strengthen our shared work for the Nation.

To say the 117th Congress convenes at a challenging time would indeed be an understatement. From political division to a worldwide pandemic, to adversaries around the world, the hurdles before us are many, and they are serious. But there is also plenty of reason for hope. An optimistic, forward-looking, can-do spirit has been one of our country’s most distinctive calling cards since our very earliest days. And with safe and effective vaccines rolling out across our Nation every day, I would say 2021 looks bright already.

We gavel in today like 116 prior Senates have gavelled in before us, with plenty of disagreements and policy differences among our ranks but all—swearing the same oath to support and defend the same Constitution, all loving the same country, and all of us committed to do all we can to leave behind an even stronger nation than the one we have been blessed to inherit. So I look forward to the Senate’s work these next 2 years. Let’s make the American people proud.

INFORMING THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES THAT A QUORUM OF THE HOUSE IS ASSEMBLED

The resolution (S. Res. 1) was agreed to as follows:

Resolved, That a committee consisting of two Senators be appointed to join such committee as may be appointed by the House of Representatives to consider the resolution of the United States and inform him that a quorum of each House is assembled and that the Congress is ready to receive any communication he may be pleased to make.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Pursuant to S. Res. 1, the Chair appoints the Senator from Kentucky, Mr. McConnell, and the Senator from New York, Mr. Schumer, as a committee to join the committee on the part of the House of Representatives to wait upon the President of the United States and inform him that a quorum is assembled and that the Congress is ready to receive any communication he may be pleased to make.

FIXING THE HOUR OF DAILY MEETING OF THE SENATE

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 3, submitted earlier today.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 3) fixing the hour of daily meetings of the Senate.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to and that the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 3) was agreed to as follows:

Resolved, That the daily meeting of the Senate be 12 o’clock meridian unless otherwise ordered.

INFORMING THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES THAT A QUORUM OF THE SENATE IS ASSEMBLED

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 2, submitted earlier today.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 2) informing the House of Representatives that a quorum of the Senate is assembled.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider resolution.

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to and that the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 2) was agreed to as follows:

Resolved, That the daily meeting of the House of Representatives that a quorum of the Senate is assembled.

There being no objection, the House proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to and that the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 2) was agreed to as follows:

Resolved, That the daily meeting of the House of Representatives that a quorum of the Senate is assembled.
TO PROVIDE FOR THE COUNTING OF THE ELECTORAL VOTES FOR PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Con. Res. 1.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 1) to provide for the counting on January 6, 2021, of the electoral votes for President and Vice President of the United States.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the concurrent resolution.

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the concurrent resolution be agreed to and that the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 1) was agreed to as follows:

S. CON. RES. 1
Resolved by the Senate (the House of RepresentatIVES concurring), That the two Houses of Congress shall meet in the Hall of the House of Representatives on Wednesday, the 6th day of January 2021, at 1 o’clock post meridian, pursuant to the requirements of the Constitution and laws relating to the election of President and Vice President of the United States, and the President of the Senate shall be their Presiding Officer; that two tellers shall be previously appointed by the President of the Senate on the part of the Senate and two by the Speaker on the part of the House of Representatives, to whom shall be handed, as they are opened by the President of the Senate, all the certificates and papers purporting to be certificates of the electoral votes, which certificates and papers shall be opened, presented, and acted upon in the alphabetical order of the States, beginning with the letter “A”; and said tellers, having then read the same in the presence and hearing of the two Houses, shall make a list of the votes as they shall appear from said certificates; and the votes having been ascertained and counted in the manner and hearing of the two Houses, shall make a record of the same and send the same to the President-elect and the Vice President-elect of the United States, is continued with the same power and authority provided for in that resolution.

SECTION 1. REAUTHORIZATION OF JOINT COMMITTEE.

Effective from January 3, 2021, the joint committee created by Senate Concurrent Resolution 38 (116th Congress), agreed to June 26, 2020, to make the necessary arrangements for the inauguration of the President-elect and the Vice President-elect of the United States, is continued with the same power and authority provided for in that resolution.

SEC. 2. USE OF CAPITOL.

The rostrum and Emancipation Hall of the United States Capitol are authorized to be used on January 10, 2021, January 17, 2021, and January 20, 2021 by the joint committee on Inaugural Ceremonies and the President of the Senate and the Vice President of the Senate to conduct the necessary arrangements for the inauguration of the President-elect and the Vice President-elect of the United States.

Mr. MCCONNELL. I ask unanimous consent that the concurrent resolution be agreed to and that the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 2) was agreed to as follows:

S. CON. RES. 2
Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That the joint committee created by Senate Concurrent Resolution 38 (116th Congress), agreed to June 26, 2020, to make the necessary arrangements for the inauguration of the President-elect and the Vice President-elect of the United States is continued with the same power and authority provided for in that resolution.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGREEMENTS

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I send to the desk en bloc 11 unanimous consent requests, and I ask for their immediate consideration en bloc; I further ask that the requests be agreed to en bloc, that the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table, and that they appear separately in the RECORD.

Before the Chair acts upon my request, I would like to point out that these requests are routine and done at the beginning of each new Congress.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that for the duration of the 117th Congress, the Ethics Committee be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that for the duration of the 117th Congress, the Sergeant-at-Arms be granted the privilege of the floor during the consideration of the specific matter noted, and that the Sergeant-
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at Arms be instructed to rotate staff members as space allows.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that, for the duration of the 117th Congress, it be in order to refer treaties and nominations on the day when they are received from the President, even when the Senate has no executive session that day.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that, for the duration of the 117th Congress, Senators may be allowed to bring to the desk bills, joint resolutions, concurrent resolutions and simple resolutions, for referral to appropriate committees.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Is there objection to agreeing to the unanimous consent agreements en bloc?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

RESOLUTION OVER, UNDER THE RULE—S. RES. 4

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I have a resolution at the desk.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The President pro tempore. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 4) fixing the hour of daily meeting of the Senate.

Mr. MCCONNELL. I ask for its immediate consideration, and to send the resolution over, under the rule, I object to my own request.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Objection is heard.

The resolution will go over, under the rule.

The resolution (S. Res. 4) was agreed to as follows:

S. Res. 4

Resolved, That the daily meeting of the Senate be 12:01 p.m. unless otherwise ordered.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

MORNING BUSINESS

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate will be in a period of morning business with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Thomas, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first time and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. 11. A bill to provide for an exception to a limitation against appointment of persons as Secretary of Defense within seven years of relief from active duty as a regular commissioned officer of the Armed Forces.

MEASURES HELD OVER/UNDER RULE

The following resolution was read, and held over, under the rule:

S. Res. 4. A resolution fixing the hour of daily meeting of the Senate.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. 11. A bill to provide for an exception to a limitation against appointment of persons as Secretary of Defense within seven years of relief from active duty as a regular commissioned officer of the Armed Forces; read the first time.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. 12. A bill to provide for an exception to a limitation against appointment of persons as Secretary of Defense within seven years of relief from active duty as a regular commissioned officer of the Armed Forces; to the Committee on Armed Services.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

The messages received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE RECEIVED DURING ADJOURNMENT, 116TH CONGRESS

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2019, the Secretary of the Senate, on January 3, 2021, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. BEYER) had signed the following enrolled bills:

H.R. 2444. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to make direct loans under section 23 of the Arms Export Control Act, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4508. An act to expand the number of scholarships available to Pakistani women under the Merit and Needs-Based Scholarship Program.

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2019, the enrolled bills were signed on January 3, 2021, during the adjournment of the Senate, by the Acting President pro tempore (Mr. MCCONNELL).

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

S. 11. A bill to provide for an exception to a limitation against appointment of persons as Secretary of Defense within seven years of relief from active duty as a regular commissioned officer of the Armed Forces.

MEASURES HELD OVER/UNDER RULE

The following resolution was read, and held over, under the rule:

S. Res. 4. A resolution fixing the hour of daily meeting of the Senate.

STATED SESSIONS

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the proceedings.

By Mr. MCCONNELL:

S. Res. 1. A resolution providing for the proceedings.

By Mr. MCCONNELL:

S. Res. 4. A resolution fixing the hour of daily meeting of the Senate; submitted and read.

By Mr. MCCONNELL:

S. Con. Res. 2. A concurrent resolution to provide for the proceedings.

By Mr. MCCONNELL:

S. Con. Res. 1. A concurrent resolution to provide for the proceedings.

STANDBY RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. MCCONNELL:

S. Con. Res. 2. A concurrent resolution to provide for the proceedings.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. 11. A bill to provide for an exception to a limitation against appointment of persons as Secretary of Defense within seven years of relief from active duty as a regular commissioned officer of the Armed Forces; read the first time.

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the text of the bill be printed in the RECORD.

By Mr. MCCONNELL:

S. Res. 2. A resolution informing the House of Representatives that the President is assembled, and appointed as Secretary of Defense in an appointment made on or after January 20, 2021, may be a person who is, on the date of the appointment, within seven years after relief, but not within four years after relief, from active duty as a commissioned officer of a regular component of the Armed Forces.

(b) LIMITED EXCEPTION.—This section applies only to the first person nominated after 12:01 p.m. (Eastern Standard Time) on January 20, 2021, and appointed as Secretary of Defense as described in subsection (a), and to no other person.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. 12. A bill to provide for an exception to a limitation against appointment of persons as Secretary of Defense within seven years of relief from
active duty as a regular commissioned officer of the Armed Forces; to the Committee on Armed Services.

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the text of the bill be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the text of the bill was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled.

SECTION 1. EXCEPTION TO LIMITATION AGAINST APPOINTMENT OF PERSONS AS SECRETARY OF DEFENSE WITHIN SEVEN YEARS OF RELIEF FROM ACTIVE DUTY AS REGULAR COMMISSIONED OFFICERS OF THE ARMED FORCES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding the second sentence of section 113(a) of title 10, United States Code, the first person appointed, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, as Secretary of Defense in an appointment made on or after January 20, 2021, may be a person who is, on the date of appointment, within seven years after relief, from active duty as a commissioned officer of a regular component of the Armed Forces.

(b) LIMITED EXCEPTION.—This section applies only if the first person nominated after 12 p.m. (Eastern Standard Time) on January 20, 2021, and appointed as Secretary of Defense as described in subsection (a), and to no other person.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 1—ESTABLISHING A COMMITTEE TO INFORM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES THAT A QUORUM OF EACH HOUSE IS ASSEMBLED

Mr. MCCONNELL submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 1

Resolved, That a committee consisting of two Senators be appointed to join such committee as may be appointed by the House of Representatives to wait upon the President of the United States and inform him that a quorum of each House is assembled and that the Congress is ready to receive any communication he may be pleased to make.

SENATE RESOLUTION 2—INFORMING THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES THAT A QUORUM OF THE SENATE IS ASSEMBLED

Mr. MCCONNELL submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 2

Resolved, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives that a quorum of the Senate is assembled and that the Senate is ready to proceed to business.

SENATE RESOLUTION 3—FIXING THE HOUR OF DAILY MEETING OF THE SENATE

Mr. MCCONNELL submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 3

Resolved, That the daily meeting of the Senate be 12 o’clock meridian unless otherwise ordered.

SENATE RESOLUTION 4—FIXING THE HOUR OF DAILY MEETING OF THE SENATE

Mr. MCCONNELL submitted the following resolution; which was considered and read:

S. RES. 4

Resolved, That the daily meeting of the Senate be 12:01 pm unless otherwise ordered.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 1—TO PROVIDE FOR THE COUNTING ON JANUARY 6, 2021, OF THE ELECTORAL VOTES FOR PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. MCCONNELL submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. CON. RES. 1

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That the two Houses of Congress shall meet in the Hall of the House of Representatives on Wednesday, the 6th day of January 2021, at 1 o’clock post meridian, pursuant to the requirements of the Constitution and laws relating to the election of President and Vice President of the United States, and the President of the Senate shall be their Presiding Officer; that two tellers shall be appointed by the President of the Senate on the part of the Senate and two by the Speaker on the part of the House of Representatives, to whom all the certificates and papers purporting to be certificates of the electoral votes, which certificates and papers shall be opened, presented, and acted upon in the alphabetical order of the States, beginning with the letter “A”; and said tellers, having then read the same in the presence and hearing of the two Houses, shall make a list of the votes as they shall appear from said certificates; and the votes having been ascertained and counted in the manner and according to the rules by law provided, the result of the same shall be delivered to the President of the Senate, who shall thereupon announce the state of the vote, which announcement shall be deemed a sufficient declaration of the persons, if any, elected President and Vice President of the United States, and together with a list of the votes, be entered on the Journals of the two Houses.


Mr. MCCONNELL submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. CON. RES. 2

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That the joint committee created by Senate Concurrent Resolution 38 (116th Congress), agreed to June 26, 2020, to make the necessary arrangements for the inauguration of the President-elect, the Vice President-elect of the United States, is continued with the same power and authority provided for in that resolution.

SEC. 2 USE OF CAPITOL

The rotunda and Emancipation Hall of the United States Capitol are authorized to be used on January 10, 2021, January 17, 2021, and January 20, 2021 by the joint committee created by Senate Concurrent Resolution 38 (116th Congress), agreed to June 26, 2020, in connection with the proceedings and ceremonies conducted for the inauguration of the President-elect and the Vice President-elect of the United States.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The President pro tempore. The Senate majority leader is recognized.

MEASURE READ THE FIRST TIME—S. 11

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I understand there is a bill at the desk, and I ask for its first reading.

The President pro tempore. The clerk will read the bill by title for the first time.

The legislative clerk read as follows: A bill (S. 11) to provide for an exception to a limitation against appointment of persons as Secretary of Defense within seven years of relief from active duty as a regular commissioned officer of the Armed Forces.

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that in order to place the bill on the calendar under the provisions of rule XIV, I object to my own request.

The President pro tempore. Objection has been heard. The bill will be read for the second time on the next legislative day.

Mr. MCCONNELL. I would just state to everyone that we are about to go out of session so there will be plenty of time for congratulations.
ORDERS FOR WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2021, AT 12:30 P.M.

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 12:30 p.m., Wednesday, January 6; further, following the prayer and pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day; finally, following leader remarks, the Senate be in a period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2021, AT 12:30 P.M.

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that it stand adjourned under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 12:49 p.m., adjourned until Wednesday, January 6, 2021, at 12:30 p.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate:

COMMERCY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

ROBERT BENEDICT BOWES, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION FOR A TERM OF FIVE YEARS, VICE JOHN R. FISHER, RETIRED.

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

BRIAN F. BROOKS, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE COMPTROLLER OF THE CURRENCY FOR A TERM OF FIVE YEARS, VICE JOSEPH OTTING.

FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

JUDY SHILOTH, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM FOR A TERM OF EIGHT YEARS FROM FEBRUARY 1, 2010, VICE JANET L. YELLEN, REELECTED.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

JOHN CHASE JOHNSON, OF OKLAHOMA, TO BE INSPECTOR GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS OF THE UNITED STATES, VICE J. DAMICH, TERM EXPIRED.

TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY

CHARLES W. COOK, JR., OF MISSISSIPPI, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY FOR A TERM EXPIRING MAY 31, 2025, VICE RICHARD CABELL HOWORTH, TERM EXPIRED.

RICKY BOOKS, OF ALABAMA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE TERM EXPIRING MAY 31, 2021, VICE JAMES B. THOMPSON III.

UNITED STATES TAX COURT

MARK VAN DyKE HOLMES, OF NEW YORK, TO BE A JUDGE OF THE UNITED STATES TAX COURT FOR A TERM OF FIFTEEN YEARS, VICE MARVIN R. MURPHY, TERM EXPIRED.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

WILLIAM A. DOUGLASS, OF FLORIDA, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLenIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS.

FEDERAL RETIREMENT THRIFT INVESTMENT BOARD

JOHN M. BARGER, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE FEDERAL RETIREMENT THRIFT INVESTMENT BOARD FOR A TERM EXPIRING OCTOBER 11, 2023, VICE DAVID AVIEN JONES, TERM EXPIRED.

CHRIS KOOS, OF ILLINOIS, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE FEDERAL RETIREMENT THRIFT INVESTMENT BOARD FOR A TERM EXPIRING SEPTEMBER 25, 2022, VICE RONALD DAVID MCCRAY, TERM EXPIRED.

FRANK W. CUNYLEY, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE FEDERAL RETIREMENT THRIFT INVESTMENT BOARD FOR A TERM EXPIRING SEPTEMBER 25, 2022, VICE MICHAEL D. KINNEY, TERM EXPIRED.

NOMINATIONS RETURNED TO THE PRESIDENT

Sunday, January 3, 2021

The following nominations transmitted by the President of the United States to the Senate during the first session of the 116th Congress, and upon which no action was had at the time of the sine die of the Senate, have been returned with the official notification of the refusal of the President to confirm the nominations under the provisions of Rule XXXI, paragraph 6, of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

ADMINISTRATIVE CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED STATES

DANIEL Z. EPSTEIN, OF TEXAS, TO BE CHAIRMAN OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED STATES FOR A TERM OF FIFTEEN YEARS.

AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION


AMTRAK BOARD OF DIRECTORS

JOSEPH RYAN GRUTTIES, OF FLORIDA, TO BE A DIRECTOR OF THE AMTRAK BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR A TERM OF FIVE YEARS.

LION A. DEAREBOIM, OF OKLAHOMA, TO BE A DIRECTOR OF THE AMTRAK BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR A TERM OF FIVE YEARS.

SARAH E. FEINBERG, OF WEST VIRGINIA, TO BE A DIRECTOR OF THE AMTRAK BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR A TERM OF FIVE YEARS.

MADISON BOOKE OF ILLINOIS, TO BE A DIRECTOR OF THE AMTRAK BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR A TERM OF FIVE YEARS.

THROGROD BOBITA, OF INDIANA, TO BE A DIRECTOR OF THE AMTRAK BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR A TERM OF FIVE YEARS.

DEFENSE NUCLEAR FACILITIES SAFETY BOARD

MATTHEW MOYUR, OF MARYLAND, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE DEFENSE NUCLEAR FACILITIES SAFETY BOARD FOR A TERM EXPIRING OCTOBER 14, 2021.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

SCOTT SOLES, OF TEXAS, TO BE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER, DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

JOEL W. LIPPS, OF TEXAS, TO BE UNDER SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE FOR FOOD, NUTRITION, AND CONSUMER SERVICES.

SCOTT HUTCHINS, OF IOWA, TO BE UNDER SECRETARY FOR RESEARCH, EDUCATION, AND ECONOMICS.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

NAZAK NIKAZI, OF MARYLAND, TO BE UNDER SECRETARY OF COMMERCE FOR INDUSTRY AND SECURITY.

NEIL JACOBS, OF NORTH CAROLINA, TO BE UNDER SECRETARY FOR COMMERCE FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS.

MARY A. TOMAN, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE UNDER SECRETARY FOR COMMERCE FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

JASON ABDEN, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE INSPECTOR GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.

GENE MICHELE A. PEARCE, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE GENERAL COUNSEL, DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.

JACK R. WALSH, JR., OF VIRGINIA, TO BE GENERAL COUNSEL, DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

ANDREW A. DE MELLO, OF MASSACHUSETTS, TO BE INSPECTOR GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

CHRIS K. ZUCKERMAN, OF MICHIGAN, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR HOMELAND SECURITY.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

MATTHEW S. SHAPERO, OF TEXAS, TO BE AN ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL.
RANK AND STATUS OF AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND Plenipotentiary of the United States of America To Belize.

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO BELIZE.

SADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND Plenipotentiary of the United States of America To the Kingdom of Chile.

BASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND Plenipotentiary of the United States of America To the Organization of American States.

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FOR SPECIAL POLITICAL AFFAIRS.

Of Service as Chief of Protocol.

The Senior Executive Service, To Be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America To Canada.

In the United Nations.

For A Term of Seven Years Expiring March 1, 2021.

For A Term of Seven Years Expiring March 1, 2023.

For A Term of Seven Years Expiring March 1, 2024.

For A Term of Seven Years Expiring March 1, 2025.

For A Term of Seven Years Expiring March 1, 2024.

For A Term of Seven Years Expiring March 1, 2021.

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For A Term of Seven Years Expiring March 1, 2021.
JENNIFER P. TOGLIATTI, OF NEVADA, TO BE A UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEVADA.

SARITA R. KOMATREDY, OF NEW YORK, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW YORK.

VIN LAN, OF NEW YORK, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK.

JENNIFER S. REARDEN, OF NEW YORK, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK.

JOHN C. TUGOS, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE AN ASSOCIATE JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA FOR THE TERM OF FIFTEEN YEARS.

DANNY LAM, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE AN ASSOCIATE JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA FOR THE TERM OF FIFTEEN YEARS.

BRENT F. PALPUTAL, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA.


BRUCE J. POLKINS, OF MAINE, TO BE A DIRECTOR OF THE SOUTHERN INDIAN INVESTOR PROTECTION CORPORATION FOR A TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2024.

THOMAS M. MISTREL, OF FLORIDA, TO BE A DIRECTOR OF THE SOUTHERN INDIAN INVESTOR PROTECTION CORPORATION FOR A TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2024.

SHELBY J. VaZQUEZ, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE AN ASSOCIATE JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT OF GUAM FOR THE TERM OF FIFTEEN YEARS.

BRENDA M. SAIZ, OF NEW MEXICO, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW MEXICO.

JACK F. HOWARD, III, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE AN ASSOCIATE JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE COLOMBIA COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE TERM OF FIFTEEN YEARS.

VIJAY SHANKER, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE AN ASSOCIATE JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT OF COLUMBIA COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE TERM OF FIFTEEN YEARS.

Hector Gonzalez, OF NEW YORK, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK.

Ryan Thomas McAllister, OF NEW YORK, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK.

David Carey Woll, Jr., OF NEW YORK, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK.

Sharon E. Goodie, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE AN ASSOCIATE JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA FOR THE TERM OF FIFTEEN YEARS.

Stephen Andrew Kubiakowski, OF KENTUCKY, TO BE A JUDGE OF THE UNITED STATES COURT OF FEDERAL CLAIMS FOR THE TERM OF FIFTEEN YEARS.

Joseph L. Barlow, OF MARYLAND, TO BE A JUDGE OF THE UNITED STATES COURT OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE.

Maria Teresa Bonafioc Cenxion, OF GUAM, TO BE JUDGE FOR THE DISTRICT COURT OF GUAM FOR THE TERM OF TEN YEARS.

Paul A. Arias-Marxuch, OF PUERTO RICO, TO BE UNITED STATES CIRCUIT JUDGE FOR THE FIRST CIRCUIT.

Terrihnn M. Andrews, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE A JUDGE OF THE UNITED STATES COURT OF FEDERAL CLAIMS FOR THE TERM OF FIFTEEN YEARS.

UNITED STATES ADVISORY COMMISSION ON INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT.

SUTAPA GROSH STUCKELE, OF MARYLAND, TO BE AN ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR OF THE UNITED STATES AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT.

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT FINANCE CORPORATION.

EDWARD A. BUERKER, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT FINANCE CORPORATION.

CHRISTOPHER ANTRIS, OF MARYLAND, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT FINANCE CORPORATION FOR A TERM OF THREE YEARS.

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION.

WILLIAM PATRICK JOSEPH KIMMITT, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE ON DECEMBER 16, 2020, AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON JANUARY 26, 2021.


SUSAN M. BERNER, OF IOWA, TO BE UNITED STATES ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE ON NOVEMBER 16, 2020, AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON NOVEMBER 23, 2020.

HIGHLIGHTS

First Session of the One Hundred and Seventeenth Congress convened as prescribed by the Constitution of the United States.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1–S12

Measures Introduced: Two bills and six resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 11–12, S. Res. 1–4, and S. Con. Res. 1–2. Page S8

Measures Passed:

  Notification of the President: Senate agreed to S. Res. 1, establishing a Committee to Inform the President of the United States that a quorum of each House is assembled. Page S6

  Notification of the House of Representatives: Senate agreed to S. Res. 2, informing the House of Representatives that a quorum of the Senate is assembled. Page S6

  Fixing the Hour of Daily Meeting: Senate agreed to S. Res. 3, fixing the hour of daily meeting of the Senate. Page S6

  Counting of Electoral Votes: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 1, to provide for the counting on January 6, 2021, of the electoral votes for President and Vice President of the United States. Page S7

  Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 2, extending the life of the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies and authorizing the use of the rotunda and Emancipation Hall of the Capitol by the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies in connection with the proceedings and ceremonies conducted for the inauguration of the President-elect and the Vice President-elect of the United States. Page S7

  Administration of Oath of Office: The Senators-elect were administered the oath of office by the Vice President. Pages S4–5

  Authority for Select Committee on Ethics: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that for the duration of the 117th Congress, the Ethics Committee be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate. Page S7

  Time for Roll Call Votes: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that for the duration of the 117th Congress, there be a limitation of 15 minutes each upon any roll call vote, with the warning signal to be sounded at the midway point, beginning at the last 7½ minutes, and when roll call votes are of 10-minute duration, the warning signal be sounded at the beginning of the last 7½ minutes. Page S7

  Authority To Receive Reports: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that during the 117th Congress, it be in order for the Secretary of the Senate to receive reports at the desk when presented by a Senator at any time during the day of the session of the Senate. Page S7

  Recognition of Leadership: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Majority and Minority Leaders may daily have up to 10 minutes each on each calendar day following the prayer and disposition of the reading of, or the approval of, the Journal. Page S7

  Printing of Conference Reports: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding the provisions of Rule XXVIII, conference reports and statements accompanying them not be printed as Senate reports when such conference reports and statements have been printed as a House report unless specific request is made in the Senate in each instance to have such a report printed. Page S7

  Authority for Appropriations Committee: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Committee on Appropriations be authorized during the 117th Congress to file reports during the adjournments or recesses of the Senate on appropriations bills, including joint resolutions, together with any accompanying notices of motions to suspend
Authority for Corrections in Engrossment: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that, for the duration of the 117th Congress, Senate amendments to House bills and resolutions, Senate amendments to Senate bills and resolutions, and Senate amendments to House bills and resolutions, and Senate amendments to House bills or resolutions.

Authority To Receive Messages and Sign Enrolled Measures: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that, for the duration of the 117th Congress, when the Senate is in recess or adjournment, the Secretary of the Senate is authorized to receive messages from the President of the United States, and—with the exception of House bills, joint resolutions and concurrent resolutions—messages from the House of Representatives; and that they be appropriately referred; and that the President of the Senate, the President pro tempore, and the Acting President pro tempore be authorized to sign duly enrolled bills and joint resolutions.

Privileges of the Floor: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that, for the duration of the 117th Congress, Senators be allowed to leave at the desk with the Journal Clerk the names of two staff members who will be granted the privilege of the floor during the consideration of the specific matter noted, and that the Sergeant-at-Arms be instructed to rotate such staff members as space allows.

Referral of Treaties and Nominations: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that, for the duration of the 117th Congress, it be in order to refer treaties and nominations on the day when they are received from the President, even when the Senate has no executive session that day.

Authority To Introduce Measures: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that, for the duration of the 117th Congress, Senators may be allowed to bring to the desk, bills, joint resolutions, concurrent resolutions, and simple resolutions, for referral to appropriate committees.

Senate Tellers Electoral Votes: The Chair appointed Senator Blunt and Senator Klobuchar, as tellers on the part of the Senate to count electoral votes.

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

- Robert Benedict Bowes, of Virginia, to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission for a term expiring April 13, 2025.
- Brian P. Brooks, of California, to be Comptroller of the Currency for a term of five years.
- Judy Shelton, of California, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System for the unexpired term of fourteen years from February 1, 2010.
- John Chase Johnson, of Oklahoma, to be Inspector General, Federal Communications Commission.
- Charles W. Cook, Jr., of Mississippi, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority for a term expiring May 18, 2025.
- Ricky Roden, of Alabama, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority for the remainder of the term expiring May 18, 2021.
- Mark Van Dyke Holmes, of New York, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court for a term of fifteen years.
- William A. Douglass, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Commonwealth of The Bahamas.
- John M. Barger, of California, to be a Member of the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board for a term expiring October 11, 2022.
- Christopher Bancroft Burnham, of Connecticut, to be a Member of the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board for a term expiring September 25, 2024.
- Frank Dunlevy, of California, to be a Member of the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board for a term expiring September 25, 2022.
- Rahkel Bouchet, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.
- Sharon E. Goodie, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.
- John P. Howard III, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals for the term of fifteen years.
- Dennis Dean Kirk, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Merit Systems Protection Board for the term of seven years expiring March 1, 2023.
- Danny Lam Nguyen, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.
- Mark A. Robbins, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

Authority for Corrections in Engrossment: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that, for the duration of the 117th Congress, the Secretary of the Senate be authorized to make technical and clerical corrections in the engrossments of all Senate-passed bills and joint resolutions, Senate amendments to House bills and resolutions, Senate amendments to House amendments to Senate bills and resolutions, Senate amendments to Senate bills and resolutions, and Senate amendments to House bills or resolutions.
Carl Ezekiel Ross, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

Vijay Shanker, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals for the term of fifteen years.

Elizabeth J. Shapiro, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

John C. Truong, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

Chad F. Wolf, of Virginia, to be Secretary of Homeland Security.

Terrence M. Andrews, of California, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims for a term of fifteen years.

Raul M. Arias-Marxuach, of Puerto Rico, to be United States Circuit Judge for the First Circuit.

Joseph L. Barloon, of Maryland, to be a Judge of the United States Court of International Trade.

Melanie J. Bevan, of Florida, to be United States Marshal for the Middle District of Florida for the term of four years.

Maria Teresa Bonifacio Cenzon, of Guam, to be Judge for the District Court of Guam for the term of ten years.

Stephen Andrew Kubiatowski, of Kentucky, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims for a term of fifteen years.

Edmund G. LaCour, Jr., of Alabama, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Alabama.

Grace Karaffa Obermann, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims for a term of fifteen years.

Nominations Returned to the President: The following nominations were returned to the President failing of confirmation under Senate Rule XXXI at the time of the adjournment of the 116th Congress:

Charles L. Glazer, of Connecticut, to be a Member of the United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy for a term expiring July 1, 2020.

Claudia Slacik, of New York, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Export-Import Bank of the United States for a term expiring January 20, 2023.

Jason J. Fichtner, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Social Security Advisory Board for a term expiring September 30, 2024.

Charles Wickser Banta, of New York, to be a Member of the National Council on the Arts for a term expiring September 3, 2022.

Michelle Itczak, of Indiana, to be a Member of the National Council on the Arts for a term expiring September 3, 2020.

Barbara Coleen Long, of Missouri, to be a Member of the National Council on the Arts for a term expiring September 3, 2022.

Carleton Varney, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the National Council on the Arts for a term expiring September 3, 2022.

Julia Akins Clark, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Merit Systems Protection Board for the term of seven years expiring March 1, 2021.

Dennis Dean Kirk, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Merit Systems Protection Board for the term of seven years expiring March 1, 2023.

Dennis Dean Kirk, of Virginia, to be Chairman of the Merit Systems Protection Board.

Virgil Madden, of Indiana, to be a Commissioner of the United States Parole Commission for a term of six years.

Angeliz N. Castillo, of New York, to be United States Alternate Executive Director of the Inter-American Development Bank.

Scott Soles, of Texas, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Agriculture.

B. Chad Bungard, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Merit Systems Protection Board for the term of seven years expiring March 1, 2025.

Paul Shmotolokha, of Washington, to be First Vice President of the Export-Import Bank of the United States for a term expiring January 20, 2021.

Monica David Morris, of Florida, to be a Commissioner of the United States Parole Commission for a term of six years.

Elizabeth J. Shapiro, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

Bruce Poliquin, of Maine, to be a Director of the Securities Investor Protection Corporation for a term expiring December 31, 2021.

Peter J. Coniglio, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Export-Import Bank.

Kipp Kranbuhl, of Ohio, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.


Mark A. Robbins, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

Neil Jacobs, of North Carolina, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere.
C.J. Mahoney, of Kansas, to be Legal Adviser of the Department of State.

Winifred Bingham, of Florida, to be a Member of the National Council on the Arts for a term expiring September 3, 2024.

Grace Karaffa Obermann, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims for a term of fifteen years.

Judy Shelton, of California, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System for the unexpired term of fourteen years from February 1, 2010.

Finch Fulton, of Alabama, to be an Assistant Secretary of Transportation.

John Chase Johnson, of Oklahoma, to be Inspector General, Federal Communications Commission.

Julie Elizabeth Hocker, of Pennsylvania, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor.

Lorenzo Candelaria, of New York, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2024.

Catherine Bird, of Texas, to be General Counsel of the Federal Labor Relations Authority for a term of five years.

Craig Edward Leen, of the District of Columbia, to be Inspector General, Office of Personnel Management.

R. Shireen Matthews, of California, to be a United States District Judge for the Southern District of California.

Jennifer P. Togliatti, of Nevada, to be United States District Judge for the District of Nevada.

Alex Nelson Wong, of New Jersey, to be Alternate Representative of the United States of America for Special Political Affairs in the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador.

Alex Nelson Wong, of New Jersey, to be an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations during his tenure of service as Alternate Representative of the United States of America for Special Political Affairs in the United Nations.

Aldona Z. Wos, of North Carolina, to be Ambassador to Canada.

Elizabeth Gleason, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the National Council on the Arts for a term expiring September 3, 2020.

Diana Furchtgott-Roth, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Transportation.

Joseph Ryan Gruters, of Florida, to be a Director of the Amtrak Board of Directors for a term of five years.

Leon A. Westmoreland, of Georgia, to be a Director of the Amtrak Board of Directors for a term of five years.

Barbara Hale Thornhill, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Singapore.

Robert Joseph Kruckemeyer, of Texas, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2022.

Rick A. Dearborn, of Oklahoma, to be a Director of the Amtrak Board of Directors for a term of five years.

Carlos Trujillo, of Florida, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Western Hemisphere Affairs).

Kenneth R. Weinstein, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to Japan.

Peter Michael Thomson, of Louisiana, to be Inspector General, Central Intelligence Agency.

Michele A. Pearce, of Virginia, to be General Counsel of the Department of the Army.

John E. Whiteley, of Virginia, to be Director of Cost Assessment and Program Evaluation, Department of Defense.

Joel Szabat, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of Transportation for Policy.

Mary A. Toman, of California, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Economic Affairs.

Michael J. Walsh, Jr., of Virginia, to be General Counsel of the Department of Commerce.

Erik Paul Bethel, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Panama.

Marshall Billingslea, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of State for Arms Control and International Security.

Leora Rosenberg Levy, of Connecticut, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Chile.

Manisha Singh, of Florida, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, with the rank of Ambassador.

John M. Barger, of California, to be a Member of the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board for a term expiring October 11, 2022.

Christopher Bancroft Burnham, of Connecticut, to be a Member of the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board for a term expiring September 25, 2024.

Frank Dunlevy, of California, to be a Member of the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board for a term expiring September 25, 2022.

Keith W. Dayton, of Washington, to be Ambassador to Ukraine.

Edward A. Burrier, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Chief Executive Officer of the United States International Development Finance Corporation.

Sarah E. Feinberg, of West Virginia, to be a Director of the Amtrak Board of Directors for a term of five years.
Chris Koos, of Illinois, to be a Director of the Amtrak Board of Directors for a term of five years.

William A. Douglass, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Commonwealth of The Bahamas.

Lucas N. Polakowski, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

Thomas M. Mistele, of Florida, to be a Director of the Securities Investor Protection Corporation for a term expiring December 31, 2023.

Thomas M. Mistele, of Florida, to be a Director of the Securities Investor Protection Corporation for a term expiring December 31, 2020.

Bradley D. Hansell, of Virginia, to be a Deputy Under Secretary of Defense.

Daniel Huff, of Massachusetts, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce.

Gregory Autry, of California, to be Chief Financial Officer, National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

Theodore Rokita, of Indiana, to be a Director of the Amtrak Board of Directors for the remainder of the term expiring January 3, 2021.

Theodore Rokita, of Indiana, to be a Director of the Amtrak Board of Directors for a term expiring January 3, 2026.

Jonathan Moak, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Army.

Zachary T. Haines, of Ohio, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Harry S Truman Scholarship Foundation for a term expiring December 10, 2023.

Chad F. Wolf, of Virginia, to be Secretary of Homeland Security.

Joyce Campbell Giuffra, of New York, to be a Member of the National Council on the Arts for a term expiring September 3, 2024.

James B. Lockhart III, of Connecticut, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Federal Hospital Insurance Trust Fund for a term of four years.

James B. Lockhart III, of Connecticut, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance Trust Fund and the Federal Disability Insurance Trust Fund for a term of four years.

James B. Lockhart III, of Connecticut, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Federal Supplementary Medical Insurance Trust Fund for a term of four years.

Ramsey Coats Day, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the African Development Foundation for the remainder of the term expiring September 22, 2021.

Daniel Asia, of Arizona, to be a Member of the National Council on the Arts for a term expiring September 3, 2024.

William G. Dauster, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance Trust Fund and the Federal Disability Insurance Trust Fund for a term of four years.

William G. Dauster, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Federal Hospital Insurance Trust Fund for a term of four years.

William G. Dauster, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Federal Supplementary Medical Insurance Trust Fund for a term of four years.

Tony Hammond, of Missouri, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Harry S Truman Scholarship Foundation for a term expiring December 10, 2025.

Jesse Merriam, of Maryland, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2024.

Carlos Trujillo, of Florida, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Inter-American Foundation for a term expiring September 20, 2024.

Michael W. Hail, of Kentucky, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Harry S Truman Scholarship Foundation for a term expiring December 10, 2023.

Charles L. Glazer, of Connecticut, to be a Member of the United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy for a term expiring July 1, 2023.

Michael J. Finkel, of New Jersey, to be a Director of the Securities Investor Protection Corporation for a term expiring December 31, 2022.

William S. Jasien, of Virginia, to be a Director of the Securities Investor Protection Corporation for a term expiring December 31, 2023.

Nazak Nikakhtar, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Industry and Security.

Andrew George Biggs, of Oregon, to be a Member of the Financial Oversight and Management Board for Puerto Rico for the remainder of the term expiring August 30, 2019.

Jose Baldomero Carrión, of Puerto Rico, to be a Member of the Financial Oversight and Management Board for Puerto Rico for the remainder of the term expiring August 30, 2019.

Carlos M. Garcia, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Financial Oversight and Management Board for Puerto Rico for the remainder of the term expiring August 30, 2019.

Arthur J. González, of New York, to be a Member of the Financial Oversight and Management Board for Puerto Rico for the remainder of the term expiring August 30, 2019.

Jose R. Gonzalez, of New York, to be a Member of the Financial Oversight and Management Board for Puerto Rico for the remainder of the term expiring August 30, 2019.
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Ana Matosantos, of California, to be a Member of the Financial Oversight and Management Board for Puerto Rico for the remainder of the term expiring August 30, 2019.

David Skeel, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the Financial Oversight and Management Board for Puerto Rico for the remainder of the term expiring August 30, 2019.

Steven Christopher Koutsis, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Chad.

Rahkel Bouchet, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

Brandon Lipps, of Texas, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services.


Michael Allen Hagar, of Arkansas, to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Arkansas for the term of four years.

Richard E. Zuckerman, of Michigan, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

Adam L. Braverman, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California.

Knut Sveinbjorn Johnson, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California.

Steve Kim, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California.

Sandy Nunes Leal, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California.

Michelle M. Pettit, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California.

Rick Lloyd Richmond, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California.

Jeremy B. Rosen, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California.

Douglas Benevento, of Colorado, to be Deputy Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

William E. Todd, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Islamic Republic of Pakistan.

Ronald Mortensen, of Utah, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Population, Refugees, and Migration).

David Christian Tryon, of Ohio, to be Chief Counsel for Advocacy, Small Business Administration.

Katherine Camille Henderson, of Tennessee, for the rank of Ambassador during her tenure of service as Chief of Protocol.

Rodney K. Brown, of California, to be a Member of the Farm Credit Administration Board, Farm Credit Administration, for a term expiring October 13, 2024.


Nancy B. Beck, of New York, to be Chairman of the Consumer Product Safety Commission.

Aditya Bamzai, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board for a term expiring January 29, 2026.

Jason Abend, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Department of Defense.

Andrew A. De Mello, of Massachusetts, to be Inspector General, Department of Education.

Scott Hutchins, of Indiana, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Research, Education, and Economics.

Ashok Michael Pinto, of Illinois, to be United States Alternate Executive Director of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development for a term of two years.

Saritha Komatireddy, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York.

Iris Lan, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York.

Jennifer H. Rearden, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York.

Katharine T. Sullivan, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

John C. Truong, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

Danny Lam Nguyen, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

Louis W. Bremer, of Connecticut, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

J. Mark Burkhalter, of Georgia, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Norway.

Patrick Hovakimian, of California, to be General Counsel of the Office of the Director of National Intelligence.

Dirk B. Paloutzian, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of California.
Edmund G. LaCour, Jr., of Alabama, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Alabama.

James P. Arguelles, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of California.

Fred Joseph Federici III, of New Mexico, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Mexico.

Brenda M. Saiz, of New Mexico, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Mexico.

John P. Howard III, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals for the term of fifteen years.

Vijay Shanker, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals for the term of fifteen years.

Christopher P. Vincze, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the United States International Development Finance Corporation for a term of three years.

Matthew Moury, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board for a term expiring October 18, 2021.

Andre Bauer, of South Carolina, to be Ambassador to Belize.

Sutapa Ghosh Stricklett, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.

John Gibbs, of Michigan, to be Director of the Office of Personnel Management for a term of four years.

Craig Duehring, of Virginia, to be a Deputy Under Secretary of Defense.

Douglas MacGregor, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Germany.

Charles W. Cook, Jr., of Mississippi, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority for a term expiring May 18, 2025.

Justin E. Herdman, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Attorney for the District of Columbia for the term of four years.

Robert Benedict Bowers, of Virginia, to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission for a term expiring April 13, 2025.

Jon Christopher Kreitz, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Air Force.

Matthew B. Shipley, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

Andrew John Lawler, of California, to be Assistant Secretary of State for Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs.

Ryan Michael Tully, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Verification and Compliance).

Hector Gonzalez, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York.

Ryan Thomas McAllister, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of New York.

David Carey Woll, Jr., of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York.

William Ruger, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan.

Michael Rigas, of Massachusetts, to be Deputy Director for Management, Office of Management and Budget.

Sharon E. Goodie, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

Eric P. Wendt, of California, to be Ambassador to the State of Qatar.


Brian S. Davis, of North Carolina, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

Stephen Andrew Kubiatowski, of Kentucky, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims for a term of fifteen years.

Joseph L. Barloon, of Maryland, to be a Judge of the United States Court of International Trade.

Brian P. Brooks, of California, to be Comptroller of the Currency for a term of five years.

Scott Francis O’Grady, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

David L. Fogel, of Connecticut, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Economic and Business Affairs).

Maria Teresa Bonifacio Cenzon, of Guam, to be Judge for the District Court of Guam for the term of ten years.

Raul M. Arias-Marxuach, of Puerto Rico, to be United States Circuit Judge for the First Circuit.

Gino D. Campana, of Colorado, to be Chairperson of the Public Buildings Reform Board for a term of six years.

Melanie J. Bevan, of Florida, to be United States Marshal for the Middle District of Florida for the term of four years.

Ricky Roden, of Alabama, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority for the remainder of the term expiring May 18, 2021.

William Patrick Joseph Kimmitt, of Virginia, to be a Member of the United States International Trade Commission for a term expiring June 16, 2029.
Eldon P. Regua, of California, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, with the rank and status of Ambassador.

Mark Van Dyke Holmes, of New York, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court for a term of fifteen years.

Romolo A. Bernardi, of New York, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service for a term expiring December 8, 2023.

Terrence M. Andrews, of California, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims for a term of fifteen years.

Daniel Z. Epstein, of Texas, to be Chairman of the Administrative Conference of the United States for the term of five years.

4 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.
1 Army nomination in the rank of general.
2 Coast Guard nominations in the rank of admiral.
1 Marine Corps nomination in the rank of general.
1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.


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Measures Read the First Time:  Page S8
Measures Held Over/Under Rule:  Page S8
Quorum Calls: One quorum call was taken today.  (Total–1)  Page S5
Adjournment: Senate convened at 12:01 p.m. and adjourned at 12:49 p.m., until 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 6, 2021. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S10.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 7 resolutions, H. Res. 1–7 were introduced.  Page H11

Additional Cosponsors:

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Rev. Emmanuel Cleaver, St. James United Methodist Church, Kansas City, Missouri.  Page H1

Certificate of Election: The Clerk announced that Certificates of Election covering 434 seats in the One Hundred Sixteenth Congress had been received and the names of those persons whose credentials show that they were regularly elected as Representatives in accordance with the laws of their respective States would be called. Without objection, the Representatives-elect were directed to record their presence by electronic device in order to determine whether a quorum was present.  Page H1

Call of the States: On the Call of the States, 427 Members reported their presence, Roll No. 1.  Pages H1–2

Election Credentials for the Resident Commissioner and Delegates: The Clerk announced that credentials have been received showing the elections of the following: Honorable Jenniffer González-Colón, Resident Commissioner from the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico; Honorable Eleanor Holmes Norton, Delegate from the District of Columbia; Honorable Michael F. Q. San Nicolas, Delegate from Guam; Honorable Stacey E. Plaskett, Delegate from the Virgin Islands; Honorable Aumua Amata Coleman Radewagen, Delegate from American Samoa; and Honorable Gregorio Kilili Camacho Sablan, Delegate from the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.  Page H2

Vacancy Announcement: The Clerk notified the House that since the last regular election of Representatives to the 117th Congress, a vacancy now exists in the 5th District of the State of Louisiana, occasioned by the death of the late Honorable Luke Letlow.  Page H2

Recess: The House recessed at 1:28 p.m. and reconvened at 1:59 p.m.  Page H2

Election of Speaker: The Honorable Nancy Pelosi of California was elected Speaker of the House of Representatives and received 216 votes. The Honorable Kevin McCarthy received 209 votes, The Honorable Tammy Duckworth received 1 vote, and The Honorable Hakeem Jeffries received 1 vote. Earlier, the Clerk appointed Representatives-elect Kaptur,
Rodney Davis (IL), Lofgren, and Foxx to act as Tellers.

Escort Committee: The Clerk appointed the following committee to escort the Speaker-elect to the Chair: Representatives-elect Hoyer, McCarthy, Clyburn, Scalise, Clark (MA), Cheney, Jeffries, Emmer, Aguilar, Palmer, Sean Patrick Maloney, Mike Johnson, Beatty, Hudson, Jacobs, Stephanie Bice; and the members of the California delegation: Representatives-elect Waters, Calvert, Eshoo, Roybal-Allard, members of the California delegation: Representatives-elect, Beatty, Hudson, Jacobs, Stephanie Bice; and the Aguilar, Palmer, Sean Patrick Maloney, Mike Johnson, announcement of Minority Employees: The House agreed to H. Res. 6, providing for the designation of certain minority employees.

Authorizing the Speaker to administer the oath of office: The House agreed to H. Res. 7, authorizing the Speaker to administer the oath of office.

Oath of Office Designation: Pursuant to the provisions of House Resolution 7, 117th Congress, the Chair appointed the Honorable Debbie Wasserman Schultz of Florida to administer the oath of office to the Honorable Alcee L. Hastings of Florida.
Speaker to refer them, was delayed. The Chair stated that submitted bills would be held until adoption of the rules, at which time they would be referred as expeditiously as possible to the appropriate committee; and at that time, the bills which were not referred and did not appear in the Record as of that day would be included in the next day’s Record and printed with a date as of the time that the rules were adopted.

Providing for the counting on January 6, 2021, of the electoral votes for President and Vice President of the United States: The House agreed to S. Con. Res. 1, to provide for the counting on January 6, 2021, of the electoral votes for President and Vice President of the United States.

Extending the life of the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies and authorizing the use of the rotunda and Emancipation Hall of the Capitol by the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies in connection with the proceedings and ceremonies conducted for the inauguration of the President-elect and the Vice President-elect of the United States: The House agreed to S. Con. Res. 2, extending the life of the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies and authorizing the use of the rotunda and Emancipation Hall of the Capitol by the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies in connection with the proceedings and ceremonies conducted for the inauguration of the President-elect and the Vice President-elect of the United States.

Whole Number of the House: Under clause 5(d) of Rule 20, the Chair announced to the House that the whole number of the House is 430.

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H10.

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote developed during the proceedings of today and appears on pages H7–8. There was one quorum call, Roll No. 1, which appears on pages H1–2.

Adjournment: The House met at 12 noon and adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Committee Meetings
No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings
No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 2021

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate
No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House
No hearings are scheduled.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD
Week of January 4 through January 8, 2021

Senate Chamber
During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

Senate Committees

Select Committee on Intelligence: January 6, to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 10 a.m., SVC–217.

House Committees
No hearings are scheduled.
Next Meeting of the Senate
12:30 p.m., Wednesday, January 6

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Senate will be in a period of morning business.

At 1 p.m., the Joint Session of Congress will convene in the Hall of the House of Representatives under the provisions of S. Con. Res. 1, to provide for the counting of the electoral votes for President and Vice President of the United States.

Senators attending the Joint Session will gather in the Senate Chamber at 12:45 p.m., and proceed as a body to the Hall of the House of Representatives at 12:50 p.m.

Next Meeting of the House of Representatives
10 a.m., Monday, January 4

House Chamber

Program for Monday: Adopting the Rules of the House of Representatives for the One Hundred Seventeenth Congress.