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## Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Friday, January 6, 2023, at 1:05 p.m.

## House of Representatives

THURSDAY, JANUARY 5, 2023

The House met at noon, and was called to order by the Clerk.

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

Silence all voices but Your own, O Lord. Quiet the cacophony of counsel and still the storms of dissent, that each of us would be able to hear You speak Your word to us this day.

Humble our hearts that nothing we argue for or act upon would be out of selfish ambition or conceit. But in humility, may we empty ourselves in our service to You and to this Nation. With eyes of faith, may we look around this room that we would appreciate the country, which You have called each of us to serve, and dare to value it above our own interests.

Protect us, that in this imbroglia of indecision we do not expose ourselves to the incursion of our adversary. Watch over the seeming discontinuity of our governance and the perceived vulnerability of our national security. Build Your hedge of protection against those who would take advantage of our discord for their own gain.

And bless this country, that in the messiness that is democracy, we would discover and defend the reward of freedom it affords us.

Then raise up among us a leader who has the faith to live into Your will, the hope to inspire and engender the trust of this body, and the love to serve You wisely in such a time as this.

In You do we trust, and in Your name we pray.

Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The CLERK. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House her approval thereof.

Representatives-elect are invited to join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### 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.

### POINT OF ORDER

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Clerk, I make a point of order that a quorum is not present.

The CLERK. The gentlewoman makes a point of order that a quorum is not present. The Chair will count for a quorum. The Chair counts 311 Members present. A quorum is present.

The question recurs on the election of a Speaker. The tellers will please come forward to their seats.

### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE CLERK

The CLERK. Before proceeding further, the Chair would like to clarify that as part of the Clerk's role during the organization of the House, under clause 2(a) of rule II, as incorporated into the general parliamentary law, the Clerk has the responsibility to preserve order and decorum in the Chamber prior to the election of a Speaker.

To that end, the Chair would like to remind Members-elect of the following: Members-elect should address any re-

marks through the Chair and not to other Members-elect in the second person. Members-elect should refrain from engaging in personalities toward other Members-elect.

The Chair appreciates the cooperation of Members-elect in respecting and upholding order and decorum in the House.

The CLERK. The Clerk recognizes the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. JAMES).

Mr. JAMES. Madam Clerk, I rise to nominate KEVIN MCCARTHY for Speaker of the House.

Madam Clerk, there has been a lot of talk about history over the last few days. 1856 was the last time it took longer than 9 votes to find a Speaker of the House. It took 133 votes over 2 months.

Without question, the issues that divide us today are much less severe than they were in 1856. In fact, there is far more that unites us than divides us, regardless of our political party or ideology.

The issues today are over a few rules and personalities, while the issues at that time were about slavery and whether the value of a man who looks like me was 60 percent or 100 percent of a human being.

It was a long, drawn-out, painful process, but it needed to happen. In the end, Nathaniel Banks won by the slimmest of margins. But the margins don't matter when your policies are on the right side of history. On that day, long ago, the good guys won. On that day, long ago, the abolitionists won. On that day, the people who believed in

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freedom and self-determination won. The leading Republican nominee won then, and the leading Republican nominee will win again today.

Since then, our Nation has made a lot of progress. That includes families like mine. My family has gone from slave to the floor of the United States House of Representatives, being the first Member of his freshman class to speak.

In a series of five generations, my family has gone from slave to right here since 1856. My father and mother were born in the 1940s and 1950s in the Jim Crow South, and my dad lived directly across the street from a school he couldn't go to because he was Black. He started a business with one truck, one trailer, no excuses, with the help of his wife, and now his son stands here on the precipice of taking back the majority for the American people and taking this Nation in the right direction.

I am a freshman. I have only been here a couple of days, but I have heard a lot of D.C. politicians tell me about how broken D.C. is. I don't need D.C. politicians to tell me how broken D.C. is. The American people have already told us how broken D.C. is by giving the Republicans the majority so we can fix this mess.

□ 1215

We will counter the socialist movement of envy and confiscation with a conservative movement of access and opportunity. We will stand on the right side of history again. We will end the growth of government, and we will stop 87,000 new IRS agents from picking through your pocketbooks. We will secure our energy independence. We will ban the sale of petroleum from our strategic reserves to China. We will establish a bipartisan select committee specifically to keep our eye on the ball in China. We will address the crisis at the border that is killing Americans by the day and improve both our safety in our Nation and our dignity for those who come here in search of a better life.

But not yet. We are still stuck at the starting block. The American people have told us, by putting a Republican majority here, that they want Republicans to lead, and they want a government that works and doesn't embarrass them. We are failing on both missions, and that must change today.

Benjamin Franklin said: We must hang together, or we will, most assuredly, hang separately.

We are stuck in a malaise, at an impasse, and we will stay here and not be able to fight the real conservative fight until we find a way to come together and fight that mission together.

Yesterday, we experienced, very briefly, our first win. It was a small victory. It was a small victory, but didn't it feel good? We have been working hard for that victory, and there are much more to come.

As a cadet at West Point, I learned the phrase that has always been my

motto throughout my life: "Mission first, people always."

Right now, the people are left out. Right now, they don't have a Congress to speak for them at the highest level of government. Right now, every individual in this room can concede that the rounds that we have taken are not what we told our constituents we would do. We told them that we would fight the opioid crisis.

For perspective, there is a hallowed monument that my father took me to. My father is a Vietnam veteran. This monument has a total length of 500 feet, nearly 2 football fields. It is 10 feet high, and the letters are only a half inch, with 58,000 names, for a war that lasted years. According to the CDC, in 2021, we lost almost twice as many people as we lost in Vietnam to overdoses. We lost 600 Americans to overdoses since Tuesday.

We are talking about the debt rising. You can't count how many dollars we have spent of our great-grandchildren's money since Tuesday.

The work we promised the American people we would do, we are welching on that promise. But I have hope. I have hope that we will be able to come together unified and put the right person in leadership. From many, one, e pluribus unum.

I am standing here today because I am the seventh Member to stand up in support of KEVIN MCCARTHY for Speaker. He has earned my trust. The first time we met was in his office under the watchful gaze of a Frederick Douglass painting. He told me in that office, on the eve of the 2019 State of the Union address, that there is nothing that could be said or done during that address that embarrassed him more than the fact that when the Democrat side stood up, they would look more like the United States of America than we do.

He set out not to compromise our values, not to compromise our ideology, but to work harder to make sure that more people with diverse perspectives and different lived experiences could be here. In the very next election, he won 14 seats up from 199. All the seats he won were with minorities, women, and veterans. The very next cycle, this next cycle, he helped me and my good buddy and classmate, the Congressman from Texas, WES HUNT, double the number of Black Republicans in the Republican Conference.

We have a long way to go, but we have come so far. We have come so far. We can't quit. We can't quit. You don't fire a guy who is winning.

Look at the Governor's mansions and legislatures we lost across the country just this past cycle and look at the gains that KEVIN MCCARTHY has made uphill, getting the gavel as minority leader in half the time. The mainstream media likes to laud the leadership of NANCY PELOSI. KEVIN MCCARTHY won the gavel back as minority leader in half the time going uphill.

We want to talk about people who can win. I am a Lions' fan, and I am

well acquainted with snatching defeat from the jaws of victory. We need to learn how to win. We need to learn how to take victory.

With KEVIN MCCARTHY's leadership, he has given us victories on rules. He has given us victories on keeping costs down. He has given us victories with winning the majority back. I am so proud to be a part of the majority-making class. He has earned my trust, and, hopefully, he will earn your trust.

He has got 90 percent of us in the Conference. When is the last time any of us had 90 percent approval ratings?

KEVIN MCCARTHY, you will see up there, has over 90 percent approval ratings. If you really want to start making history, let's do it the right way.

We need a conservative fighter to help this country get back on the right track, but the first thing we need to do is elect Leader MCCARTHY as Speaker of the House.

I am ready to make history, and I know you are. I am excited to work with each and every single one of you because we have a job to do.

At the direction of the Republican Conference, I advance the name of KEVIN MCCARTHY as Speaker of the House for the 118th Congress.

The CLERK. The Clerk recognizes the gentleman from California (Mr. AGUILAR).

Mr. AGUILAR. Madam Clerk, I rise to nominate HAKEEM JEFFRIES of New York for Speaker of this House.

Madam Clerk, I speak on behalf of the Democratic Caucus when I say that there is no victory in adjourning without doing the business of the people.

Madam Clerk, House Democrats are united behind a champion of expanding and protecting the right to vote. Since the beginning of 2021, 21 State legislatures have passed 42 restrictive voting laws. HAKEEM has stood up against voter suppression in the new Jim Crow era every step of the way.

As we begin a new Congress, we need a leader who believes in strengthening democracy, who understands that to cast a vote is a sacred responsibility that should be afforded to the many, not the privileged or the select few. HAKEEM understands that in order for us to be a more perfect Union, we can't deny the voices of individuals in the democratic process.

Madam Clerk, today, we affirm our support of the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act. Madam Clerk, that is why I am directed by the Democratic Caucus to advance the name of HAKEEM JEFFRIES from New York as Speaker.

The CLERK. The Clerk recognizes the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. BISHOP).

Mr. BISHOP of North Carolina. Madam Clerk, I rise to place in nomination the name of BYRON DONALDS of Florida.

I will begin by saying how much I have anticipated the arrival of the gentleman from Michigan, Congressman JAMES, in this House; not in the Senate, not in the old, staid, unchanging

Senate, but in the House where we make change. Yesterday, we could have elected the first Black Speaker of the United States House of Representatives. Hear me clearly. Had the cascade of votes begun, it would have extended to every Member of this body. It could begin today.

Last night, I sat within feet of Mr. DONALDS as the tweet of another Member-elect appeared on the screen. That Member-elect wrote and sent out to America that BYRON DONALDS is a prop. I have spent a good bit of time with Mr. DONALDS, especially lately. He ain't no prop. If he were a prop, he wouldn't be sitting where he is sitting. This is the tired, old, grotesquely racist rhetoric that we have seen far too long.

Today, a Member-elect quote tweeted a FOX News story that incorrectly reported that I said that if I don't prevail on the question before the House, I will resign. That Member-elect quote tweeted that incorrect story for his own political purposes after the story had been corrected and the actual statement contradicting that report had been provided. This is the old trafficking in lies from Washington that the American people know far too well.

And, by the way, I am not leaving.

KEVIN MCCARTHY released to the public on New Year's Eve a document entitled: "Restoring the People's House and Ending Business as Usual." To his great credit, Mr. MCCARTHY made a statement of huge significance to the country. The nominal leader of a major party acknowledged publicly that this institution is broken, and he committed to make changes to fix it.

So let me help my colleagues in the majority understand. We are doing the people's business. That is what these 3 days have been about. We are committed to make changes to this institution that has lost its way. It is epitomized in the \$1.7 trillion omnibus rammed through this institution just 2 weeks ago.

I say to my colleagues that I came to fix this broken system.

□ 1230

America has seen that problem for a very long time, too. The commitment to change it is new. The genesis of the prospect of changing it emerges from this moment and those, since June, that led, at long last, to the New Year's Eve statement of Mr. MCCARTHY and to these 3 days on the floor.

America needs men and women of courage to do something new in Congress so that Congress can serve the American people. The Lord said, Behold, I do a new thing.

We need more BYRON DONALDS. I know BYRON. He is not a prop. He is a man of personal conviction. He arrived at his convictions through authentic and genuine life experience.

People ask me, what is the endgame? How does this end?

The answer to this question is that this is a dynamic process. All of the de-

isions on this floor result from the coming together of minds, one way or another.

This is the people's business. We will resolve the people's business, and when we do, we will go to the mat for the American people because we will be led by people of conviction, like the gentleman from Florida, BYRON DONALDS.

The CLERK. The Reading Clerk will now call the roll.

The tellers having taken their places, the House proceeded to vote for the Speaker.

The following is the result of the vote:

[Roll No. 9]

JEFFRIES—212

Adams	Golden (ME)	Panetta
Aguilar	Goldman (NY)	Pappas
Allred	Gomez	Pascrell
Auchincloss	Gonzalez,	Payne
Balint	Vicente	Pelosi
Barragan	Gottheimer	Peltola
Beatty	Green (TX)	Perez
Bera	Grijalva	Peters
Beyer	Harder (CA)	Petterson
Bishop (GA)	Hayes	Phillips
Blumenauer	Higgins (NY)	Pingree
Blunt Rochester	Himes	Pocan
Bonamici	Horsford	Porter
Bowman	Houlahan	Pressley
Boyle (PA)	Hoyer	Quigley
Brown	Hoyle (OR)	Ramirez
Brownley	Huffman	Raskin
Budzinski	Ivey	Ross
Bush	Jackson (IL)	Ruiz
Caraveo	Jackson (NC)	Ruppersberger
Carbajal	Jackson Lee	Ryan
Cárdenas	Jacobs	Salinas
Carson	Jayapal	Sánchez
Carter (LA)	Jeffries	Sarbanes
Cartwright	Johnson (GA)	Scanlon
Casar	Kamllager-Dove	Schakowsky
Case	Kaptur	Schiff
Casten	Keating	Schneider
Castor (FL)	Kelly (IL)	Scholten
Castro (TX)	Khanna	Schrier
Cherfilus-	Kildee	Scott (VA)
McCormick	Kilmer	Scott, David
Chu	Kim (NJ)	Sewell
Cicilline	Krishnamoorthi	Sherman
Clark (MA)	Kuster	Sherrill
Clarke (NY)	Landsman	Slotkin
Cleaver	Larsen (WA)	Smith (WA)
Clyburn	Larson (CT)	Sorensen
Cohen	Lee (CA)	Soto
Connolly	Lee (NV)	Spanberger
Correa	Lee (PA)	Stansbury
Costa	Leger Fernandez	Stanton
Courtney	Levin	Stevens
Craig	Lieu	Strickland
Crockett	Lofgren	Swalwell
Crow	Lynch	Sykes
Cuellar	Magaziner	Takano
Davids (KS)	Manning	Thanedar
Davis (IL)	Matsui	Thompson (CA)
Davis (NC)	McBath	Thompson (MS)
Dean (PA)	McCollum	Titus
DeGette	McGarvey	Tlaib
DeLauro	McGovern	Tokuda
DelBene	Meeks	Tonko
Deluzio	Menendez	Torres (CA)
DeSaulnier	Meng	Torres (NY)
Dingell	Mfume	Trahan
Doggett	Moore (WI)	Trone
Escobar	Morelle	Underwood
Eshoo	Moskowitz	Vargas
Españillat	Moulton	Vasquez
Evans	Mrvan	Veasey
Fletcher	Mullin	Velázquez
Foster	Nadler	Wasserman
Foushee	Napolitano	Schultz
Frankel, Lois	Neal	Waters
Frost	Neguse	Watson Coleman
Gallego	Nickel	Wexton
Garamendi	Norcross	Wild
García (IL)	Ocasio-Cortez	Williams (GA)
García (TX)	Omar	Wilson (FL)
García, Robert	Pallone	

MCCARTHY—201

Aderholt	García, Mike	Miller-Meeks
Alford	Jimenez	Mills
Allen	Gonzales, Tony	Molinaro
Amodei	Gooden (TX)	Moolenaar
Armstrong	Granger	Mooney
Arrington	Graves (LA)	Moore (AL)
Babin	Graves (MO)	Moore (UT)
Bacon	Green (TN)	Moran
Baird	Greene (GA)	Murphy
Balderson	Griffith	Nehls
Banks	Grothman	Newhouse
Barr	Guest	Nunn (IA)
Bean (FL)	Guthrie	Obernolte
Bentz	Hageman	Owens
Bergman	Harshbarger	Palmer
Bice	Hern	Pence
Bilirakis	Higgins (LA)	Pfuger
Bost	Hill	Posey
Buchanan	Hinson	Reschenthaler
Buck	Houchin	Rodgers (WA)
Bucshon	Hudson	Rogers (AL)
Burchett	Huizenga	Rogers (KY)
Burgess	Hunt	Rose
Burlison	Issa	Rouzer
Calvert	Jackson (TX)	Rutherford
Cammack	James	Salazar
Carey	Johnson (LA)	Santos
Carl	Johnson (OH)	Scalise
Carter (GA)	Johnson (SD)	Schweikert
Carter (TX)	Jordan	Scott, Austin
Chavez-DeRemer	Joyce (OH)	Sessions
Ciscomani	Joyce (PA)	Simpson
Cline	Kean (NJ)	Smith (MO)
Cole	Kelly (MS)	Smith (NE)
Collins	Kelly (PA)	Smith (NJ)
Comer	Kiggans (VA)	Smucker
Crawford	Kiley	Stauber
Crenshaw	Kim (CA)	Steel
Curtis	Kustoff	Stefanik
D'Esposito	LaHood	Steil
Davidson	LaLota	Steube
De La Cruz	LaMalfa	Lamborn
DesJarlais	Lamborn	Langworthy
Diaz-Balart	Langworthy	Lata
Duarte	Lata	LaTurner
Duncan	Lawler	Lee (FL)
Dunn (FL)	Lee (FL)	Lesko
Edwards	Letlow	Loudermilk
Ellzey	Lucas	Luetkemeyer
Emmer	Luttrell	Mace
Estes	Malliotakis	Mann
Ezell	Mann	Massie
Fallon	Massie	Mast
Feenstra	McCarthy	McCaul
Ferguson	McCaul	McClain
Finstad	McClain	McClintock
Fischbach	McClintock	McCormick
Fitzgerald	McCormick	McHenry
Fitzpatrick	McHenry	Meuser
Fleischmann	Miller (OH)	Miller (WV)
Flood	Miller (WV)	
Fox	Norman	
Foxx		
Franklin, C.		
Scott		
Fry		
Fulcher		
Gallagher		
Garbarino		

DONALDS—19

Biggs	Donalds	Ogles
Bishop (NC)	Good (VA)	Perry
Boebert	Gosar	Rosendale
Brecheen	Harris	Roy
Cloud	Luna	Self
Clyde	Miller (IL)	
Crane	Norman	

DONALD J. TRUMP—1

Gaetz

ANSWERED "PRESENT"—1

Spartz

NOT VOTING—0

□ 1340

The CLERK. The tellers agree in their tallies that the total number of votes cast is 433, of which the Honorable HAKEEM JEFFRIES of the State of New York has received 212, the Honorable KEVIN MCCARTHY of the State of California has received 201, the Honorable BYRON DONALDS of the State of Florida has received 19, the Honorable

Donald J. Trump of the State of Florida has received 1, with 1 recorded as present.

No Member-elect having received the majority of the votes cast, a Speaker has not been elected.

The Clerk recognizes the gentleman from Florida (Mr. MAST).

Mr. MAST. Madam Clerk, I rise to nominate KEVIN MCCARTHY for Speaker of the House.

I think at this point we have all heard about KEVIN MCCARTHY at length. He is my friend, my colleague. I am very proud to say that. I know our remarks are directed toward the Clerk and the Chair, but I don't mind saying that I am directing my remarks to another part of my team. And make no mistake, we are a team. We are together.

I would say this to some of my friends in Texas. I have the same fear, truly, that some of you have, that we squander this opportunity to right the wrongs that have gone on here for the last 2 and 4 years, and there are very real wrongs. I have that fear just like you do.

I would say to my friend from Montana that I have the same fear you do, that America gives us this chance to change our course and that we fail. I have that fear.

I would say to my friend from Arizona, I have the same fears that you do, that we don't recover from the indifference that has been shown to the honor we have to serve here, to the responsibility we have to safeguard our Constitution and the freedoms of Americans. I have that fear that it can't be recovered from.

I would say to my friend, the general from Pennsylvania, that I have the same fears that he has, that we squander what our brothers and sisters in arms have sacrificed for. I stand differently because of sacrifice.

My friend from Texas, Mr. CRENSHAW, when he looks out at the world, he sees the world differently because of what he sacrificed for.

My friend JIM BAIRD, when he extends a hand, he extends it differently because of what he sacrificed for during his service in Vietnam.

We have so many in this body that gave so much, sacrificed so much to support and defend the Constitution of our United States. I fear that we don't live up to what some of our friends and brothers and sisters in arms have very literally given their lives for. I don't mind saying that, on occasion, that absolutely brings a tear to my eye, because it does.

It is not for that.

My friend from Texas, my colleague, Mr. ROY, he and I have stood on this floor together, arguing on the same team about life and death issues for the United States of America, with so few people in here that you could hear an echo. That is sad. That is not living up to our friends.

I have sat in classified briefings with the general from Pennsylvania, mini-

mally attended on both sides, with issues that absolutely matter to the safeguarding of every person within our borders and our servicemembers abroad. We can do better than that, and we will.

I would say to my friends, those issues that we deal with like that, that you have spoken passionately about, I have heard your speeches. I have sat and listened to them.

□ 1345

They can't be fixed by our friend ANDY, and they can't be fixed by our friend KEVIN, or our friend JIM, or our friend BYRON. That comes from inside each and every one of us to change what we prioritize, to change how we choose to spend our time given this opportunity, this honor, to serve in this place.

My friend, Mr. ROY, has been very proud of the number of individuals that are in here, saying that this is how the process should play out, and I totally agree with him on that.

But we don't control whether individuals in here are sitting on their cell phones, scrolling through whatever social media, or whether they are actually paying attention to the issues.

The Speaker can't change that. That is up to the individual. That is something that we have to look at each other and sharpen each other and make each other better.

When we started this process months ago behind closed doors—as leadership for the minority was being chosen behind closed doors, leadership for the majority was being talked about and debated and chosen behind closed doors—I said to my friend, Mr. MCCARTHY: Please don't look at us and see me as your friend or all of us as your friends. Don't look at us and see us as your colleagues. Don't look at us and see us as individuals that are votes for Speaker of the House. Look at us as individuals that are looking out to our communities, our neighborhoods, our friends, our neighbors, and our country and telling them that we vouch for you because that is what we are doing. We are vouching for you, and I couldn't be more proud to stand here today and vouch for you, my friend.

I vouch to my community that KEVIN will do as he has promised. He will give us the opportunity to right the course. He will give us the opportunity to vote.

He won't control how every individual votes, but he will give us the opportunity to make sure that we have smart energy policy between the Atlantic and the Pacific that makes sense for Americans; to make sure that he protects our border, protects Americans; to make sure that we don't spend what we don't have on a credit card, that we don't spend wastefully.

I am vouching for my friend that he will give us that opportunity to make sure that we don't have endless terms here in the House of Representatives. I vouch that he will deliver that opportunity to us.

I am proud to stand before my country and say that KEVIN MCCARTHY is different. He is different. That is why, for those that I was speaking to earlier, the process is where it is today.

He is different. He is not Paul Ryan. He is not going to tell you that you will get a term limits bill, and then you won't.

He is not MITCH MCCONNELL. He fought against the \$1.7 trillion wasteful spending package that was sent to us on Christmas Eve eve. That is not him. He is different.

He is not John Boehner. He didn't throw you all that disagreed with him out on your cans and say: I don't want to hear from you. I don't want to listen to you.

He welcomes everybody in because he is different. If we give him the chance to be our Speaker, we will all be different. He will be different; this Congress will be different; and our country will be different.

I stand before you today and say, at the direction of the Republican Conference, I advance the name of KEVIN MCCARTHY, very proudly, as the next Speaker of the House.

The CLERK. For what purpose does the gentlewoman from Massachusetts rise?

Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts. Madam Clerk, I rise to nominate HAKEEM JEFFRIES as Speaker of the House.

Madam Clerk, 212, 212, 212, 212, 212, and, today, 212—212 House Democrats stand united behind our leader because HAKEEM JEFFRIES stands united for the American people.

The historic dysfunction that we are seeing, this intraparty fight that the American people have been drawn into, is imperiling our national security. It will imperil the ability of this government to deliver basic services. It is imperiling our jobs and our responsibility to serve our constituents, but it is also entirely predictable.

They are failing to convene Congress today, but for years, they have failed to deliver the votes for the American people.

When schools and small businesses needed to reopen, and the American people wanted vaccines, they said no.

When we capped insulin costs for seniors at \$35 a month, they said no.

When we lowered healthcare costs and premiums for working families, they said no.

When we defended the civil rights of LGBTQ+ Americans, they said no.

When we protected lives from senseless gun violence, especially in the wake of the horrors of Buffalo and Uvalde, they said no.

When we stood up for women and reproductive freedom, they said no.

When we brought manufacturing back to America, they said no.

When we answered the urgent call to protect our planet and invest in clean energy and create tens of millions of good-paying jobs, they said no.

When we said women deserve equal pay for equal work, they said no.

When we said that childcare and paid family leave should be available to every worker in this country, to every family, they said no.

When we secured the fundamental right to vote for every single American, they said no.

When we stood by our veterans and expanded their access to healthcare, they said no.

When we defended our democracy 2 years ago tomorrow from a tyrannical President following the January 6 insurrection, they said no.

House Democrats will stand together. We will stand for the American people. It is our job and our responsibility to elect a Speaker who stands with them, and with great pride, I nominate HAKEEM JEFFRIES.

The CLERK. The gentleman from Arizona (Mr. BIGGS) is recognized.

Mr. BIGGS. Madam Clerk, I rise to place into nomination the name of my friend from Florida, BYRON DONALDS, for Speaker of the House.

You know, we are coming off an election just 2 months ago, a little less than 2 months ago, actually. What did that election tell us?

Well, there were 5 million more Republicans who cast their ballots and told us that the American public wanted a change. They wanted a change from the policies of the left that has taken over the Democratic Party.

It said they wanted a change, a change from this administration, this administration that has inflicted so much pain economically.

We have seen crime explode. We have an administration that won't even acknowledge that there is a crisis on the border.

I tell you to go on down to the border. I have invited this administration to come with me to the border. Let's see it firsthand.

The American public said they want a change. They want something new. They want something different, and we are on a path that just continues.

Where were we just 12 years ago? An \$11 trillion national debt. Do you know where we are today? Almost three times that. Both parties share blame in that.

We have to bring that under control. You bring that under control not just by changing the rules of an institution but by changing the leadership.

I am told this process is painful. It is embarrassing, I am told. Do you know what it is? It is not dysfunction, and it is not imperiling. What it is, is the exchange of ideas and expression of support for people you want to be your leader in the next Congress.

I think it is incredibly healthy, actually, for the American people to see that we are on the floor, something that my colleagues across the aisle so rarely like to be. They enjoy the proxy voting, I guess.

They have sat there—I will give it to you. They have laughed, and they have chuckled, and they have pointed fingers at us and said, oh, see here.

But do you know what? As my friend from Florida just said, we are together. We are having an internal fight. It is being displayed. I wish it wasn't necessarily being displayed, but the American people can see it.

But I can tell you this: When this is over and done with, I know which side of the aisle is going to be laughing, and it is going to be the side that is unified in taking on the issues that Americans care about, the issues that the other side has not only ignored but has put upon the American people.

We used to be energy independent. It seems so long ago. It was 2 years ago, actually. We are going to restore American energy independence.

Do you know how you reduce inflation? You stop devaluing your currency. You stop blowing out the waters by spending \$1.7 trillion on an omnibus bill that has many thousands of earmarks in it.

You start taking on crime. You start fighting violence.

You start fighting the overgrowth of our budget and restore our economy. You start incentivizing jobs.

You recognize that the American middle class is being squeezed, and that those who are in more difficult economic circumstances are being squeezed by an economy that has this inflation that attacks energy.

You bring your border back under control, and this side is going to bring that border security under control. We recognize it is a crisis.

It is a crisis when, in 2020, the Yuma sector had 9,000 encounters, not for a 5-day period, but for an entire fiscal year. Under this administration, with these policies, 9,000 encounters is about a 5-day period in the Yuma sector today.

You don't know what it is like unless you see that happening.

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We are on a suboptimal path. It has to change. To make a change, it can be difficult. It can be short-term uncomfortable. But when you move to the correct path, all of a sudden, things ease up and you can start having success.

The direction here, in my opinion, is to someone like BYRON DONALDS, a man who is living the American Dream and is an example and a mentor for millions who need hope.

Here is a man who has worked his way up. He is not a novice. He has the experience. He has the chops to be the Speaker. He is a man who has a lovely family, and they are politically engaged. They know what is going on. He has worked in Florida politics. He has worked in the legislature. He has respect. He has the quiet confidence that a leader needs.

I look around this body today. I know it is hard for you to believe—and it is hard for me to believe sometimes when I am here, as I have the great honor and privilege of serving with you—but you represent the cross-section of

America, the great American experiment. The experience that you bring and the knowledge that you bring is unique. The road to recovery is through this body.

I believe if you want to make changes, you have to make changes. Maintaining the status quo is not an option today. I believe we have reached an existential crisis in this country. I look across the aisle, and I see the left has captured virtually every institution. It is time that we reassert ourselves and put America back on the road to recovery. The person who I think is most capable and will do the most credible job to lead us back that way is my friend from Florida, the Honorable BYRON DONALDS, who I am pleased and proud to nominate as the next Speaker of the House of Representatives.

The CLERK. The Reading Clerk will now call the roll.

The tellers having taken their places, the House proceeded to vote for the Speaker.

The following is the result of the vote:

[Roll No. 10]  
JEFFRIES—212

Adams	Eshoo	Magaziner
Aguilar	Españillat	Manning
Allred	Evans	Matsui
Auchincloss	Fletcher	McBath
Balint	Foster	McCollum
Barragán	Foushee	McGarvey
Beatty	Frankel, Lois	McGovern
Bera	Frost	Meeks
Beyer	Gallego	Menendez
Bishop (GA)	Garamendi	Meng
Blumenauer	García (IL)	Mfume
Blunt Rochester	García (TX)	Moore (WI)
Bonamici	García, Robert	Morelle
Bowman	Golden (ME)	Moskowitz
Boyle (PA)	Goldman (NY)	Moulton
Brown	Gomez	Mrvan
Brownley	Gonzalez,	Mullin
Budzinski	Vicente	Nadler
Bush	Gottheimer	Napolitano
Caraveo	Green (TX)	Neal
Carbajal	Grijalva	Neguse
Cárdenas	Harder (CA)	Nickel
Carson	Hayes	Norcross
Carter (LA)	Higgins (NY)	Ocasio-Cortez
Cartwright	Himes	Omar
Casar	Horsford	Pallone
Case	Houlihan	Panetta
Casten	Hoyer	Pappas
Castor (FL)	Hoyle (OR)	Pascarell
Castro (TX)	Huffman	Payne
Cherfilus-	Ivey	Pelosi
McCormick	Jackson (IL)	Peltola
Chu	Jackson (NC)	Perez
Cicilline	Jackson Lee	Peters
Clark (MA)	Jacobs	Petterson
Clarke (NY)	Jayapal	Phillips
Cleaver	Jeffries	Pingree
Clyburn	Johnson (GA)	Pocan
Cohen	Kamlager-Dove	Porter
Connolly	Kaptur	Pressley
Correa	Keating	Quigley
Costa	Kelly (IL)	Ramirez
Courtney	Khanna	Raskin
Craig	Kildee	Ross
Crockett	Kilmer	Ruiz
Crow	Kim (NJ)	Ruppersberger
Cuellar	Krishnamoorthi	Ryan
Davids (KS)	Kuster	Salinas
Davis (IL)	Landsman	Sánchez
Davis (NC)	Larsen (WA)	Sarbanes
Dean (PA)	Larson (CT)	Scanlon
DeGette	Lee (CA)	Schakowsky
DeLauro	Lee (NV)	Schiff
DelBene	Lee (PA)	Schneider
Deluzio	Leger Fernandez	Scholten
DeSaulnier	Levin	Schrier
Dingell	Lieu	Scott (VA)
Doggett	Lofgren	Scott, David
Escobar	Lynch	Sewell

Sherman  
Sherrill  
Slotkin  
Smith (WA)  
Sorensen  
Soto  
Spanberger  
Stansbury  
Stanton  
Stevens  
Strickland  
Swalwell  
Sykes

Takano  
Thanedar  
Thompson (CA)  
Thompson (MS)  
Trotter  
Tlaib  
Tokuda  
Tonko  
Torres (CA)  
Torres (NY)  
Trahan  
Trone  
Underwood

Vargas  
Vasquez  
Veasey  
Velázquez  
Titus  
Wasserman  
Schultz  
Waters  
Watson Coleman  
Wexton  
Wild  
Williams (GA)  
Wilson (FL)

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## MCCARTHY—201

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Burchett  
Burgess  
Burlison  
Calvert  
Cammack  
Carey  
Carl  
Carter (GA)  
Carter (TX)  
Chavez-DeRemer  
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Cline  
Cole  
Collins  
Comer  
Crawford  
Crenshaw  
Curtis  
D'Esposito  
Davidson  
De La Cruz  
DesJarlais  
Diaz-Balart  
Duarte  
Duncan  
Dunn (FL)  
Edwards  
Ellzey  
Emmer  
Estes  
Ezell  
Fallon  
Feenstra  
Ferguson  
Finstad  
Fischbach  
Fitzgerald  
Fitzpatrick  
Fleischmann  
Flood  
Foxx  
Franklin, C.  
Scott  
Fry  
Fulcher  
Gallagher  
Garbarino

Garcia, Mike  
Gimenez  
Gonzales, Tony  
Gooden (TX)  
Granger  
Graves (LA)  
Graves (MO)  
Green (TN)  
Greene (GA)  
Griffith  
Grothman  
Guest  
Guthrie  
Hageman  
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Higgins (LA)  
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Hunt  
Issa  
Jackson (TX)  
James  
Johnson (LA)  
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Johnson (SD)  
Jordan  
Joyce (OH)  
Joyce (PA)  
Kean (NJ)  
Kelly (MS)  
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Kiggans (VA)  
Kiley  
Kim (CA)  
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LaHood  
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LaMalfa  
Lamborn  
Langworthy  
Latta  
LaTurner  
Lawler  
Lee (FL)  
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Luetkemeyer  
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McCarthy  
McCaul  
McClain  
McClintock  
McCormick  
McHenry  
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Miller (OH)  
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Moore (AL)  
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Murphy  
Nehls  
Newhouse  
Nunn (IA)  
Oberholte  
Owens  
Palmer  
Pence  
Pfluger  
Posey  
Reschenthaler  
Rodgers (WA)  
Rogers (AL)  
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Rose  
Rouzer  
Rutherford  
Salazar  
Santos  
Scalise  
Schweikert  
Scott, Austin  
Sessions  
Simpson  
Smith (MO)  
Smith (NE)  
Smith (NJ)  
Smucker  
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Steube  
Stewart  
Strong  
Tenney  
Thompson (PA)  
Tiffany  
Timmons  
Turner  
Valadao  
Van Drew  
Van Dwyne  
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Wagner  
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Weber (TX)  
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Wenstrup  
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Williams (NY)  
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Wilson (SC)  
Wittman  
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## DONALDS—17

Biggs  
Bishop (NC)  
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Clyde  
Crane  
Donalds

Good (VA)  
Gosar  
Harris  
Luna  
Miller (IL)  
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Perry  
Rosendale  
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## HERN—2

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The CLERK. The tellers agree in their tallies that the total number of votes cast is 433, of which the Honorable HAKEEM JEFFRIES of the State of New York has received 212, the Honorable KEVIN MCCARTHY of the State of California has received 201, the Honorable BYRON DONALDS of the State of Florida has received 17, the Honorable KEVIN HERN of the State of Oklahoma has received 2, the Honorable Donald J. Trump of the State of Florida has received 1, with 1 recorded as present.

No Member-elect having received a majority of the votes cast, a Speaker has not been elected.

The Clerk recognizes the gentleman from Texas (Mr. NEHLS).

Mr. NEHLS. Madam Clerk, I rise to nominate KEVIN MCCARTHY as Speaker of the House.

KEVIN MCCARTHY has been our leader for the past 4 years and has overwhelming support within this Conference. My intent today is to address the American people who have been watching these proceedings and are concerned about what they have seen in this Chamber over the past 2 days.

I am a Member of the House Freedom Caucus, and I am proud to say so. I believe the 20 Members that have nominated an alternate candidate have expressed their concerns with leadership, and many of those concerns have been addressed and accepted by Leader MCCARTHY and this Conference.

I believe this battle we are waging must end. KEVIN MCCARTHY fully understands that being Speaker of the House will not be easy. KEVIN is aware that any legislation he would like to pass out of this House will require support and enforcement from the Freedom Caucus. This is where I believe we can hold the Speaker accountable.

KEVIN has made changes to the House rules at the request of all Members. One of those rule changes was the motion to vacate the chair, which NANCY PELOSI removed 4 years ago to avoid the scrutiny and the accountability.

The motion to vacate the chair, which has not been offered for a floor vote in over 100 years, calls for the removal of the Speaker of the House. KEVIN has reinstated the motion to vacate the chair, which I believe was the right thing to do. This motion allows us, the Republican Conference, to hold the Speaker accountable. The American people gave us, my friends, us, the Republicans, the majority, and their vote of confidence to change the direction of our country. The American people are begging for leadership because the Biden administration certainly has not placed the American people first.

KEVIN MCCARTHY understands. He understands he must protect that Speaker's gavel and abide by the will of the American people. The decisions we make in the 118th Congress are critical

to the future of our country. The decisions we make, the legislation we pass as a Republican majority must have the support of the American people. We have a crisis on every corner in America, and the American people are expecting Republicans to bring this much-needed change. We must come together today and implement that change.

To those of you outside of Washington that are watching, KEVIN MCCARTHY and this Republican majority understand your pain. We understand your pain. We feel it.

We understand we must secure our southern border. We must unleash our energy sector and become energy independent. We must curb inflation by reducing spending, and we must support our law enforcement officers. We have to get crime under control. We must place America and its people first.

I say to my friends on the Republican side that we can do all this while holding the Biden administration accountable and the Washington bureaucrats who have infringed and abused the rights of the American people and their families long enough. Under Speaker MCCARTHY they will be held accountable. They will be held accountable.

Today, let's do what is in the best interests of the American people. Let's get to work. Let's elect KEVIN MCCARTHY as Speaker of the House.

Madam Clerk, at the direction of the Republican Conference, I advance the name of KEVIN MCCARTHY as the next Speaker of the House for the 118th Congress.

The CLERK. The Clerk recognizes the gentleman from California (Mr. LIEU).

Mr. LIEU. Madam Clerk, I rise today to nominate HAKEEM JEFFRIES for Speaker of the House.

Vote after vote, Democrats stand united and ready to work on behalf of the American people under the leadership of HAKEEM JEFFRIES.

Vote after vote, nomination after nomination, Democrats are united, just like we were united when we passed the American Rescue Plan to get our economy back on track; united when we passed the infrastructure law to rebuild America; united when we capped insulin at \$35, passed historic gun safety legislation, and passed the PACT Act to help our Nation's veterans; united when Democrats passed the CHIPS and Science Act to bring manufacturing back to America; united when Democrats passed the Inflation Reduction Act to reduce our deficit and protect our environment. Democrats are unified to tackle the climate crisis while Republicans are mired in their own leadership crisis.

Madam Clerk, House Democrats are ready, willing, and able to get to work for the American people. We will do so under the leadership of HAKEEM JEFFRIES, who has a plan for the American people. Therefore, as vice chair of the Democratic Caucus, I am directed by the vote of our Caucus to present

for election to the office of Speaker of the House of Representatives for the 118th Congress, Representative-elect from the State of New York, HAKEEM JEFFRIES.

The CLERK. The Clerk recognizes the gentleman from Montana (Mr. ROSENDALE).

Mr. ROSENDALE. Madam Clerk, I rise to nominate the name of BYRON DONALDS as Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Let me begin by stating that it is an absolute privilege to be here, standing and serving with each and every one of you. I know we have differences of opinions, and I know we have differences of agendas that we would like to pursue, but I will tell you that we are all representing the United States of America in the best fashion that I know that we truly believe in. So thank you, and it is a privilege.

When I walk out every evening from the Longworth Office Building, I will tell you that as I look back on the Capitol with the lights gleaming upon it, that I recognize the honor, the privilege, and the responsibility that each one of us has taken on to be in this place that we are right now and the obligations that we have to the districts that we represent back home.

It is an incredible privilege, but it is also an incredible responsibility. I do not take it lightly, and I know that no one in this room does.

We are participating in a system that has endured 247 years, through drought and through flood, through world wars and through a civil war. In some way, we return to this place year after year to serve the people of the United States of America. Unfortunately, over the past 15 years, the process that we use has been dramatically broken.

The voices that were sent here to equally—equally—represent each of the 435 districts across this Nation have become diminished. This through the consolidation of power into the hands of the Speaker and a fortunate few who happen to serve on the Committee on Rules which controls every aspect of legislation that travels through this body.

The debate and the discussion have been all but eliminated, and the balance of us are left to vote “yes” or “no.” Those are our options. That is what has led to the disintegration of the relationships that we see across this floor. That is not equal representation which is guaranteed by our Constitution and expected by our constituents.

We have had more discussion and debate over the last 3 days than I have participated in on this floor for the last 2 years. It is healthy. It absolutely promotes the collegiality that everyone is striving to obtain. We are having discussions not just within our own party, but amongst each other as we walk around and start planning for the legislation that we will need to address over the next 2 years in the 118th Congress that sooner or later—yes, sooner or later—we will begin to function as.

Those are the good days. And guess what? Our constituents think, as they watch us on C-SPAN today, that this is how every day functions. They think that this is how every bill gets addressed in this body.

They will be shocked to learn, the ones that you have not disclosed this little nasty secret to, that unfortunately, that is not how it works around this place. That under the current rules and under the current leadership construction, that on fly-in days, typically Monday, at the beginning of the week, the leadership on both sides of the aisle negotiate a number of bills, 15 to 20 pieces of legislation, that one Democrat and one Republican stand on this floor, they discuss momentarily, and then they say the magic words, Without objection, we will pass this by unanimous consent.

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There are two people standing on the floor passing pieces of legislation that oftentimes are the naming of buildings that don't really bother anybody or affect one's life but, in many circumstances, spend millions and tens of millions of dollars that the taxpayers are obligated to cover, and their Representative was not even here to vote upon it.

That, my friends, is wrong. It is wrong. So, yes, we need to have change. We need to fix this broken system.

Several of us have taken it upon ourselves to fly in and object to those very bills, not because we are objecting to the bill, but just to force them to be brought out into the daylight so that everyone can hear about those bills, to force people to come out and vote up or down for those bills as their constituents believe that they are doing right now.

That is just one of the little secrets, and it demonstrates again how broken this system is.

Last summer, we began to negotiate, a group of us, in good faith, a list of changes, amendments to the rules of this body, not to empower ourselves, not to bring personal benefit to ourselves, but to empower you and you and you, Maxine, and you and you and everyone sitting in this Chamber equally.

There are no rules. I did not use anyone's name. Everyone should be—excuse me. Maxine.

The CLERK. Members direct your remarks to the Chair, please.

Mr. ROSENDALE. I will, Madam Clerk. Thank you.

So that everyone will have equal representation, equal representation for the districts that elected them. These are not radical deviations from the norm. These are a restoration of the rules so that this place can function properly.

Things like single-subject legislation that most statehouses utilize right now so that we don't have 4,000-page documents that we are given a matter of

hours to review that are filled with many subject matters that are trillions of dollars in cost; rules like germaneness so that you can actually bring an amendment forward on the floor as long as it pertains to the bill that was originally being addressed; an open rule process, again, so that each individual here can participate in the thing that we were sent here to do, to help collaborate and craft legislation and work together, that is what we were sent here to do.

These are commonsense amendments that would restore the process and give each of us an equal voice.

This is how we are going to secure the border that everyone now, I do believe, has recognized that there is a problem with.

This is how we are going to regain energy dominance again, which is not just an economic issue. It is a national security issue.

This is how we are going to reduce the inflation rate, by working together, but we cannot call it working together if you cede all of that power to the hands of a few.

Hoping for this change will not create this change. Change is uncomfortable. We understand that. It is not unachievable, and we must make change in this broken system. We must.

The current leadership that is in place will continue and support the use of earmarks in this body, and that is the golden trail to corruption. It is a way to buy votes and spread money around this body from places outside of this city that leads to bad legislation and bad decisions.

The current leadership, I was told, I should not be so concerned with these suspension bills that get passed every week because now they have made an amendment. We keep hearing about these amendments and the concessions that were made. The concession was that they will not ask for anything to be suspended that costs more than \$100 million.

Now, I don't know about the neighborhoods that you live in, but in the neighborhood that I live in, \$100 million is a lot of money.

My constituents expect me to vote upon \$100 million bills and \$80 million bills and \$10 million bills so that they know what in the world is in them and what is going on, and they do not expect them to be passed by unanimous consent with no one on the floor.

I made a living developing property, and as many of you probably know, it takes a while to take a piece of ground from bare earth to a community.

My mother, God rest her soul, came out to one of my projects. I had just opened it up, and it had been 2 years since the time I had bought the property. By the time we went out, I had a nice entrance built. The streets were built, and the streetlights were there. They were just starting to build homes.

She said: My goodness, Matthew. You must really be pleased to finally see

your project coming up out of the ground.

I said: No, Mom. Actually, I am pleased that everyone else can see it because I saw it 2 years ago when I first walked out there.

Well, I have a vision for this place, that we can restore regular order so that each of us may have the ability to represent our districts and our constituents equally as we move through this process. Then, at that time, we will be able to call it truly the people's House again.

I have been here just 2 years, and I have watched BYRON DONALDS during that time and previously as he proudly served in the Florida Legislature. I can tell you this: He is a man of intellect; he is a man of integrity; and he is a man that I am proud to nominate as the next Speaker of the House of Representatives.

The CLERK. The gentlewoman from Colorado (Mrs. BOEBERT) is recognized. Mrs. BOEBERT. Madam Clerk, I rise to nominate the gentleman from Oklahoma (Mr. HERN) as Speaker of the House.

Madam Clerk, we have been accused of not having a plan. Well, we have presented many plans and are even presenting two plans simultaneously right now for Speaker of the people's House.

I sat in my chair anticipating to vote for BYRON DONALDS, whom I respect, whom I see as a leader, and there was a gut check that said we need someone that is going to convince my colleagues on this side of the aisle that it is time to get going. It is time to build momentum.

Many of you have said it. You see that KEVIN MCCARTHY does not have the votes. You are understanding that he is not going to get there.

We had the votes for him. I cannot produce those anymore. The colleagues that I brought with me to offer those 218 votes on the first ballot aren't there anymore. It is not happening.

As it has been said, we need to get to a point where we start evaluating what life after KEVIN MCCARTHY looks like.

America doesn't want more talk, and I am going to keep my speech a little short. They want action. I will take that. I want to get to work, too.

America is tired of rhetoric, and they want results. This isn't chaos. This is a constitutional republic at work.

I am a mom of four boys. I know what chaos and dysfunction look like. This is actually a really beautiful thing, to be here with all of my colleagues debating.

Just as the gentleman from Montana said, we have not experienced this in the 2 years that we have served here in Washington, D.C. This is the most debate that has taken place, and I love it. I love the conversations that are going on, on the floor, in the Cloakroom, and in the Halls. There is nothing extreme. There is nothing unreasonable. We are trying to get this right.

As my conservative colleagues and I have stated time and time again, Con-

gress is broken and fundamentally needs change. I am here to get this right.

We need a leader that is not of the broken system, someone who is not beholden to the lobbyists but to the people who sent us here, someone who can unite our party, and, most importantly, someone who can deliver on the promises that we have all made to the American people.

I believe that there are many people on the floor today that can do just that. I voted for my friend JIM JORDAN. I voted for my friend BYRON DONALDS. I am voting for KEVIN HERN, the gentleman from Oklahoma.

Mr. HERN went from rags to riches. Like myself and many other Members, he is a small business owner. He has lived the American Dream.

He is a father, a family man, and as KEVIN likes to say, he is a conservative, but he is not mad about it. We can have a happy warrior leading us.

I understand that threats have been made about committee assignments, that you won't receive committee assignments if you do not vote for KEVIN MCCARTHY. That is true; it happened in Conference. That is exactly what we were told, but we don't govern in fear. We govern for the people on principle. Don't be afraid to do the right thing.

I believe that KEVIN HERN is a unifier. He just received the chairmanship of the Republican Study Committee by unanimous consent. This is the largest caucus in our Conference. Look how many people have already put their trust in KEVIN HERN to lead them.

I get asked by my constituents: Where does this go? Who can unify the party? Who can deliver results?

Representative KEVIN HERN can do just that, and I am proud to enter his name into nomination, and I hope that some of you join me.

The CLERK. The Reading Clerk will now call the roll.

The tellers having taken their places, the House proceeded to vote for the Speaker.

The following is the result of the vote:

[Roll No. 11]  
JEFFRIES—212

Adams	Casar	Dean (PA)
Aguilar	Case	DeGette
Allred	Casten	DeLauro
Auchincloss	Castor (FL)	DelBene
Balint	Castro (TX)	Deluzio
Barragan	Cherfilus-	DeSaulnier
Beatty	McCormick	Dingell
Bera	Chu	Doggett
Beyer	Cicilline	Escobar
Bishop (GA)	Clark (MA)	Eshoo
Blumenauer	Clarke (NY)	Espallat
Blunt Rochester	Cleaver	Evans
Bonamici	Clyburn	Fletcher
Bowman	Cohen	Foster
Boyle (PA)	Connolly	Foushee
Brown	Correa	Frankel, Lois
Brownley	Costa	Frost
Budzinski	Courtney	Gallego
Bush	Craig	Garamendi
Caraveo	Crockett	Garcia (IL)
Carbajal	Crow	Garcia (TX)
Cardenas	Cuellar	Garcia, Robert
Carson	Davidson (KS)	Golden (ME)
Carter (LA)	Davis (IL)	Goldman (NY)
Cartwright	Davis (NC)	Gomez

Gonzalez,	McCollum	Schakowsky
Vicente	McGarvey	Schiff
Gottheimer	McGovern	Schneider
Green (TX)	Meeks	Scholten
Grijalva	Menendez	Schrier
Harder (GA)	Meng	Scott (VA)
Hayes	Mfume	Scott, David
Higgins (NY)	Moore (WI)	Sewell
Himes	Morelle	Sherman
Horsford	Moskowitz	Sherrill
Houlahan	Moulton	Slotkin
Hoyer	Mrvan	Smith (WA)
Hoyle (OR)	Mullin	Sorensen
Huffman	Nadler	Soto
Ivey	Napolitano	Spanberger
Jackson (IL)	Neal	Stansbury
Jackson (NC)	Neguse	Stanton
Jackson Lee	Nickel	Stevens
Jacobs	Norcross	Strickland
Jayapal	Ocasio-Cortez	Swalwell
Jeffries	Omar	Sykes
Johnson (GA)	Pallone	Takano
Kamlager-Dove	Panetta	Thannedar
Kaptur	Pappas	Thompson (CA)
Keating	Pascrell	Thompson (MS)
Kelly (IL)	Payne	Titus
Khanna	Pelosi	Tlaib
Kildee	Peltola	Tokuda
Kilmer	Perez	Tonko
Kim (NJ)	Peters	Torres (CA)
Krishnamoorthi	Pettersen	Torres (NY)
Kuster	Phillips	Trahan
Landsman	Pingree	Trone
Larsen (WA)	Pocan	Underwood
Larson (CT)	Porter	Vargas
Lee (CA)	Pressley	Vasquez
Lee (NV)	Quigley	Veasey
Lee (PA)	Ramirez	Velazquez
Leger Fernandez	Raskin	Wasserman
Levin	Ross	Schultz
Lieu	Ruiz	Ruppersberger
Lofgren	Ruppersberger	Waters
Lynch	Ryan	Watson Coleman
Magaziner	Salinas	Wexton
Manning	Sánchez	Wild
Matsui	Sarbanes	Williams (GA)
McBath	Scanlon	Wilson (FL)

MCCARTHY—200

Aderholt	Ezell	Kelly (MS)
Alford	Fallon	Kelly (PA)
Allen	Feenstra	Kiggans (VA)
Amodei	Ferguson	Kiley
Armstrong	Finstad	Kim (CA)
Arrington	Fischbach	Kustoff
Babin	Fitzgerald	LaHood
Bacon	Fitzpatrick	LaLota
Baird	Fleischmann	LaMalfa
Balderson	Flood	Lamborn
Banks	Foxx	Langworthy
Barr	Franklin, C.	Latta
Bean (FL)	Scott	LaTurner
Bentz	Fry	Lawler
Bergman	Fulcher	Lee (FL)
Bice	Gallagher	Lesko
Bilirakis	Garbarino	Letlow
Bost	Garcia, Mike	Loudermill
Buchanan	Gimenez	Lucas
Bucshon	Gonzales, Tony	Luetkemeyer
Burchett	Gooden (TX)	Luttrell
Burgess	Granger	Mace
Burlison	Graves (LA)	Malliotakis
Calvert	Graves (MO)	Mann
Cammack	Green (TN)	Massie
Carey	Greene (GA)	Mast
Carl	Griffith	McCarthy
Carter (GA)	Grothman	McCaul
Carter (TX)	Guest	McClain
Chavez-DeRemer	Guthrie	McClintock
Ciscomani	Hageman	McCormick
Cline	Harshbarger	McHenry
Cole	Hern	Meuser
Collins	Higgins (LA)	Miller (OH)
Comer	Hill	Miller (WV)
Crawford	Hinson	Miller-Meeks
Crenshaw	Houchin	Mills
Curtis	Hudson	Molinaro
D'Esposito	Huizenga	Moolenaar
Davidson	Hunt	Mooney
De La Cruz	Issa	Moore (AL)
DesJarlais	Jackson (TX)	Moore (UT)
Diaz-Balart	James	Moran
Duarte	Johnson (LA)	Murphy
Duncan	Johnson (OH)	Nehls
Dunn (FL)	Johnson (SD)	Newhouse
Edwards	Jordan	Nunn (IA)
Ellzey	Joyce (OH)	Obernolte
Emmer	Joyce (PA)	Owens
Estes	Kean (NJ)	Palmer



Pence	Smith (MO)	Van Drew
Pfluger	Smith (NE)	Van Dwyne
Posey	Smith (NJ)	Van Orden
Resenthaler	Smucker	Wagner
Rodgers (WA)	Stauber	Walberg
Rogers (AL)	Steel	Waltz
Rogers (KY)	Stefanik	Weber (TX)
Rose	Steil	Webster (FL)
Rouzer	Steube	Wenstrup
Rutherford	Stewart	Westerman
Salazar	Strong	Williams (NY)
Santos	Tenney	Williams (TX)
Scalise	Thompson (PA)	Wilson (SC)
Schweikert	Tiffany	Wittman
Scott, Austin	Timmons	Womack
Sessions	Turner	Yakym
Simpson	Valadao	Zinke

DONALDS—17

Biggs	Good (VA)	Ogles
Bishop (NC)	Gosar	Perry
Cloud	Harris	Rosendale
Clyde	Luna	Roy
Crane	Miller (IL)	Self
Donalds	Norman	

HERN—3

Boebert	Brecheen	Gaetz
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ANSWERED "PRESENT"—1

Spartz

NOT VOTING—1

Buck

□ 1648

The CLERK. The tellers agree in their tallies that the total number of votes cast is 432, of which the Honorable HAKEEM JEFFRIES of the State of New York has received 212 votes, the Honorable KEVIN MCCARTHY of the State of California has received 200 votes, the Honorable BYRON DONALDS of the State of Florida has received 17 votes, the Honorable KEVIN HERN of the State of Oklahoma has received 3 votes, with 1 recorded as present.

No Member-elect having received a majority of the votes cast, a Speaker has not been elected.

The Clerk recognizes the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. CISCOMANI).

Mr. CISCOMANI. Madam Clerk, I rise to nominate KEVIN MCCARTHY as Speaker of the House.

The American Dream is a dream worth fighting for, and I know in my heart of hearts that KEVIN MCCARTHY is the man to lead us as we work to fulfill that dream for everyone in every State and in every district.

Everyone in this Chamber understands the need to serve our constituents. It is who elected us, and it is our responsibility. KEVIN understands this as well as anyone. He has dedicated his life to spreading opportunity for all through the private sector and the public sector.

This place is a special place for me. My first time on the Hill was back when I was an intern in 2003. My mom visited, and I remember walking her around the Halls of Congress as if I owned the place.

Well, just a few days ago, I got to walk my mom around this special place one more time, but now as a Member-elect of the United States House of Representatives.

The American Dream is alive. I believe it.

I have gotten to know KEVIN MCCARTHY well. He secured a Republican ma-

ajority in the United States House and laid out a plan to deliver for the American people.

There is one thing I know about KEVIN MCCARTHY: He cares about the American people. He cares about our country, and he is here not to be somebody but to do something.

That has been laid out in his Commitment to America, to fight for: an economy that is strong; a nation that is safe; a future that is built on freedom; and a government that is accountable.

This I can strongly get behind. This country gave me and my family an opportunity, an opportunity to achieve the American Dream.

Madam Clerk, I was born in Mexico. The best way that I can tell you who I am is through a short conversation I had with my dad when I told him I was going to run for office. This conversation, of course, was in Espanol, in Spanish.

My dad asked me, "JUAN, where else could we have our story? We come to this country, we immerse in the culture, we learn English, we go through the long journey and become U.S. citizens." He said, "I drive a bus my whole life, and now my son has a shot at becoming a Member of the United States Congress. Where else in the world could we have our story?"

But where else in the world could any of us have our story? Regardless of our background, regardless of where we come from, what side of the aisle we sit on, we have the privilege and opportunity to sit here today as part of a historic moment, fighting for what we believe.

The answer of where else is nowhere else. Only here.

I trust KEVIN to fight for that American Dream because he is a product of it. We are all a product of it. He gets it and understands that a government accountable to the people is the best tool to ensure that our future generations continue to have a real shot at the American Dream.

So let's be proud of our stories. Let's be grateful to God for it all, and let's get to work to ensure that everyone has the same opportunity to write their own story.

Being a Representative isn't a job title. It is a job description.

The eyes of the world are on us as we are airing our grievances. That is the cost of leadership, the leadership that comes from this body. So let's act like it. Let's step up to that calling that our country needs, and our districts expect from us.

I am confident we will resolve this issue and will stand united to fight for the values that matter to the American people, the American people who sent us here to tackle inflation, to protect our border, to hold the executive branch accountable. It is time to do the job we were entrusted to do, to get results for the American people who sent us here.

The best person to lead us in this journey and in this fight to defend the

American Dream for all is KEVIN MCCARTHY.

I am proud to stand here before you today as the first naturalized citizen in the history of Arizona to win a congressional seat, proud of the work of my parents: my dad who drove a bus for most of his life; my mom, a home-maker. We grew up in a two-bedroom apartment. They didn't own a home until I was in college. My story is not unique. I washed cars with my dad in the same neighborhood that our office sits today.

We are not here celebrating one particular story. We are here celebrating the American opportunity, only found here, being born from this body as well, as the opportunities of our country have gone. All of you in this room have that story. I strongly believe that we all have a car wash story, the story where we began, and in spite of all the challenges, in spite of all the obstacles, we are here, and each one of us are a testament to the opportunity and the greatness of this country. That is why we are here.

I strongly believe that KEVIN MCCARTHY is the person to lead this body in this new fight, this next 118th Congress.

At the direction of the Republican Conference, I advance the name of KEVIN MCCARTHY as the next Speaker of the House of the 118th Congress.

The CLERK. The Clerk recognizes the gentleman from California (Mr. AGUILAR).

Mr. AGUILAR. Madam Clerk, I rise again to nominate HAKEEM JEFFRIES for Speaker of the House.

Madam Clerk, I thank my colleague on the other side of the aisle for sharing his American Dream story and to his family for being with him at his side.

It is our hope that this Chamber gets down to the business so he and all the new Members in this Chamber can be sworn in to do the work of the people.

That is why House Democrats stand united, again, on this ballot to make sure that HAKEEM JEFFRIES is the lead vote-getter in this Chamber. It is also why it is important, just as I relayed a few days ago, Madam Clerk, the importance of the character of HAKEEM JEFFRIES, who he is, his story, and why he should be given an opportunity to lead this Chamber.

In New York, after the fifth grade, you can't get on a bus to go to school anymore. You have to take alternate means. You can walk or you can take a train. In sixth grade, HAKEEM and his brother would walk to the train station, take the train, get off the train, and walk to school.

Now, there is a little disagreement in the Jeffries' household as to how many days his father took him on that route before he let him navigate that route with his younger brother.

The character it takes for an older brother in sixth grade and his fourth-grade little brother to go to school each and every day in New York, to be

on their own, to handle themselves and to handle each other, that is the character of this man.

□ 1700

That is the character of a leader you want in this Chamber. He is going to be the one who walks with you, who sees you through the day, who makes sure your priorities are his priorities. And at the end of the day, when it is just you and he, he is going to make sure we all do the business of this body, and we all get home for our families.

There is nothing more important than the work that we do in this Chamber for the American people: safeguarding priorities like Social Security and Medicare; making sure that our families are taken care of; making sure that the families in our communities are taken care of.

What we have seen in this Chamber is tough. It is tough to watch. It is tough to imagine what would happen in this Chamber today if we were debating Social Security and Medicare.

What would happen?

What would the votes be?

Where would people stand?

That is why it is important that HAKEEM JEFFRIES leads this body.

On behalf of the Democratic Caucus, I am nominating the leader of the governing party in this Chamber, HAKEEM JEFFRIES from New York.

The CLERK. The Clerk recognizes the gentlewoman from Florida (Mrs. LUNA).

Mrs. LUNA. Madam Clerk, I rise to nominate BYRON DONALDS as Speaker of the House.

Madam Clerk, I have known BYRON for roughly about 4 years now and being that he is from the State of Florida, I can tell you that I have come to know him on both the campaign trail and personally.

But I want to clarify something real quick to my colleagues across the aisle. What you are seeing with this discussion does not mean that we are dysfunctional. And in no way, shape, or form will a Democrat ever hold the gavel to a Republican-controlled House.

These discussions and dialogue have actually been good for the American people. And although the media tries to pit us against each other, I can tell you that it has been something that we need as a country. There are people that are frustrated with this process.

BYRON, through this entire time, has done something that leaders should do more of, and that is listen; respect people when they are talking; understand the needs of the American people; be willing to negotiate but also realize when it is proper to stand your ground on certain things.

I ask my colleagues today to support him. I think he is an incredible representation of what this country is, and that is exactly why he has my vote for Speaker of the House.

The CLERK. The Clerk recognizes the gentlewoman from Colorado (Mrs. BOEBERT).

Mrs. BOEBERT. Madam Clerk, I rise to nominate KEVIN HERN for Speaker of the House.

It is as simple as that. Let's start getting somewhere with this; realize the fact that KEVIN MCCARTHY does not have the votes.

Let's elect a Republican who can unify our Conference, who is a true leader. I am casting my vote for KEVIN HERN, and I hope you will, as well.

The CLERK. The Reading Clerk will now call the roll.

The tellers having taken their places, the House proceeded to vote for the Speaker.

The following is the result of the vote:

[Roll No. 12]

JEFFRIES—212

Adams	Golden (ME)	Panetta
Aguilar	Goldman (NY)	Pappas
Allred	Gomez	Pascarell
Auchincloss	Gonzalez,	Payne
Balint	Vicente	Pelosi
Barragan	Gottheimer	Peltola
Beatty	Green (TX)	Perez
Bera	Grijalva	Peters
Beyer	Harder (CA)	Petterson
Bishop (GA)	Hayes	Phillips
Blumenauer	Higgins (NY)	Pingree
Blunt Rochester	Himes	Pocan
Bonamici	Horsford	Porter
Bowman	Houlahan	Pressley
Boyle (PA)	Hoyer	Quigley
Brown	Hoyle (OR)	Ramirez
Brownley	Huffman	Raskin
Budzinski	Ivey	Ross
Bush	Jackson (IL)	Ruiz
Caraveo	Jackson (NC)	Ruppersberger
Carbajal	Jackson Lee	Ryan
Cardenas	Jacobs	Salinas
Carson	Jayapal	Sanchez
Carter (LA)	Jeffries	Sarbanes
Cartwright	Johnson (GA)	Scanlon
Casar	Kamllager-Dove	Schakowsky
Case	Kaptur	Schiff
Casten	Keating	Schneider
Castor (FL)	Kelly (IL)	Scholten
Castro (TX)	Khanna	Schrier
Cherfilus-	Kildee	Scott (VA)
McCormick	Kilmer	Scott, David
Chu	Kim (NJ)	Sewell
Cicilline	Krishnamoorthi	Sherman
Clark (MA)	Kuster	Sherrill
Clarke (NY)	Landsman	Slotkin
Cleaver	Larsen (WA)	Smith (WA)
Clyburn	Larson (CT)	Sorensen
Cohen	Lee (CA)	Soto
Connolly	Lee (NV)	Spanberger
Correa	Lee (PA)	Stansbury
Costa	Leger Fernandez	Stanton
Courtney	Levin	Stevens
Craig	Lieu	Strickland
Crockett	Lofgren	Swalwell
Crow	Lynch	Sykes
Cuellar	Magaziner	Takano
Davids (KS)	Manning	Thanedar
Davis (IL)	Matsui	Thompson (CA)
Davis (NC)	McBath	Thompson (MS)
Dean (PA)	McCollum	Titus
DeGette	McGarvey	Tlaib
DeLauro	McGovern	Tokuda
DelBene	Meeks	Tonko
Deluzio	Menendez	Torres (CA)
DeSaulnier	Meng	Torres (NY)
Dingell	Mfume	Trahan
Doggett	Moore (WI)	Trone
Escobar	Morelle	Underwood
Eshoo	Moskowitz	Vargas
Espallat	Moulton	Vasquez
Evans	Mrvan	Veasey
Fletcher	Mullin	Velazquez
Foster	Nadler	Wasserman
Foushee	Napolitano	Schultz
Frankel, Lois	Neal	Waters
Frost	Neguse	Watson Coleman
Gallego	Nickel	Wexton
Garamendi	Norcross	Wild
Garcia (IL)	Ocasio-Cortez	Williams (GA)
Garcia (TX)	Omar	Wilson (FL)
Garcia, Robert	Pallone	

MCCARTHY—200

Aderholt	Garcia, Mike	Miller (WV)
Alford	Gimenez	Miller-Meeks
Allen	Gonzales, Tony	Mills
Amodei	Gooden (TX)	Molinaro
Armstrong	Granger	Moolenaar
Arrington	Graves (LA)	Mooney
Babin	Graves (MO)	Moore (AL)
Bacon	Green (TN)	Moore (UT)
Baird	Greene (GA)	Moran
Balderson	Griffith	Murphy
Banks	Grothman	Nehls
Barr	Guest	Newhouse
Bean (FL)	Guthrie	Nunn (IA)
Bentz	Hageman	Oberholte
Bergman	Harshbarger	Owens
Bice	Hern	Palmer
Bilirakis	Higgins (LA)	Pence
Bost	Hill	Pfleger
Buchanan	Hinson	Posey
Buchson	Houchin	Reschenthaler
Burchett	Hudson	Rodgers (WA)
Burgess	Huizenga	Rogers (AL)
Burlison	Hunt	Rogers (KY)
Calvert	Issa	Rose
Cammack	Jackson (TX)	Rouzer
Carey	James	Rutherford
Carl	Johnson (LA)	Salazar
Carter (GA)	Johnson (OH)	Santos
Carter (TX)	Johnson (SD)	Scalise
Chavez-DeRemer	Jordan	Schweikert
Ciscomani	Joyce (OH)	Scott, Austin
Cline	Joyce (PA)	Sessions
Cole	Kean (NJ)	Simpson
Collins	Kelly (MS)	Smith (MO)
Comer	Kelly (PA)	Smith (NE)
Crawford	Kiggans (VA)	Smith (NJ)
Crenshaw	Kiley	Smucker
Curtis	Kim (CA)	Stauber
D'Esposito	Kustoff	Steel
Davidson	LaHood	Stefanik
De La Cruz	LaLota	Steil
DesJarlais	LaMalfa	Steube
Diaz-Balart	Lamborn	Stewart
Duarte	Langworthy	Strong
Duncan	Latta	Tenney
Dunn (FL)	LaTurner	Thompson (PA)
Edwards	Lawler	Tiffany
Ellzey	Lee (FL)	Timmons
Emmer	Lesko	Turner
Estes	Letlow	Valadao
Ezell	Loudermilk	Van Drew
Fallon	Lucas	Van Dyne
Feenstra	Luetkemeyer	Van Orden
Ferguson	Luttrell	Wagner
Finstad	Mace	Walberg
Fischbach	Malliotakis	Waltz
Fitzgerald	Mann	Weber (TX)
Fitzpatrick	Massie	Webster (FL)
Fleischmann	Mast	Wenstrup
Flood	McCarthy	Westerman
Foxx	McCaul	Williams (NY)
Franklin, C.	McClain	Williams (TX)
Scott	McClintock	Wilson (SC)
Fry	McCormick	Wittman
Fulcher	McHenry	Womack
Gallagher	Meuser	Yakym
Garbarino	Miller (OH)	Zinke

DONALDS—13

Bishop (NC)	Gosar	Perry
Cloud	Luna	Roy
Clyde	Miller (IL)	Self
Donalds	Norman	
Good (VA)	Ogles	

HERN—7

Biggs	Crane	Rosendale
Boebert	Gaetz	
Brecheen	Harris	

ANSWERED "PRESENT"—1

Spartz

NOT VOTING—1

Buck

□ 1814

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the State of Florida has received 13 votes, the Honorable KEVIN HERN of the State of Oklahoma has received 7 votes, with 1 voting present.

No Member-elect having received a majority of the votes cast, a Speaker has not been elected.

□ 1815

The Clerk recognizes the gentleman from Arkansas (Mr. HILL).

Mr. HILL. Madam Clerk, I rise tonight in the spirit of 1923 to address the House.

Madam Clerk, I rise to nominate KEVIN MCCARTHY as Speaker of the House.

Madam Clerk, first let me express my deep appreciation and the appreciation of everybody in this room for the work you are doing.

Our Clerk has stepped up and reflects our House's best tradition of preparation and dedication to this institution, and we are grateful.

From the first Speaker of the House, the Honorable Frederick Muhlenberg, to the one who will be elected next, KEVIN MCCARTHY, the role of Speaker of the House is one of the most beloved in American history.

The Speaker's mission is to carry out the principled goals and objectives of his or her party while at the same time protecting this institution and the traditions of the people's House all the while remaining faithful to that imperative in our preamble of the Constitution to "promote the general welfare."

It is a difficult job that takes a special personality with deep affection for the House, robust courage, a sense of humor, and great amounts of humility and patience.

I have watched KEVIN MCCARTHY for longer than my 8 years serving in this Chamber, and I can say without hesitation that KEVIN has brought these foundational traits of leadership to bear for the good of this institution and for the good of the American people.

It is said that a nation not in control of her finances cannot control her destiny, and I agree. From our many conversations over many years, I have no doubt that our next Speaker, KEVIN MCCARTHY, agrees.

In the Republican Commitment to America, Leader MCCARTHY charged our Republican Conference with taking on his two biggest concerns facing this world and this Nation: China and our domestic national debt and deficit.

Over the past 2 years, we have lost our way on spending—printing too much money at our central bank and spending here in Congress like drunken sailors.

This bad policy palooza went into overdrive in the past 2 years with some \$5 trillion in new spending demanded by President Biden and now delivered by the House minority—whose own budget chair famously said that there is effectively no limit to what America can print, borrow, and spend.

Of course, this is madness, and it is not anchored in any economic tenet,

and there is not a single one of us here who isn't demanding a return to fiscal discipline.

And who can deliver fiscal discipline? KEVIN MCCARTHY.

On the point of spending, let me show you, Madam Clerk, a list of everyone who has written me in the Second Congressional District who has asked me to cut spending. I am holding up a blank piece of paper.

No one has asked me to cut spending in writing, and there are not many people who get a lot of mail in this House to cut spending and to set spending priorities. In contrast, we get hundreds of letters asking us to increase spending.

But we are at a critical point in this Nation's fiscal health, and there is one person to help see us through it: KEVIN MCCARTHY.

How do I know?

Because he has said it himself, and he has identified how to do it. In 2018 then-Majority Leader KEVIN MCCARTHY brought a balanced budget amendment to the floor of this House. Mr. MCCARTHY said, by our actions we have shown Washington's spending problem can't be boiled down to a lack of will. It is a problem of structure and process, and everyone knows the process of government funding in Washington is broken.

He went on to say that when you change structure, you change behavior, and that no matter what, we know that if the structure set up by the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 has only worked to its successful completion four times in 44 years, then we have nothing to lose by making big changes.

That is your next Speaker on the floor of this House in 2018.

KEVIN MCCARTHY is committed to making big changes. We have heard it in our conference meetings. We have heard it in our rules debates. We know this includes reforming the budget process, fighting to bring all 12 appropriations bills to the floor under regular order and on time, and crafting changes to structurally rein in spending in this House.

These changes will bring sanity back to our fiscal process. I am committed to bringing sanity back to the fiscal process, and I hope every Member on this floor will be and follow Mr. MCCARTHY's lead.

Much has been said by my friends on the other side of the aisle—my good friends, the so-called popcorn caucus this week, if you will—over the past few days about 1923, and we are having a robust discussion here among House Republicans as to who will be the next Speaker of the House.

Back in 1923 the insurgency among Republicans then was from the center left of the Republican Party. Today, it is from the center right. But there is more to the story in that fight 100 years ago, and I want to remind my friends of that history.

When Fred Gillett was elected Speaker on the ninth ballot in 1923, the outcome was a more robust, more unified Republican Conference, one that would

go to work with President Calvin Coolidge, cut government spending, balance the budget, and cut taxes while paying down the debt.

House Republicans 100 years ago unleashed a pro-growth agenda. House Republicans under Speaker KEVIN MCCARTHY will unleash a pro-growth agenda to get this economy moving. That pro-growth agenda benefited families in the 1920s. The McCarthy pro-growth agenda will benefit families across this country today.

A century later, under the next Speaker KEVIN MCCARTHY, mark my words, this party will come together to unleash American energy, make the Trump tax cuts permanent, rein in runaway government spending, and fight for a balanced budget.

So I stand today with unqualified support to nominate my friend, the next Speaker of the House, KEVIN MCCARTHY.

The CLERK. The Clerk recognizes the gentleman from Colorado (Mr. NEGUSE).

Mr. NEGUSE. Madam Clerk, I rise to nominate HAKEEM JEFFRIES for Speaker of the House.

Madam Clerk, we have heard a lot today, yesterday, and the day before about the potential history that may be made in this Chamber. But it is worth repeating to the American people watching the history that has already been made by the elevation of the dedicated, talented, passionate, and committed public servant and leader from the State of New York, the first African American and the first person of color to lead any political party in the House of Representatives in the history of our country, and that is HAKEEM JEFFRIES.

Madam Clerk, it is with great pride that I rise to nominate the gentleman from New York, the man who has been the lead vote-getter 10 times and counting to be the Speaker of the House.

Madam Clerk, the last several days have been difficult for the country and for the American people as they have watched what has unfolded in this Chamber and as they have seen the dysfunction laid bare on the other side of the aisle.

I suspect that some Americans watching will recall the dysfunction of years past. My colleague on the other side of the aisle talked about history, Woodrow Wilson, Calvin Coolidge, and the like.

Madam Clerk, I would like to take you through a more recent history because I can tell my friends that as a Member-elect from the great State of Colorado, this is not their first rodeo as far as dysfunction is concerned.

Four years ago today, I was sworn in with my colleagues from the class of 2018 during what became the most difficult and the longest government shutdown in the history of our country.

Why?

Because of the dysfunction and the chaos on the other side of the aisle.

The country then did what it has so often done: it looked to House Democrats to govern and to lead, and under the leadership of one of the greatest Speakers in the history of the country, NANCY D'ALESSANDRO PELOSI, that is exactly what we did.

If we want to talk about history, then let's talk about recent history. Two years ago tomorrow I stood here with so many of my friends in this Chamber as our democracy was attacked as our colleagues on the other side of the aisle tried to overturn an election.

And the country, yet again, did what it has done before: it looked to House Democrats to lead and to govern. That is exactly what we did when we certified the election, and we safeguarded the transfer of power.

So here we find ourselves again in unprecedented times in the early days of the 118th Congress. The first time in over 100 years in which the House of Representatives is unable to organize because the House Republican Conference cannot select a Speaker.

It is a sad day for this institution, but the country will do what it has done before: It will look to House Democrats to govern and to lead, and under the leadership of HAKEEM JEFFRIES, that is exactly what we will do.

Now, we have heard from so many over the course of last 3 days about the wisdom, the leadership, and the talents of this extraordinary leader from Brooklyn. But let me say why I believe that he is the person for this moment.

Centuries ago, our Nation's second President, John Adams, laid bare his fear that Members of this body would gain influence by meanness, not greatness; by ignorance, not learning.

HAKEEM JEFFRIES' leadership is rooted in greatness and not meanness. It is rooted in learning and not ignorance. His approach is rooted in common sense, and not the empty and jaded cynicism and noise that we see so often in our political sphere. He is a leader for our times, which is why I believe he is the leader for this time.

The bottom line, I say to my colleagues, is this: it is 6:30 p.m. here in Washington, D.C. The House of Representatives, this sacred institution, needs a leader. It needs a Speaker. It needs a leader who will inspire us, a leader who knows that our best days are yet ahead, and a leader committed to our communities, our Constitution, and our country.

I am here to say that leader is HAKEEM JEFFRIES of the great State of New York.

Madam Clerk, it gives me great honor as the chairman of the House Democratic Policy and Communications Committee to nominate HAKEEM JEFFRIES for Speaker of the House.

□ 1830

The CLERK. The Clerk recognizes the gentleman from Florida (Mr. GAETZ).

Mr. GAETZ. My friends, when Donald Trump was President, taxes were cut, regulations were slashed, energy was abundant, wages were rising, capital was returning from overseas to fund the dreams and ambitions of our fellow Americans, and the economy was roaring. What a contrast to what we have seen from this administration now.

I rise to nominate Donald Trump for the position of Speaker of the House.

For all of the vitriol that we hear from the media and at times the left, there were great moments of bipartisanship under the Trump Presidency. The Democrat nominee for Speaker knows that well because he led valiantly on the efforts for criminal justice reform, and I was honored to join him.

I know no matter who is sitting in that Speaker chair, we have got a lot of work to do on that very issue. We took a first step, but there is a second step and a third step to take. I am glad that we were able to work with President Trump, with Republicans, and with Democrats to provide real outcomes for Americans to create greater prosperity and more opportunity.

I also care deeply about President Trump's focus on our Nation's veterans. It seems for far too long on the campaign trail, veterans were disregarded, forgotten about. When we would get elected to office, their issues would not always rise and get center stage, but we were able to pass veterans' accountability measures. We were able to actually get people fired at the VA who weren't doing their job. What a great thing that would be to extend, to continue, and to continue to nourish.

President Trump oriented our views on trade so that we actually put the American people first, not foreign interests abroad or special interests here at home.

President Trump knew that we had to confront China, that China had already engaged in a trade war against us, but it was a war that we were surrendering, and so we started to fight back.

He stood with our farmers.

On foreign policy, we stopped trying to find a new Jeffersonian democracy to build out of sand and blood and Arab militias in the Middle East. As a matter of fact, President Trump, I believe, is the first President in my lifetime who didn't start any new wars. This is an issue that I know unites some elements of the right and left for the benefit of our communities.

This government for far too long has been deeply corrupt. This town has been deeply corrupt. The way people get leadership positions and chairmanships and opportunities to be able to morally preen has been by accepting lobbyist and special interest money and redistributing that money as currency for favors. That is not a criticism of either political party. It is a criticism of what we have allowed to happen in this place.

If we just go next man up on our side of the aisle, we will reify that corrupt system, and we will abandon the people who are expecting us to fight for them.

I have heard from my colleagues about all the important work we have to do, and it is my sincere fear that if we were to allow Mr. MCCARTHY to assume the Speakership, that would not get done, that it would be business as usual, and the very same things that have paralyzed progress for both parties would continue to shackle us to never-ending failure. We can be better than that. We can raise our gaze, indeed.

We also have to restore to the Speaker's office an actual person that ought to be in the Speaker's office, not the squatter who is currently there. If the Architect of the Capitol is listening, I have sent a letter. I would like to know what the basis is to allow somebody to occupy the Speaker's office who comes in second place 10 straight times. Is there some basis in law or rule or precedent for that?

I nominate President Trump because we must make our country great again, and he can start by making the House of Representatives great again.

The CLERK. The Clerk recognizes the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. GOOD).

Mr. GOOD of Virginia. Madam Chair, I rise for the purpose of placing a name in nomination.

What a privilege we all are enjoying tonight, we are all enjoying as elected Members of this great body; the people's House, as it has been said. What a great representation of the constitutional Republic in which we enjoy living, the greatest country in the history of the world, as we play out as the people's Representatives in selecting the all-important position of the Speaker of the people's House.

I was out on the southeast balcony here just a few moments ago looking out at the Supreme Court, looking at the flag flying above this Capitol Building, looking at the Jefferson and Madison—both Virginians, by the way—Library of Congress buildings, and pausing to do what probably most of us recognize we fail too often to do, to take it in, this high privilege, this distinct honor that we have to be the people's Representatives from our respective districts in this House here in this Congress.

This is the greatest Nation in the history of the world. With all of our imperfections as people and as a Nation, no nation in the history of the world has freed more people, has rescued more people, has ministered to more people, has evangelized to more people than the United States of America. And that would be a good time to respond with some applause.

There is a reason why people from all over the world are trying to get into this country, many of them illegally, due to the policies of the current administration. People from all over the world are literally taking on a treacherous journey, risking life and limb,

subjecting themselves to abuse to try to sneak their way into our country because they know this is the greatest country in the history of the world.

No country in the history of the world has provided more upward mobility, more advancement opportunity to people of all races, all nationalities, all ethnicities like the United States of America.

However, we as a Nation, we are teetering on the brink, aren't we? Isn't there just a window of opportunity to save the Republic? Crisis after crisis. \$32 trillion in national debt, which equates to over \$90,000 per citizen, almost \$100,000 now per citizen, some \$300,000 per household. When I said that on this very floor a few months ago in a budget debate, the then-chairman of the Budget Committee said, "Stop saying that; we are not asking anybody to pay it back," as if it is not real, as if it is Monopoly. As I heard someone say, don't tell the other side what happens after trillion, what comes after trillion.

We just spent \$1.7 trillion, both parties—Republicans joining in the Senate, a few in the House—to pass a \$1.7 trillion omnibus spending bill.

Sadly and unfortunately, part of the reason why I stand here today, that was the kind of bill that has been supported by our former minority leader every time it has come up in the House, no matter who was in control in the 12 years that he has been in leadership, contributing to the \$32 trillion in national debt. Yes, the other side is better at raising the debt than we are, but we have been participants.

We are in crisis. We are in crisis with 5 million illegals having invaded the border in the last 2 years. When is it too much?

We are in crisis with the state of our education system, K-12, college campuses, indoctrination of our kids.

We are in crisis with the weakening of our military, with these NDAA bills.

We are in crisis with trampling on our most basic and essential freedoms over the last 2 years in ways we couldn't have imagined pre-2020: Whether we can assemble, whether we can worship, whether we can earn a living, whether we can travel, what we have to put on our face, what we have to take into our body, whether or not we have to disclose what we have taken in; trampled in ways we couldn't have imagined just a few years ago.

The greatest reflection of where the people in the country are is the House of Representatives, and the people spoke back on November 8 and gave the majority by some 3 or 4 million votes to the Republican Party.

It is not the White House, it is not the Senate, it is the people's House that reflects where the American people are, and they have trusted us on this side of the aisle with the leadership of this House. We have a window of opportunity to validate that trust, to do whatever we can to save the Republic, to earn them giving us the Sen-

ate and the White House and this House back in 2024.

We have got to have a leader who not only has true conservative convictions that reflect the majority of Republicans who sent us here, but yet a courageous leader. It doesn't matter what you believe, by the way, unless you are willing to take risk to yourself personally to fight for it. We need a leader who has proven to do that very thing.

We have an opportunity to make history. We will live with the decision on this side of the aisle for the next 2 years. We will answer for how we voted.

I know how people in all the respective districts, like mine, Madam Chair, how they are telling us to vote. They have been telling me how to vote for 3 years, to vote for transformational change in the leadership of this Republican Party. They have told me not to vote for the status quo, not to vote for the next in line establishment creature of the swamp cartel, but to vote for transformational change.

And they are watching us. They are wondering if we will hang in there or will we cave or will we give in or will we let them down one more time.

I say, we are not going to do that. They are looking to us.

You look and see what a great job a recent businessman did in the White House, did things no one else has ever done in the White House, did things that no one else has ever done to try to change the country, showed courage, common sense, and judgment we have not seen before.

We need a businessman as the Speaker of the House. We need a businessman like KEVIN HERN as Speaker of the House. We need a businessman like KEVIN HERN who has led the Republican Study Committee's Budget & Spending Task Force that I have served on for 2 years and put forth the only balanced budget that I have seen—heck, the only budget that I have seen—in the 2 years that I have been here, who fought alongside us to say why don't we adopt the Republican Study Committee's budget for the Republican Party? And we didn't get agreement to do that.

We need someone who will do that. We need someone who is the head of the largest caucus in the Republican Conference, someone like KEVIN HERN.

It is my privilege to put into official nomination KEVIN HERN for Speaker of the House.

The CLERK. The Reading Clerk will now call the roll.

The tellers having taken their places, the House proceeded to vote for the Speaker.

The following is the result of the vote:

[Roll No. 13]

JEFFRIES—212

Adams	Barragán	Blumenauer
Aguilar	Beatty	Blunt Rochester
Allred	Bera	Bonamici
Auchincloss	Beyer	Bowman
Balint	Bishop (GA)	Boyle (PA)

Brown	Higgins (NY)	Peltola
Brownley	Himes	Perez
Budzinski	Horsford	Peters
Bush	Houlihan	Pettersen
Caraveo	Hoyer	Phillips
Carbajal	Hoyle (OR)	Pingree
Cárdenas	Huffman	Pocan
Carson	Ivey	Porter
Carter (LA)	Jackson (IL)	Pressley
Cartwright	Jackson (NC)	Quigley
Casar	Jackson Lee	Ramirez
Case	Jacobs	Raskin
Casten	Jayapal	Ross
Castor (FL)	Jeffries	Ruiz
Castro (TX)	Johnson (GA)	Ruppersberger
Cherfilus-	Kamlager-Dove	Ryan
McCormick	Kaptur	Salinas
Chu	Keating	Sánchez
Ciциlline	Kelly (IL)	Sarbanes
Clark (MA)	Khanna	Scanlon
Clarke (NY)	Kildee	Schakowsky
Cleaver	Kilmer	Schiff
Clyburn	Kim (NJ)	Schneider
Cohen	Krishnamoorthi	Scholten
Connolly	Kuster	Schrier
Correa	Landsman	Scott (VA)
Costa	Larsen (WA)	Scott, David
Courtney	Larson (CT)	Sewell
Craig	Lee (CA)	Sherman
Crockett	Lee (NV)	Sherrill
Crow	Lee (PA)	Slotkin
Cuellar	Leger Fernandez	Smith (WA)
Davids (KS)	Levin	Sorensen
Davis (IL)	Lieu	Soto
Davis (NC)	Lofgren	Spanberger
Dean (PA)	Lynch	Stansbury
DeGette	Magaziner	Stanton
DeLauro	Manning	Stevens
DelBene	Matsui	Strickland
Deluzio	McBath	Swaiwell
DeSaulnier	McCollum	Sykes
Dingell	McGarvey	Takano
Doggett	McGovern	Thanedar
Escobar	Meeks	Thompson (CA)
Eshoo	Menendez	Thompson (MS)
Espallat	Meng	Titus
Evans	Mfume	Tlaib
Fletcher	Moore (WI)	Tokuda
Foster	Morelle	Tonko
Foushee	Moskowitz	Torres (CA)
Frankel, Lois	Moulton	Torres (NY)
Frost	Mirman	Trahan
Gallego	Mullin	Trone
Garamendi	Nadler	Underwood
Garcia (IL)	Napolitano	Vargas
Garcia (TX)	Neal	Vasquez
Garcia, Robert	Neguse	Veasey
Golden (ME)	Nickel	Velázquez
Goldman (NY)	Norcross	Wasserman
Gomez	Ocasio-Cortez	Schultz
Gonzalez,	Omar	Waters
Vicente	Pallone	Watson Coleman
Gottheimer	Panetta	Wexton
Green (TX)	Pappas	Wild
Grijalva	Pascarell	Williams (GA)
Harder (CA)	Payne	Wilson (FL)
Hayes	Pelosi	

MCCARTHY—200

Aderholt	Ciscomani	Foxx
Alford	Cline	Franklin, C.
Allen	Cole	Scott
Amodei	Collins	Fry
Armstrong	Comer	Fulcher
Arrington	Crawford	Gallagher
Babin	Crenshaw	Garbarino
Bacon	Curtis	Garcia, Mike
Baird	D'Esposito	Gimenez
Balderson	Davidson	Gonzales, Tony
Banks	De La Cruz	Gooden (TX)
Barr	DesJarlais	Granger
Bean (FL)	Diaz-Balart	Graves (LA)
Bentz	Duarte	Graves (MO)
Bergman	Duncan	Green (TN)
Bice	Dunn (FL)	Greene (GA)
Billirakis	Edwards	Griffith
Bost	Ellzey	Grothman
Buchanan	Emmer	Guest
Buchon	Estes	Guthrie
Burchett	Ezell	Hageman
Burgess	Fallon	Harshbarger
Burlison	Feenstra	Hern
Calvert	Ferguson	Higgins (LA)
Cammack	Finstad	Hill
Carey	Fischbach	Hinson
Carl	Fitzgerald	Houchin
Carter (GA)	Fitzpatrick	Hudson
Carter (TX)	Fleischmann	Huizenga
Chavez-DeRemer	Flood	Hunt

Issa  
 Jackson (TX)  
 James  
 Johnson (LA)  
 Johnson (OH)  
 Johnson (SD)  
 Jordan  
 Joyce (OH)  
 Joyce (PA)  
 Kean (NJ)  
 Kelly (MS)  
 Kelly (PA)  
 Kiggans (VA)  
 Kiley  
 Kim (CA)  
 Kustoff  
 LaHood  
 LaLota  
 LaMalfa  
 Lamborn  
 Langworthy  
 Latta  
 LaTurner  
 Lawler  
 Lee (FL)  
 Lesko  
 Letlow  
 Loudermilk  
 Lucas  
 Luetkemeyer  
 Luttrell  
 Mace  
 Malliotakis  
 Mann  
 Massie  
 Mast  
 McCarthy

McCaul  
 McClain  
 McClintock  
 McCormick  
 McHenry  
 Meuser  
 Miller (OH)  
 Miller (WV)  
 Miller-Meeeks  
 Mills  
 Molinaro  
 Moolenaar  
 Mooney  
 Moore (AL)  
 Moore (UT)  
 Moran  
 Murphy  
 Nehls  
 Newhouse  
 Nunn (IA)  
 Obernolte  
 Owens  
 Palmer  
 Pence  
 Pfluger  
 Posey  
 Reschenthaler  
 Rodgers (WA)  
 Rogers (AL)  
 Rogers (KY)  
 Rose  
 Rouzer  
 Rutherford  
 Salazar  
 Santos  
 Scalise  
 Schweikert

Scott, Austin  
 Sessions  
 Simpson  
 Smith (MO)  
 Smith (NE)  
 Smith (NJ)  
 Smucker  
 Stauber  
 Steal  
 Stefanik  
 Steil  
 Steube  
 Stewart  
 Strong  
 Tenney  
 Thompson (PA)  
 Tiffany  
 Timmons  
 Turner  
 Valadao  
 Van Drew  
 Van Dwyne  
 Van Orden  
 Wagner  
 Walberg  
 Waltz  
 Weber (TX)  
 Webster (FL)  
 Wenstrup  
 Westerman  
 Williams (NY)  
 Williams (TX)  
 Wilson (SC)  
 Wittman  
 Womack  
 Yakym  
 Zinke

DONALDS—12

Bishop (NC)  
 Cloud  
 Clyde  
 Donalds

Gosar  
 Luna  
 Miller (IL)  
 Norman

Ogles  
 Perry  
 Roy  
 Self

HERN—7

Biggs  
 Boebert  
 Brecheen

Crane  
 Good (VA)  
 Harris

Rosendale

DONALD J. TRUMP—1

Gaetz

ANSWERED "PRESENT"—1

Spartz

NOT VOTING—1

Buck

□ 1948

The CLERK. The tellers agree in their tallies that the total number of votes cast is 432, of which the Honorable HAKEEM JEFFRIES of the State of New York has received 212, the Honorable KEVIN MCCARTHY of the State of California has received 200, the Honorable BYRON DONALDS of the State of Florida has received 12, the Honorable KEVIN HERN of the State of Oklahoma has received 7, the Honorable Donald J. Trump of the State of Florida has received 1, with 1 Member-elect recorded as present.

No Member-elect having received the majority of the votes cast, a Speaker has not been elected.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Mr. SCALISE. Madam Clerk, I move that the House do now adjourn until noon tomorrow.

The CLERK. The question is on the motion to adjourn offered by the gentleman from Louisiana.

The question was taken; and the Clerk announced that the noes appeared to have it.

Mr. SCALISE. Madam Clerk, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 219, nays 213, not voting 2, as follows:

[Roll No. 14]

YEAS—219

Aderholt  
 Alford  
 Allen  
 Amodei  
 Armstrong  
 Arrington  
 Babin  
 Bacon  
 Baird  
 Balderson  
 Banks  
 Barr  
 Bean (FL)  
 Bentz  
 Bergman  
 Bice  
 Biggs  
 Bilirakis  
 Bishop (NC)  
 Boebert  
 Bost  
 Buchanan  
 Bucshon  
 Burgess  
 Burlison  
 Calvert  
 Cammack  
 Carey  
 Carl  
 Carter (GA)  
 Carter (TX)  
 Chavez-DeRemer  
 Ciscomani  
 Cline  
 Cloud  
 Clyde  
 Collins  
 Comer  
 Crane  
 Crawford  
 Crenshaw  
 Curtis  
 D'Esposito  
 Davidson  
 De La Cruz  
 DesJarlais  
 Diaz-Balart  
 Donalds  
 Duarte  
 Duncan  
 Dunn (FL)  
 Edwards  
 Elizzey  
 Emmer  
 Estes  
 Ezell  
 Fallon  
 Feenstra  
 Ferguson  
 Finstad  
 Fischbach  
 Fitzgerald  
 Fitzpatrick  
 Fleischmann  
 Flood  
 Foxx  
 Franklin, C.  
 Scott  
 Fry  
 Fulcher  
 Gaetz  
 Gallagher  
 Garbarino

Garcia, Mike  
 Gimenez  
 Gonzales, Tony  
 Good (VA)  
 Gooden (TX)  
 Gosar  
 Granger  
 Graves (LA)  
 Graves (MO)  
 Green (TN)  
 Greene (GA)  
 Griffith  
 Grothman  
 Guest  
 Guthrie  
 Hageman  
 Harris  
 Harshbarger  
 Hern  
 Higgins (LA)  
 Hill  
 Hinson  
 Houchin  
 Hudson  
 Huizenga  
 Hunt  
 Issa  
 Jackson (TX)  
 James  
 Johnson (LA)  
 Johnson (OH)  
 Johnson (SD)  
 Jordan  
 Joyce (OH)  
 Joyce (PA)  
 Kean (NJ)  
 Kelly (MS)  
 Kelly (PA)  
 Kiggans (VA)  
 Kiley  
 Kim (CA)  
 Kustoff  
 LaHood  
 LaLota  
 LaMalfa  
 Lamborn  
 Langworthy  
 Latta  
 LaTurner  
 Lawler  
 Lee (FL)  
 Lesko  
 Letlow  
 Loudermilk  
 Lucas  
 Luetkemeyer  
 Luna  
 Luttrell  
 Mace  
 Malliotakis  
 Mann  
 Massie  
 Mast  
 McCarthy  
 McCaul  
 McClain  
 McClintock  
 McCormick  
 McHenry  
 Meuser  
 Miller (IL)  
 Miller (OH)  
 Miller (WV)  
 Miller-Meeeks

Mills  
 Molinaro  
 Moolenaar  
 Mooney  
 Moore (AL)  
 Moore (UT)  
 Moran  
 Murphy  
 Nehls  
 Newhouse  
 Norman  
 Nunn (IA)  
 Obernolte  
 Ogles  
 Owens  
 Palmer  
 Pence  
 Perry  
 Pfluger  
 Posey  
 Reschenthaler  
 Rodgers (WA)  
 Rogers (AL)  
 Rogers (KY)  
 Rose  
 Rosendale  
 Rouzer  
 Roy  
 Rutherford  
 Salazar  
 Santos  
 Scalise  
 Schweikert  
 Scott, Austin  
 Self  
 Sessions  
 Simpson  
 Smith (MO)  
 Smith (NE)  
 Smith (NJ)  
 Smucker  
 Spartz  
 Stauber  
 Steel  
 Stefanik  
 Steil  
 Steube  
 Stewart  
 Strong  
 Tenney  
 Thompson (PA)  
 Tiffany  
 Timmons  
 Turner  
 Valadao  
 Van Drew  
 Van Dwyne  
 Van Orden  
 Wagner  
 Walberg  
 Waltz  
 Weber (TX)  
 Webster (FL)  
 Wenstrup  
 Westerman  
 Williams (NY)  
 Williams (TX)  
 Wilson (SC)  
 Wittman  
 Womack  
 Yakym  
 Zinke

NAYS—213

Adams  
 Aguilar  
 Allred  
 Auchincloss  
 Balint  
 Barragan  
 Beatty  
 Bera  
 Beyer  
 Bishop (GA)  
 Blumenauer  
 Blunt Rochester  
 Bonamici  
 Bowman  
 Boyle (PA)  
 Brown  
 Brownley  
 Budzinski  
 Burchett  
 Burchett  
 Bush  
 Caraveo  
 Carbajal  
 Cardenas  
 Carson  
 Carter (LA)  
 Cartwright  
 Casar  
 Case  
 Casten  
 Castor (FL)  
 Castro (TX)  
 Chertoff  
 McCormick  
 Chu  
 Cicilline  
 Clark (MA)  
 Clarke (NY)  
 Cleaver  
 Clyburn  
 Cohen  
 Connolly  
 Correa  
 Costa  
 Courtney  
 Craig  
 Crockett  
 Crow  
 Cuellar  
 Davids (KS)  
 Davis (IL)  
 Davis (NC)  
 Dean (PA)  
 DeGette  
 DeLauro  
 DelBene  
 Deluzio  
 DeSaulnier  
 Dingell  
 Doggett  
 Escobar  
 Eshoo  
 Espallat  
 Evans  
 Fletcher  
 Foster  
 Foushee  
 Frankel, Lois  
 Frost  
 Gallego  
 Garamendi  
 Garcia (IL)  
 Garcia (TX)

Garcia, Robert  
 Golden (ME)  
 Goldman (NY)  
 Gomez  
 Gonzalez,  
 Vicente  
 Gottheimer  
 Green (TX)  
 Grijalva  
 Harder (CA)  
 Hayes  
 Higgins (NY)  
 Himes  
 Horsford  
 Houlahan  
 Hoyer  
 Hoyle (OR)  
 Huffman  
 Ivey  
 Jackson (IL)  
 Jackson (NC)  
 Jackson Lee  
 Jacobs  
 Jayapal  
 Jeffries  
 Johnson (GA)  
 Kamlager-Dove  
 Kaptur  
 Keating  
 Kelly (IL)  
 Khanna  
 Kildee  
 Kilmer  
 Kim (NJ)  
 Krishnamoorthi  
 Kuster  
 Landsman  
 Larsen (WA)  
 Larson (CT)  
 Lee (GA)  
 Lee (NV)  
 Lee (PA)  
 Leger Fernandez  
 Levin  
 Lieu  
 Lofgren  
 Lynch  
 Magaziner  
 Manning  
 Matsui  
 McBeth  
 McCollum  
 McGarvey  
 McGovern  
 Meeks  
 Menendez  
 Meng  
 Mfume  
 Moore (WI)  
 Morelle  
 Moskowitz  
 Moulton  
 Mrvan  
 Mullin  
 Nadler  
 Napolitano  
 Neal  
 Neguse  
 Nickel  
 Norcross  
 Ocasio-Cortez  
 Omar

Pallone  
 Panetta  
 Pappas  
 Pascrell  
 Payne  
 Pelosi  
 Peltola  
 Perez  
 Peters  
 Pettersen  
 Phillips  
 Pingree  
 Pocan  
 Porter  
 Pressley  
 Quigley  
 Ramirez  
 Raskin  
 Ross  
 Ruiz  
 Ruppersberger  
 Ryan  
 Salinas  
 Sanchez  
 Sarbanes  
 Scanlon  
 Schakowsky  
 Schiff  
 Schneider  
 Scholten  
 Schrier  
 Scott (VA)  
 Scott, David  
 Sewell  
 Sherman  
 Sherrill  
 Slotkin  
 Smith (WA)  
 Sorensen  
 Soto  
 Spanberger  
 Stansbury  
 Stanton  
 Stevens  
 Strickland  
 Swalwell  
 Sykes  
 Takano  
 Thannedar  
 Thompson (CA)  
 Thompson (MS)  
 Titus  
 Tlaib  
 Tokuda  
 Tonko  
 Torres (CA)  
 Torres (NY)  
 Trahan  
 Trone  
 Underwood  
 Vargas  
 Vasquez  
 Veasey  
 Velazquez  
 Wasserman  
 Schultz  
 Waters  
 Watson Coleman  
 Wexton  
 Wild  
 Williams (GA)  
 Wilson (FL)

NOT VOTING—2

Brecheen  
 Buck

□ 2003

So the motion to adjourn was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

Accordingly (at 8 o'clock and 7 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Friday, January 6, 2023, at noon.

EXPENDITURE REPORTS CONCERNING OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL

Reports concerning the foreign currencies and U.S. dollars utilized for Official Foreign Travel during the third and fourth quarters of 2022, pursuant to Public Law 95-384 are as follows:

(AMENDED) REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, DELEGATION TO SPAIN, EXPENDED BETWEEN NOV. 18 AND NOV. 22, 2022

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem <sup>1</sup>		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>
Hon. Gerald E. Connolly	11/18	11/22	Spain		1,653.03		( <sup>3</sup> )				1,653.03
Hon. Mike Turner	11/18	11/22	Spain		1,563.78		( <sup>3</sup> )				1,563.78
Hon. Linda Sánchez	11/18	11/22	Spain		1,563.78		( <sup>3</sup> )				1,563.78
Hon. Rick Larsen	11/18	11/22	Spain		1,563.78		( <sup>3</sup> )				1,563.78
Hon. Brett Guthrie	11/18	11/22	Spain		1,653.03		( <sup>3</sup> )				1,653.03
Hon. Dina Titus	11/18	11/22	Spain		1,653.03		( <sup>3</sup> )				1,653.03
Hon. Brendan Boyle	11/18	11/22	Spain		1,563.78		( <sup>3</sup> )				1,563.78
Hon. Neal Dunn	11/18	11/22	Spain		1,653.03		( <sup>3</sup> )				1,653.03
Hon. Susan Wild	11/18	11/22	Spain		1,653.03		( <sup>3</sup> )				1,653.03
Collin Davenport	11/18	11/22	Spain		1,563.78		( <sup>3</sup> )				1,563.78
Phil Bednarczyk	11/18	11/22	Spain		1,563.78		( <sup>3</sup> )				1,563.78
Jason Galanes	11/18	11/22	Spain		1,563.78		( <sup>3</sup> )				1,563.78
Michael Calcagni	11/18	11/22	Spain		1,563.78		( <sup>3</sup> )				1,563.78
Hon. Austin Scott	N/A	N/A	N/A		1,245.03		N/A				1,245.03
Committee total					22,020.42						22,020.42

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HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY, Dec. 20, 2022.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN JULY 1 AND SEPT. 30, 2022

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem <sup>1</sup>		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>
Hon. August Pfluger	6/29	7/1	Romania		892.75		( <sup>3</sup> )				892.75
	7/1	7/6	United Kingdom		1,508.50		( <sup>3</sup> )				1,508.50
	7/6	7/7	Finland		400.77		( <sup>3</sup> )				400.77
	7/7	7/9	Sweden		646.00		( <sup>3</sup> )				646.00
Hon. Chris Smith	7/2	7/6	United Kingdom		773.89		3,876.00				4,649.89
Hon. Gregory W. Meeks	7/5	7/8	Greece		921.00		( <sup>3</sup> )		* 5,389.00		6,310.00
	7/8	7/10	Turkey		688.84		( <sup>3</sup> )		* 7,260.62		7,949.46
Hon. Ted Deutch	7/5	7/8	Greece		921.00		6,154.00				7,075.00
Hon. David Cicilline	7/5	7/8	Greece		921.00		( <sup>3</sup> )				921.00
	7/8	7/10	Turkey		688.84		( <sup>3</sup> )				688.84
Philip Bednarczyk	7/5	7/8	Greece		921.00		( <sup>3</sup> )				921.00
	7/8	7/10	Turkey		688.84		( <sup>3</sup> )				688.84
Michael Matlaga	7/5	7/8	Greece		921.00		( <sup>3</sup> )				921.00
	7/8	7/10	Turkey		688.84		( <sup>3</sup> )				688.84
Ashley Borneo	7/5	7/8	Greece		921.00		( <sup>3</sup> )				921.00
	7/8	7/10	Turkey		688.84		( <sup>3</sup> )				688.84
Josh Schroeder	7/5	7/8	Greece		921.00		( <sup>3</sup> )				921.00
	7/8	7/10	Turkey		688.84		( <sup>3</sup> )				688.84
Sophie Mirviss	7/5	7/8	Greece		921.00		( <sup>3</sup> )				921.00
	7/8	7/10	Turkey		688.84		( <sup>3</sup> )				688.84
Donna Charles	8/3	8/7	South Africa		761.48		16,298.67		* 648.30		17,708.45
	8/7	8/10	Kenya		963.00				* 820.00		1,783.00
	8/10	8/14	Madagascar		544.00				* 13,152.46		13,696.46
Alex Sadler	8/3	8/7	South Africa		761.48		18,974.67				19,736.15
	8/7	8/10	Kenya		963.00						963.00
	8/10	8/14	Madagascar		544.00						544.00
James Walsh	8/3	8/7	South Africa		761.48		16,298.67				17,060.15
	8/7	8/10	Kenya		963.00						963.00
	8/10	8/14	Madagascar		544.00						544.00
Zakiya Carr	8/6	8/8	Colombia		383.56		( <sup>3</sup> )				383.56
Hon. Ted Deutch	8/15	8/18	Israel		3,766.00		6,218.07		* 18,508.06		28,492.13
Sophie Mirviss	8/15	8/18	Israel		3,766.00		10,371.53				14,137.53
Jack Steinberg	8/15	8/18	Israel		3,766.00		8,482.30				12,248.30
Peter Billerbeck	8/20	8/23	Jordan		671.60		4,659.67		* 80.27		5,411.54
	8/23	8/27	Lebanon		872.00				* 7,785.12		8,657.12
Matt Finkel	8/20	8/23	Jordan		698.00		4,659.67				5,358.27
	8/23	8/27	Lebanon		872.00						872.00
Anubhav Gupta	8/21	8/24	Republic of Korea		1,011.27		6,063.00				7,074.27
	8/24	8/27	Taiwan		848.27						848.27
	8/27	8/31	Japan		1,215.04						1,215.04
Hon. Darrell Issa	9/3	9/6	South Korea		674.18		7,868.00				8,542.18
	9/6	9/7	Mongolia		285.00						285.00
	9/7	9/9	Taiwan		333.43						333.43
Hon. Andy Barr	9/3	9/6	South Korea		674.18		16,502.57				17,176.75
	9/6	9/7	Mongolia		285.00						285.00
	9/7	9/9	Taiwan		551.31						551.31
Hon. Claudia Tenney	9/3	9/6	South Korea		674.18		6,587.00				7,261.18
	9/6	9/7	Mongolia		285.00						285.00
	9/7	9/9	Taiwan		551.31						551.31
Alex Sadler	9/4	9/6	Pakistan		420.00		12,644.07				13,064.07
Sajit Gandhi	9/4	9/11	Bangladesh		394.00		6,543.27		* 1,852.06		8,789.33
Mark Akpaninyie	9/4	9/11	Bangladesh		394.00		6,543.27				6,937.27
Stéphanie Le Boudier	9/5	9/8	Ethiopia		717.40		2,896.40		* 996.17		4,609.97
	9/8	9/12	Sudan		1,191.00				* 783.16		1,974.16
Alexandra Davis	9/5	9/8	Ethiopia		717.40		2,896.40				3,613.80
	9/8	9/12	Sudan		1,191.00						1,191.00
Meghan Gallagher	9/5	9/8	Ethiopia		717.40		2,896.40				3,613.80
	9/8	9/12	Sudan		1,191.00						1,191.00
Committee total					52,334.36		167,433.63		57,275.22		277,043.21

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HON. GREGORY W. MEEKS, Nov. 5, 2022.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE, SPACE, AND TECHNOLOGY, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN OCT. 1 AND DEC. 31, 2022

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem <sup>1</sup>		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>
Alyse Huffman .....	10/26	10/28	France .....	.....	421.00	.....	1,075.00	.....	793.00	.....	2,289.00
Jerry McNerney .....	10/26	10/28	France .....	.....	421.00	.....	1,075.00	.....	793.00	.....	2,289.00
Committee total .....					842.00		2,150.00		1,586.00		4,578.00

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HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON, Dec. 23, 2022.

(AMENDED) REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, SELECT COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE THE JANUARY 6TH ATTACK ON THE U.S. CAPITOL, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN JULY 1 AND SEPT. 30, 2022

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem <sup>1</sup>		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>
Kristin Amerling .....	8/11	8/17	Denmark .....	.....	1,744.00	.....	861.47	.....	2,920.00	.....	5,525.47
Sandeep Prasanna .....	8/11	8/17	Denmark .....	.....	1,748.00	.....	861.47	.....	.....	.....	2,609.47
Sean Tonolli .....	8/11	8/16	Denmark .....	.....	1,551.00	.....	949.57	.....	.....	.....	2,500.57
Thomas Joscelyn .....	8/11	8/15	Denmark .....	.....	1,354.00	.....	949.57	.....	.....	.....	2,303.57
Committee total .....					6,397.00		3,622.08		2,920.00		12,939.08

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HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON, Dec. 20, 2022.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, SELECT COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE THE JANUARY 6TH ATTACK ON THE U.S. CAPITOL, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN OCT. 1 AND DEC. 31, 2022

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HOUSE COMMITTEES

Please Note: If there were no expenditures during the calendar quarter noted above, please check the box at right to so indicate and return.

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HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON, Dec. 20, 2022.



Thursday, January 5, 2023

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

The Senate was not in session and stands adjourned until 1:05 p.m. on Friday, January 6, 2023.

### Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

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## House of Representatives

### Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** There were no Public Bills or Resolutions introduced in today's Record.

**Additional Cosponsors:**

**Reports Filed:** There were no reports filed today.

**Point of No Quorum:** Representative Stefanik made a point of order that a quorum was not present. Accordingly, Members-elect were counted and the Clerk announced that 311 Members-elect being counted, a quorum was present. **Page H19**

**Decorum Statement:** The Clerk addressed the House to clarify that as part of the Clerk's role during the organization of the House, the Clerk has the responsibility to preserve order and decorum in the chamber prior to the election of a Speaker. To that end, the Clerk stated that Members-elect should address any remarks through the chair and not to other Members-elect in the second person, and that Members-elect should refrain from engaging in personalities toward other Members-elect. **Page H19**

**Election of Speaker:** The House resumed proceedings from Tuesday, January 3rd and Wednesday, January 4th. The House conducted an additional five votes to elect a Speaker, from which a majority of 218 was not ascertained, therefore a Speaker was not elected. During the seventh vote for Speaker, the Honorable Hakeem Jeffries received 212 votes, the Honorable Kevin McCarthy received 201 votes, the Honorable Byron Donalds received 19 votes, the Honorable Donald J. Trump received 1 vote, with one answering "present", Roll No. 9. During the

eighth vote for Speaker, the Honorable Hakeem Jeffries received 212 votes, the Honorable Kevin McCarthy received 201 votes, the Honorable Byron Donalds received 17 votes, the Honorable Kevin Hern received 2 votes, the Honorable Donald J. Trump received 1 vote, with one answering "present", Roll No. 10. During the ninth vote for Speaker, the Honorable Hakeem Jeffries received 212 votes, the Honorable Kevin McCarthy received 200 votes, the Honorable Byron Donalds received 17 votes, the Honorable Kevin Hern received 3 votes, with one answering "present", Roll No. 11. During the tenth vote for Speaker, the Honorable Hakeem Jeffries received 212 votes, the Honorable Kevin McCarthy received 200 votes, the Honorable Byron Donalds received 13 votes, the Honorable Kevin Hern received 7 votes, with one answering "present", Roll No. 12. During the eleventh vote for Speaker, the Honorable Hakeem Jeffries received 212 votes, the Honorable Kevin McCarthy received 200 votes, the Honorable Byron Donalds received 12 votes, the Honorable Kevin Hern received 7 votes, the Honorable Donald J. Trump received 1 vote, with one answering "present", Roll No. 13. On Tuesday, January 3rd, the Clerk appointed Representatives-elect Loudermilk, Lee (CA), Steil, and Morelle to act as Tellers. Additional proceedings are expected. **Pages H19-32**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** One yea-and-nay vote developed during the proceedings of today and appears on page H32.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 12 noon and at 8:07 p.m., agreed to the Scalise motion to adjourn

by a ye-and-nay vote of 219 yeas to 213 nays, Roll  
No. 14.

### *Joint Meetings*

No joint committee meetings were held.

### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, JANUARY 6, 2023

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

#### Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

#### House

No hearings are scheduled.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

1:05 p.m., Friday, January 6

Senate Chamber

**Program for Friday:** Senate will meet in pro forma session.

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

12 noon, Friday, January 6

House Chamber

**Program for Friday:** Election of the Speaker of the House of Representatives.



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