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

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

Our hope is in the Lord, not in rulers or principalities, parties or persons. And we are keenly aware, especially on this day, as the psalmist has said, that their plans come to nothing. You, O Lord, thwart the plans of nations. You thwart the purposes of the people.

On this day of profound remembrance, may we lean on the strength to be found only in You. Come alongside us and show Your mercy on the American people as they and we approach today with a host of feelings:

The abiding emotional and spiritual unease stemming from the memory of inconceivable unrest in these Chambers 2 years ago;

The exhausting frustration over the prolonged impasse in the deliberations that obscures the way ahead;

The fear that resides in the hearts of families and staffers, communities and constituents, who are affected by the lack of resources and security while this legislative body remains unseated.

We wait in hope for You, O God, for You are our help and shield. In You, we will find reason to rejoice, for despite all that makes today, today, we trust in You.

May Your unfailing love rest upon us, for it is in Your sovereign 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 the 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 Repub-

lic 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 there is not a quorum 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 275 Members present. A quorum is present.

The question recurs upon the election of a Speaker. The tellers will please come forward and take their seats.

The Clerk recognizes the gentleman from California (Mr. MIKE GARCIA).

Mr. MIKE GARCIA of California. Madam Clerk, I rise to nominate KEVIN McCARTHY for Speaker of the House.

While I rise to that end, I think it is critically important to note that this is actually not about KEVIN McCARTHY.

KEVIN is a good man. He is a man of God. He is a patriot. He is a leader who has led this Conference to our current majority over the last 4 years.

Those things are unassailable, but this isn't about him. This isn't about KEVIN McCARTHY.

I put no single human being on a pedestal and certainly not before God and not before the gift that He has blessed us with, with this grand experiment that we call the United States of America.

This isn't about KEVIN McCARTHY, but the matters before us are of stupendous magnitude.

A federal republic such as ours, it is a dynamically unstable one. It is a wobbly top that is just a few mere revolutions away from falling down at any given moment except for the exertions of men and women who are willing to serve her with pure and selfless intent, just as our Founding Fathers did, just as Abraham Lincoln and Ronald Reagan did, with pure and selfless intent.

As our Nation today and over the last 2 years has seen, we are certainly a wobbly top.

Today, we have a southern border that is wide open. As a result of that, and as a result of our executive branch policies, today, 200 fellow Americans will die of fentanyl poisoning, and roughly 5,000 illegal immigrants will be victims of human smuggling.

Today, our Nation's debt is \$31 trillion, and that will go up just this day alone by roughly \$2.1 billion.

Today, we are seeing one of the worst crime spikes in our Nation's history. Our law enforcement is direly underfunded, and they are hurting. On that topic, I want to thank our law enforcement.

I want to especially thank the Capitol Hill police for what they do. We thank them not only for what they have done—our police also serve with that pure and selfless intent. They do it every day, and we should thank them every day.

Today, the Chinese Communist Party will orchestrate the theft of another \$1 billion of intellectual property from American companies. The Chinese Communist Party is still today not being held accountable for the deaths of millions of people around this planet, deaths as a result of genocide within their borders and deaths as a result of COVID outside them. We are today losing on multiple fronts against China.

So, today isn't about a single human being. It is not about KEVIN McCARTHY. It is about the 13 Gold Star families who still suffer today mercilessly without closure and without accountability after the unnecessary loss of their loved ones in Afghanistan over a year ago.

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Speaking of our military, today, roughly 40 Active Duty and veterans of our military will commit suicide.

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These, Madam Clerk, are the matters of stupendous magnitude.

This isn't about a man in a suit in the Halls of Congress. It is about 330 million Americans. It is about the preservation of the Constitution and the liberties guaranteed therein. It is about the 246 years of pride and providence that we have enjoyed as a Nation. Above all things, it is about ensuring that this beautiful journey exists for generations to come.

That doesn't happen if we don't address and rise above the multiple existential crises that we are experiencing today. We must be victorious in this cause, and victory begins with allowing this body to get to work. It begins today.

Now, winning isn't easy, okay? Winning isn't easy, but winning is necessary. Of all the folks in this Chamber, I know that winning isn't easy. I represent a district where only 29 percent of my voters are registered in the same party as I am. But I engage and I communicate with the other 71 percent because it is the only way that we all win. In the end, it is the only way that the Nation wins. It ain't easy, but it is necessary, but the noble wins, the most important wins, never are easy.

We take on these missions just as passionately as Colonel Chamberlain did at Little Round Top in Gettysburg. We must hold this line because if we don't hold this line, the entire Union is at stake. We don't hold the majority for bragging rights. We hold the majority to govern responsibly. We hold the majority to protect the American people, to coalesce around the foundational constitutional principles that I have been willing to give my life to defend since the age of 18.

To my Democrat colleagues across the aisle, I want to make sure you understand and make no mistake, we are, in fact, on the verge of a very important victory, a victory for the people, a victory by the people, and most importantly, a victory for the future of our Nation.

It dawns on me as I look across the aisle after being here for nearly 3 years, that I haven't had the pleasure of meeting many of you because you have chosen to stay home and not vote here in person, electing instead to proxy vote.

The CLERK. The Member-elect is reminded to direct his remarks to the Chair.

Mr. MIKE GARCIA of California. It is a pleasure to see 212 of you here today. It is also a pleasure to see the end of proxy voting.

Let me end with this: I am extremely proud of my colleagues on this side of the aisle. The last 4 days haven't been ideal. They have been difficult.

But I do see fighters. I see patriots who love this country and want to make things better. I see folks who are willing to do whatever is necessary to ensure that we better serve the Nation. I see men and women who are willing to serve her with that pure and selfless

intent, even if that service means undergoing the dentistry that we have experienced over the last 4 days and in the wake of the last 20 meetings over the last 2 months.

Let me be clear. These are not concessions to the rules. These are a critical evolution of the rules for the good of the Nation. I am proud that we, as a party, have decided and have been willing to extend the time aperture so that we can get to a solution, a product of compromise but also a product that will fix the ills induced by the Democrat majority over the last 4 years. This product will hopefully end the multifaceted legacy of reckless and toxic behavior in the swamp.

So this isn't about KEVIN McCARTHY. It is not about the 434 Members in this Chamber. It is about the 330 million Americans across this beautiful land, and it is about our Nation's future. The person who will lead us on that journey will be KEVIN McCARTHY. He has earned this position, and I have the honor of nominating him at the direction of the Republican Conference as the Speaker of the House of the 118th Congress.

God bless the United States.

The CLERK. The Clerk recognizes the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. CLYBURN).

Mr. CLYBURN. Madam Clerk, I rise to nominate my friend, colleague, and leader of the House Democratic Caucus, HAKEEM JEFFRIES, as Speaker.

Madam Clerk, I want to begin by thanking you for your contribution to maintaining the dignity and honor of this august body.

The eyes of the country are on us today. Let us consider what they will remember. I often refer to this Hall as America's classroom. The proceedings we undertake in this body and our actions should serve as lessons for those who may be watching and/or listening.

Hopefully, that which they see and hear will help them gain understanding and appreciation for the greatness of America and the goodness of the American people. This body has a unique role in this government. What we do and how we do it will determine whether our pursuit toward a more perfect Union can continue in earnest.

No day in recent history underscores the importance of that pursuit more than January 6, 2021. Exactly 2 years ago today, our resolve was tested when a violent mob of insurrectionists attacked our Capitol, threatened the integrity of this democracy, and undermined our Constitution. The greatness of this country and the resiliency of our democracy were put in peril, but we survived.

The preamble of the Constitution explains that the document was established, in part, to "secure the blessings of liberty" not just for ourselves but also to our posterity. In this body, we are tasked with protecting our Nation's hard-earned principles of liberty, justice, and freedom for all. Every 2 years, the American people evaluate our stewardship and render a verdict.

Last November, they invested their time and resources going to the polls and casting their votes. They expect and should get a just return on their investment. For many, maybe most Americans, this is the only investment they will ever make to help preserve the greatness of this country. For the first time in over 200 years, after 11 rounds of voting, we are unable to organize and begin to work on behalf of those who elected us to serve.

Democrats are offering a candidate for Speaker, HAKEEM JEFFRIES, who is not just prepared to lead but committed to preserving this democracy and enhancing this august body.

Madam Clerk, there is some dispute among historians as to whether Alexis de Tocqueville said this, but I consider it to be true regardless. De Tocqueville is credited in some quarters with having said: America is great because she is good. If America ceases to be good, America will cease to be great.

The greatness of America lies in the goodness that exists within the American people. Today, the greatness of our Nation hangs in the balance because the goodness of the American people is at stake.

We Democrats are offering the people of America, through this unique body, a good man who has the best interests of the American people at heart and is committed to preserving the fundamental principles that make this country great.

Madam Clerk, I am honored to carry out the directive of the House Democratic Caucus and submit to this august body the name of HAKEEM JEFFRIES to be Speaker of the United States House of Representatives.

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

Mr. GAETZ. Madam Clerk, I rise to submit a name for the nomination of the Speaker of the House.

Madam Clerk, my colleague from California, Mr. GARCÍA, knows the incredibly high regard I hold him in. He is a patriot. I deeply, deeply admire him. But I must take some exception with some of the comments he made in his nomination of Mr. McCARTHY.

First, he said that Mr. McCARTHY has earned the position. You only earn the position of Speaker of the House if you can get the votes. Mr. McCARTHY doesn't have the votes today, he will not have the votes tomorrow, and he will not have the votes next week, next month, next year.

So one must wonder, Madam Clerk, is this an exercise in vanity for someone who has done the math, taken the counts, and is putting this institution through something that absolutely is avoidable?

My colleague, Mr. GARCÍA, did not say this, but many of my other Republican colleagues have. They believe that Mr. McCARTHY has earned the position of Speaker of the House because he raised half a billion dollars to get Republicans elected.

The CLERK. Members-elect are reminded not to engage in personalities against other Members-elect of the House.

Mr. GAETZ. Madam Clerk, several believe that one earns the position of Speaker by raising enormous sums of money, and there is no doubt that the individual that was nominated by Mr. GARCÍA is the LeBron James of special interest fundraising in this town. There is nobody better.

But I would suggest that there are qualifications for Speaker that are far more important and there are attributes that are far more important. JIM JORDAN has those, and I am submitting his name for nomination at this time.

I heard my colleague from California, Mr. GARCÍA, say that we seek pure, selfless intent, and I could not agree more with that assessment. Mr. JORDAN, indeed, is reflective of pure, selfless intent. I don't know that the same can be said for the Republican alternative.

Let's start with purity. Many of you have seen the reports that there are negotiations to determine whether or not on this side of the aisle there can be a deal, a meeting of the minds, a grand bargain that would allow us to proceed with the Speakership.

□ 1230

I want all of my colleagues to know, regardless of your perspective on me, how impure some of those negotiations have gone; and I want the country to know.

The principal goal of the people who are objecting to Mr. McCARTHY on the Republican side is that we don't believe the rules of this place unlock the potential of all of the Members to be able to cast votes on individual bills and to offer amendments on appropriations acts.

We are also concerned about spending that has ballooned our debt and borrowed against the future generations of American citizens.

Mr. McCARTHY said, well, goodness—to the objectors—why do you want to be on the Oversight and Judiciary Committees, and you never submit your names to be on the Rules Committee or the Appropriations Committee; and so, gosh, if you will get a list of folks who are willing to come early on fly-in days for Rules, and folks who are willing to take on the extra burden of our appropriators who work so hard, then I will certainly work to do that. So we endeavored in good faith, in pure good faith, to create that list.

Then what did Mr. McCARTHY do? He went out to the media and came to other members of the Conference and said, see, they just want jobs for themselves. That is not pure.

Selflessness. Selflessness is not selling shares of yourself to the lobby corps and then doing their bidding at the expense of the American people.

But there certainly is intent, and it is an intent driven almost exclusively

by personal ambition, and that ambition is paralyzing the House now.

Madam Clerk, at this time, there is great trust in Mr. JORDAN, and that is why I am nominating him, and there is insufficient trust in KEVIN McCARTHY.

There are some who have been objecting to Mr. McCARTHY, who are working on perhaps changes to the rules, changes to circumstances that would convert the Speakership from the great, awesome, powerful position it is now to more of a ceremonial position, almost akin to the Speaker in the British House of Commons.

I referred to it previously as a strait-jacket that some of us were trying to construct with better rules and better personnel because we do not trust Mr. McCARTHY with power because we know who he will use it for, and we are concerned it will not be for the American people.

We trust JIM JORDAN, I nominate him, and I am going to vote for him.

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

Mrs. BOEBERT. Madam Clerk, I rise to enter a name for nomination for Speaker.

Once again, I just stand here today to nominate KEVIN HERN, the chairman of the Republican Study Committee, the largest caucus in the Republican Conference who, unanimously, was elected as chairman whom, I believe, can unite this Republican Conference and put forward the agenda that we all promised to work hard on, and serve our American people to the best of our abilities with.

I believe that KEVIN HERN will be a fighter for our national debt. I get texts on a regular basis at how inflation is hurting families, how grocery prices are skyrocketing continuously. He has crafted a budget that balances and will bring that to the floor to help the American people.

Madam Clerk, I nominate KEVIN HERN as Speaker.

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. 15]		
McCARTHY—213		
Aderholt	Buchanan	Crenshaw
Alford	Buchson	Curtis
Allen	Burchett	D'Esposito
Amodei	Burgess	Davidson
Armstrong	Burlison	De La Cruz
Arrington	Calvert	DesJarlais
Babin	Cammack	Diaz-Balart
Bacon	Carey	Donalds
Baird	Carl	Duarte
Balderson	Carter (GA)	Duncan
Banks	Carter (TX)	Dunn (FL)
Barr	Chavez-DeRemer	Edwards
Bean (FL)	Ciscomani	Ellzey
Bentz	Cline	Emmer
Bergman	Cloud	Estes
Bice	Clyde	Ezell
Bilirakis	Cole	Fallon
Bishop (NC)	Collins	Feenstra
Bost	Comer	Ferguson
Brecheen	Crawford	Finstad

Fischbach	FaLota	Rodgers (WA)
Fitzgerald	LaMalfa	Rogers (AL)
Fitzpatrick	Lamborn	Rogers (KY)
Fleischmann	Langworthy	Rose
Flood	Latta	Rouzer
Foxx	LaTurner	Roy
Franklin, C.	Lawler	Rutherford
Scott	Lee (FL)	Salazar
Fry	Lesko	Santos
Fulcher	Letlow	Scalise
Gallagher	Loudermilk	Schweikert
Garbarino	Lucas	Scott, Austin
Garcia, Mike	Luetkemeyer	Self
Gimenez	Luna	Sessions
Gonzales, Tony	Luttrell	Simpson
Gooden (TX)	Mace	Smith (MO)
Gosar	Malliotakis	Smith (NE)
Granger	Mann	Smith (NJ)
Graves (LA)	Massie	Smucker
Graves (MO)	Mast	Spartz
Green (TN)	McCarthy	Stauber
Greene (GA)	McCaull	Steel
Griffith	McClain	Stefanik
Grothman	McClintock	Steil
Guest	McCormick	Steube
Guthrie	McHenry	Stewart
Hageman	Meuser	Strong
Harshbarger	Miller (IL)	Tenney
Hern	Miller (OH)	Thompson (PA)
Higgins (LA)	Miller (WV)	Tiffany
Hill	Miller-Meeks	Timmons
Hinson	Mills	Turner
Houchin	Molinaro	Valadao
Hudson	Moolenaar	Van Drew
Huizenga	Mooney	Van Duyne
Issa	Moore (AL)	Van Orden
Jackson (TX)	Moore (UT)	Walberg
James	Moran	Waltz
Johnson (LA)	Murphy	Weber (TX)
Johnson (OH)	Nehls	Webster (FL)
Johnson (SD)	Newhouse	Wenstrup
Jordan	Norman	Westerman
Joyce (OH)	Nunn (IA)	Williams (NY)
Joyce (PA)	Obernolte	Williams (TX)
Kean (NJ)	Ogles	Wilson (SC)
Kelly (MS)	Owens	Wittman
Kelly (PA)	Palmer	Womack
Kiggans (VA)	Pence	Yakym
Kiley	Perry	Zinke
Kim (CA)	Pfluger	
Kustoff	Posey	
LaHood	Reschenthaler	

JEFFRIES—211

Adams	Crow	Jackson (IL)
Aguilar	Cuellar	Jackson (NC)
Allred	Davids (KS)	Jackson Lee
Auchincloss	Davis (IL)	Jacobs
Balint	Davis (NC)	Jayapal
Barragan	Dean (PA)	Jeffries
Beatty	DeGette	Johnson (GA)
Bera	DeLauro	Kamlager-Dove
Beyer	DelBene	Kaptur
Bishop (GA)	Deluzio	Keating
Blumenauer	DeSaulnier	Kelly (IL)
Blunt Rochester	Dingell	Khanna
Bonamici	Doggett	Kildee
Bowman	Escobar	Kilmer
Boyle (PA)	Eshoo	Kim (NJ)
Brown	Espaillet	Krishnamoorthi
Brownley	Evans	Kuster
Budzinski	Fletcher	Landsman
Bush	Foster	Larsen (WA)
Caraveo	Foushee	Larson (CT)
Carbajal	Frankel, Lois	Lee (CA)
Cardenas	Frost	Lee (NV)
Carson	Gallego	Lee (PA)
Carter (LA)	Garamendi	Leger Fernandez
Carterwright	Garcia (IL)	Levin
Aderholt	Casan	Lieu
Alford	Case	Lofgren
Allen	Casten	Lynch
Amodei	Castor (FL)	Magaziner
Armstrong	Castro (TX)	Manning
Arrington	Castro	Matsui
Babin	Cherifius	McBath
Bacon	McCormick	McCollum
Baird	Chu	McGarvey
Balderson	Cicilline	McGovern
Banks	Clark (MA)	Meeks
Barr	Clarke (NY)	Menendez
Bean (FL)	Cleaver	Meng
Bentz	Clyburn	Mfume
Bergman	Connolly	Moore (WI)
Bice	Cohen	Morelle
Bilirakis	Duncan	Moskowitz
Bishop (NC)	Correa	Moulton
Bost	Costa	Mrvan
Brecheen	Courtney	Mullin
	Edwards	
	Elzey	
	Emmer	
	Estes	
	Ezell	
	Fallon	
	Feenstra	
	Ferguson	
	Finstad	

Nadler	Ruiz	Sykes
Napolitano	Ruppersberger	Takano
Neal	Ryan	Thanedar
Neguse	Salinas	Thompson (CA)
Nickel	Sánchez	Thompson (MS)
Norcross	Barbanes	Titus
Ocasio-Cortez	Scanlon	Tlaib
Omar	Schakowsky	Tokuda
Pallone	Schiff	Tonko
Panetta	Schneider	Torres (CA)
Pappas	Scholten	Torres (NY)
Pascarel	Schrirer	Trahan
Payne	Scott (VA)	Underwood
Pelosi	Scott, David	Vargas
Peltola	Sewell	Vasquez
Perez	Sherman	Veasey
Peters	Sherrill	Velázquez
Pettersen	Slotkin	Wasserman
Phillips	Smith (WA)	Sorenson
Pingree	Sorensen	Schultz
Pocan	Soto	Watres
Porter	Spanberger	Watson Coleman
Pressley	Stansbury	Wexton
Quigley	Stanton	Wild
Ramirez	Stevens	Williams (GA)
Raskin	Strickland	Wilson (FL)
Ross	Swalwell	

JORDAN—4

Biggs
Gaetz

HERN—3

Boebert Crane Rosendale

ANSWERED “PRESENT”—0

NOT VOTING—3

Buck Hunt Trone

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The CLERK. The tellers agree in their tallies that the total number of votes cast is 431, of which the Honorable KEVIN McCARTHY of the State of California has received 213, the Honorable HAKEEM JEFFRIES of the State of New York has received 211, the Honorable JIM JORDAN of the State of Ohio has received 4, the Honorable KEVIN HERN of the State of Oklahoma has received 3.

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

The Clerk recognizes the gentleman from Kentucky (Mr. COMER).

Mr. COMER. Madam Clerk, I rise on behalf of the Republican Party to nominate KEVIN McCARTHY for Speaker of the 118th Congress.

For the past 2 years, one-party Democrat rule has resulted in multiple crises that are harming Americans without any oversight or accountability from this body. Americans are facing historic inflation, skyrocketing energy costs, the worst border crisis in American history, and surging fentanyl overdoses.

One of the reasons is that there has been no congressional oversight. There is no sense of urgency from this White House or the bureaucrats that populate this town to move. I want to talk about that. Oversight of our tax dollars is our responsibility.

We have all heard reports of hundreds of millions of dollars of potential waste and fraud in the unemployment insurance programs in all 50 States.

We have all heard reports of misuse of hundreds of millions of dollars of the stimulus money, of PPP loan funds, yet there has not been a single hearing in the House Oversight Committee about this.

This border crisis, we have made several trips on this side of the aisle to the border. We have listened to the Border Patrol agents. Their message is loud and clear. Under President Biden, the Border Patrol has become the welcoming committee. They are begging for help to do their job.

Law enforcement officers in all 50 States are begging Congress to force this administration to secure the border, to do something about the fentanyl crisis that plagues every community in every State in our great Nation.

Americans watched in dismay the debacle in Afghanistan, and Americans were left with many questions. How much equipment was left behind for the Taliban? How many Americans were left behind?

The origination of COVID-19—we all know someone personally who lost their life during COVID-19. They deserve answers to what really happened in that lab in Wuhan, China.

Those of us who have kids in the public school system can testify that our kids have lost a year of their education because of the forced virtual learning that so many of our schools put our children through during the COVID pandemic.

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Congress ran the debt up at least \$3 trillion in the name of COVID-19. Yet, as I mentioned earlier, there has not been a single hearing in the Oversight Committee to deal with potential waste, fraud, or abuse of the COVID funds, not a single hearing.

We all know, despite what Dr. Fauci said, American tax dollars were sent through EcoHealth Alliance to the Wuhan lab in China for gain-of-function research, yet Dr. Fauci hasn't come before Congress in the House of Representatives.

The American people deserve answers on COVID-19, and Speaker KEVIN McCARTHY has given the Republican majority the tools necessary to make that possible.

The Democrats have spent the past 6 years investigating a President for potential wrongdoing in Ukraine and Russia. Let me say this loud and clear: The Republicans will also investigate a President for potential wrongdoing in Ukraine and Russia as well as China.

The American people have a lot of questions for Dr. Fauci, Christopher Wray, Merrick Garland, and Secretary Mayorkas. We can't ask those questions until we get organized and elect our Speaker.

The role of the Oversight Committee under Speaker PELOSI was a full-time committee to harass the previous President, a committee to advocate for wedge social issues—upon which the Oversight Committee had absolutely no jurisdiction—a committee totally uninterested in the American taxpayer.

In a Republican majority under Speaker KEVIN McCARTHY and many of my friends embedded in these negotia-

tions, the House Oversight Committee with strong Members like BYRON DONALDS and ANDY BIGGS and JIM JORDAN will return to its original mission of identifying waste, fraud, abuse, and mismanagement in the Federal Government and holding unelected bureaucrats accountable.

In a Republican majority, under Speaker KEVIN McCARTHY, the forgotten working men's and women's voices will finally be heard and represented.

In a Republican majority under Speaker KEVIN McCARTHY, this broken Congress will finally be fixed, we will return to regular order, and we will drag those Senators kicking and screaming along with us every step of the way.

We will return to regular order. We will get the backs of the American taxpayers. This is the people's House. Let's get to work.

Madam Clerk, I am proud to nominate KEVIN McCARTHY to be the next Speaker of the United States House of Representatives.

The CLERK. The Clerk recognizes the gentlewoman from Texas (Ms. ESCOBAR).

Ms. ESCOBAR. Madam Clerk, I rise to nominate a great leader, a unifier, not a divider, HAKEEM JEFFRIES, for Speaker of the United States House of Representatives.

We are on day 4, the 13th vote, and House Democrats continue to stand united with HAKEEM JEFFRIES, with him and for him, because he is a uniter, not a divider, and a positive force of nature.

Two days ago, during the fourth, fifth, maybe the sixth roll call, a nominator claimed this process should not be considered dysfunction. Madam Clerk, their process didn't begin this week. They have had months to figure this out, and Americans should have profound concerns about what this portends.

As we gather here in this Chamber on this solemn day, the second anniversary of January 6, when members of law enforcement were under siege, when there was an attempted coup, an insurrection that will live in infamy, what we lived through was an assault on our Republic and on our democracy from within.

On that day, when my colleagues and I were trapped in this gallery, the terrorists who assaulted our police officers could be heard banging on these doors, breaking these windows, and they were here to prevent the certification of a free and fair election.

I shudder to think what a Republican majority's inability to govern would have meant on that day and what it could mean in the future for those of us who believe in defending our democracy abroad, and now, more than ever, here at home.

On this painful anniversary, thankfully, the Honorable HAKEEM JEFFRIES made sure that we came together to mark the moment, honor our law enforcement, recognize the lives lost as a

result of that day, honor the families and the survivors, and ensure that we recommit to our Republic and our democracy. That is the kind of Speaker that our Nation needs.

We are now 4 days into what should be the 118th Congress, and the House of Representatives has no committees, no rules, no classified briefings, no Members who have taken their oaths to serve our country. There are no debates happening on this floor about addressing the challenges we face at home or around the globe, no votes on legislation to tackle the challenges facing the American people.

Madam Clerk, they told the American people they wanted to win the majority to fight inflation. The only thing they are fighting is each other. These 4 days have tested House Republicans' ability to govern, and they have failed.

With HAKEEM JEFFRIES as our Speaker, Congress can continue to deliver commonsense, bipartisan solutions for the American people. Instead, what we have seen unfold before our very eyes is exactly what is in store for the country for the next 2 years under Republican control. This should be deeply concerning to the American people who expect us to do our jobs and fulfill even the most fundamental functions of this institution like voting on the debt ceiling to fund expenditures we have already made. What if this happens then?

What if we default on our debts because of the Republican majority's inability to govern?

What impact will that have on our economy or on the global economy?

In less than 9 months, in September, we have a vote to fund the government, to pay for our military, Social Security, Medicare, and other obligations. What happens on September 30 when government funding runs out and they are in charge?

With HAKEEM JEFFRIES as our Speaker, we can continue to advance an agenda that puts people over politics, just as we did in the 117th Congress with a majority as slim as theirs.

“Es un gran honor nominar a mi amigo.”

“It is a great honor to nominate my friend.”

Madam Clerk, as co-chair of the House Democratic Policy and Communications Committee and in accordance with the vote of the House Democratic Caucus, I am honored to present for election to the office of the Speaker of the House of Representatives for the 118th Congress the name of a man of integrity and intellect, who is bold and brilliant, and, most importantly, a man who leads with love, the Honorable HAKEEM JEFFRIES, Representative from the State of New York.

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. 16]		Frost	Lofgren	Sánchez
McCARTHY—214					
Aderholt	Garcia, Mike	Mills	Garcia (IL)	Manning	Sarbanes
Alford	Gimenez	Molinaro	Garcia (TX)	Matsui	Scanlon
Allen	Gonzales, Tony	Moolenaar	Garcia, Robert	McBath	Schiff
Amodei	Gooden (TX)	Mooney	Golden (ME)	McCollum	Schneider
Armstrong	Gosar	Moore (AL)	Goldman (NY)	McGarvey	Scholten
Arrington	Granger	Moore (UT)	Gomez	McGovern	Scott (VA)
Babin	Graves (LA)	Moran	Vicente	Meeks	Scott, David
Bacon	Graves (MO)	Murphy	Gottheimer	Menendez	Sewell
Baird	Green (TN)	Nehls	Higgins (NY)	Meng	Sherman
Balderson	Greene (GA)	Newhouse	Green (TX)	Mfume	Sherrill
Banks	Griffith	Norman	Grijalva	Moore (WI)	Slotkin
Barr	Grothman	Nunn (IA)	Harder (CA)	Morelle	Smith (WA)
Bean (FL)	Guest	Obernolte	Hayes	Moskowitz	Sorensen
Bentz	Guthrie	Ogles	Higgins (NY)	Moulton	Soto
Bergman	Hageman	Owens	Himes	Mrvan	Spanberger
Bice	Harris	Palmer	Horsford	Mullin	Stansbury
Bilirakis	Harshbarger	Pence	Houlahan	Nadler	Stanton
Bishop (NC)	Hern	Perry	Hoyer	Napolitano	Stevens
Bost	Higgins (LA)	Pluager	Hoyle (OR)	Neal	Strickland
Brecheen	Hill	Posey	Huffman	Neguse	Swalwell
Buchanan	Hinson	Reschenthaler	Ivey	Nickel	Sykes
Bushon	Houchin	Rodgers (WA)	Jackson (IL)	Nocross	Takano
Burchett	Hudson	Rogers (AL)	Jackson (NC)	Ocasio-Cortez	Thanedar
Burgess	Huizenga	Rogers (KY)	Jackson Lee	Omar	Thompson (CA)
Burlison	Issa	Rose	Jacobs	Pallone	Thompson (MS)
Calvert	Jackson (TX)	Rouzer	Jayapal	Panetta	Titus
Cammack	James	Roy	Jeffries	Pappas	Tlaib
Carey	Johnson (LA)	Rutherford	Johnson (GA)	Pascrall	Tokuda
Carl	Johnson (OH)	Salazar	Kamlager-Dove	Payne	Tonko
Carter (GA)	Johnson (SD)	Santos	Kaptur	Pelosi	Torres (CA)
Carter (TX)	Jordan	Scalise	Keating	Peltola	Torres (NY)
Chavez-DeRemer	Joyce (OH)	Schweikert	Kelly (IL)	Perez	Trahan
Ciscomani	Joyce (PA)	Scott, Austin	Khanna	Peters	Trone
Cline	Kean (NJ)	Self	Kildee	Petterson	Underwood
Cloud	Kelly (MS)	Sessions	Kilmer	Phillips	Vargas
Clyde	Kelly (PA)	Simpson	Kim (NJ)	Pingree	Vasquez
Collins	Kiggans (VA)	Smith (MO)	Krishnamoorthi	Pocan	Velázquez
Comer	Kiley	Smith (NE)	Kuster	Porter	Wasserman
Crawford	Kustoff	Smith (NJ)	Landsman	Pressley	Schultz
Crenshaw	LaHood	Smucker	Larsen (WA)	Quigley	Waterson
Curtis	LaLota	Spartz	Larson (CT)	Ramirez	Waters
D'Esposito	LaMalfa	Stauber	Lee (CA)	Raskin	Watson Coleman
Davidson	Lamborn	Steel	Lee (NV)	Ross	Wexton
De La Cruz	Langworthy	Stefanik	Lee (PA)	Ruiz	Wild
DesJarlais	Latta	Steil	Leger Fernandez	Ruppersberger	Williams (GA)
Díaz-Balart	LaTurner	Steube	Levin	Ryan	Wilson (FL)
Donalds	Lawler	Stewart	Lieu	Salinas	
Duarte	Lee (FL)	Strong			
Duncan	Lesko	Tenney			
Dunn (FL)	Letlow	Thompson (PA)			
Edwards	Loudermilk	Tiffany			
Ellzey	Lucas	Timmons			
Emmer	Luetkemeyer	Turner			
Estes	Luna	Valadao			
Ezell	Luttrell	Van Drew			
Fallon	Mace	Van Duynne			
Feeenstra	Malliotakis	Van Orden			
Ferguson	Mann	Wagner			
Finstad	Massie	Walberg			
Fischbach	Mast	Waltz			
Fitzgerald	McCarthy	Weber (TX)			
Fitzpatrick	McCaul	Webster (FL)			
Fleischmann	McClain	Wenstrup			
Flood	McClintock	Westerman			
Foxx	McCormick	Williams (NY)			
Franklin, C.	McHenry	Williams (TX)			
Scott	Meuser	Wilson (SC)			
Fry	Miller (IL)	Wittman			
Fulcher	Miller (OH)	Womack			
Gallagher	Miller (WV)	Yakym			
Garbarino	Miller-Meeks	Zinke			
JEFFRIES—212					
Adams	Carson	Crockett			
Aguilar	Carter (LA)	Crow			
Allred	Cartwright	Cuellar			
Auchincloss	Casar	Davids (KS)			
Balint	Case	Davis (IL)			
Barragán	Casten	Davis (NC)			
Beatty	Castor (FL)	Dean (PA)			
Bera	Castro (TX)	DeGette			
Beyer	Cherifius-	DeLauro			
Bishop (GA)	McCormick	DelBene			
Blumenauer	Chu	Deluzio			
Blunt Rochester	Cicilline	DeSaulnier			
Bonamici	Clark (MA)	Dingell			
Bowman	Clarke (NY)	Doggett			
Boyle (PA)	Cleaver	Escobar			
Brown	Clyburn	Eshoo			
Brownley	Cohen	Espaillat			
Budzinski	Connolly	Evans			
Bush	Correa	Fletcher			
Caraveo	Costa	Foster			
Carbajal	Courtney	Foushee			
Cárdenas	Craig	Frankel, Lois			

ANSWERED “PRESENT”—0
NOT VOTING—2

Buck Hunt

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The CLERK. The tellers agree in their tallies that the total number of votes cast is 432, of which the Honorable KEVIN McCARTHY of the State of California has received 214, the Honorable HAKEEM JEFFRIES of the State of New York has received 212, the Honorable JIM JORDAN of the State of Ohio has received 6.

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

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Mr. SCALISE. Madam Clerk, with great appreciation for the job that you and your staff have been doing, I move that the House stand adjourned until 10 p.m. tonight.

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.