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## House of Representatives

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

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

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

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

Now, may the God who created the world and everything in it bless us and keep us. May the Lord make His face to shine upon us and be gracious unto us. May the Lord lift up the light of His countenance upon us and give us

peace—peace in our families, peace across this land and dare I ask, O Lord, peace even in this Chamber, now and evermore. We ask it in the name of the monotheistic God and Brahma and God known by many names by many different faiths.

Amen, and a woman.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

The Clerk led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

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

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

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

Representatives-elect will record their presence by electronic device.

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

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

[Roll No. 1]

[ANSWERED PRESENT—427]

### ALABAMA

Aderholt	Moore (AL)	Sewell
Brooks	Palmer	
Carl	Rogers (AL)	

### ALASKA

Young

### ARIZONA

Biggs	Grijalva	O'Halleran
Gallego	Kirkpatrick	Schweikert
Gosar	Lesko	Stanton

### ARKANSAS

Crawford	Westerman
Hill	Womack

### CALIFORNIA

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

### COLORADO

Boebert	DeGette	Perlmutter
Buck	Lamborn	
Crow	Neguse	

### CONNECTICUT

Hayes	Larson (CT)
Himes	

### DELAWARE

Blunt Rochester

### FLORIDA

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

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House of Representatives for the 117th Congress.

Nominations are now in order.

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

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

NANCY PELOSI believes in the power of American exceptionalism.

NANCY PELOSI believes in the goodness of the American people.

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

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

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

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

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

That is the NANCY PELOSI track record.

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

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

Brighter days are ahead in the United States of America. This is a day of great renewal in the House of Rep-

resentatives. This is a day when House Democrats will begin our work with the next President of the United States of America, Joe Biden, and his partner, KAMALA HARRIS, so we can build back better for the people. This is a day when, once again, NANCY D'ALESSANDRO PELOSI will become the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives.

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

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

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

Ms. CHENEY. Madam Clerk, first of all, let me thank my colleague from New York (Mr. JEFFRIES).

Madam Clerk, I also start by asking all of our colleagues to remember in their thoughts and prayers the family of Luke Letlow, Congressman-elect from Louisiana, who died tragically last week.

We also want to remember our friend and colleague JAMIE RASKIN and pray for his family as they deal with the devastating loss of their son.

We engage in heated exchanges in this body, as we should, but it is well for us always to remember that we are all God's children. Our hearts break when our colleagues and friends are suffering. I am reminded of the words of the 19th century religious scholar who said: I expect to pass through this world but once. If, therefore, there can be any kindness I can show or any good thing I can do my fellow being, let me do it now. Let me not defer nor neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again.

Fine words to guide us as we embark on this Congress.

Madam Clerk, the nominating ceremony looks very different today in this Chamber. Our masks and our distancing requirements are reminders of this pandemic threat that we face and that we must defeat together, but the Congress is also different because of something we all take great pride in.

This body now has more women Members than at any time in our history. Our new Republican women are here to work. They are here to get things done. As we like to say in Wyoming, it is time to cowgirl up.

There is no one in this body more responsible for our tremendous new class of Members, our men and women, than our leader, KEVIN MCCARTHY. Through his tireless work and his efforts to date, we have made historic gains, and we are not done yet.

These gains would not have happened without Leader MCCARTHY's unmatched work ethic, his strategic and tactical skill, and his commitment to our candidates. Nor would they have happened without KEVIN's steadfast commitment to defending our freedom, standing up for our Constitution, and remembering that the work we do in

this Chamber affects American families and workers all across this Nation.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Madam Clerk, as Republicans, we know that the United States Constitution is our sword and our shield. We know that our rights do not come from government; they come from God. We

know that those rights are protected by the exquisite structure designed by our Founding Fathers.

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

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

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

Are there further nominations?

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

The gentlewoman from Ohio (Ms. KAPTUR);

The gentleman from Illinois (Mr. RODNEY DAVIS);

The gentlewoman from California (Ms. LOFGREN); and

The gentlewoman from North Carolina (Ms. FOXX).

The tellers will come forward and take their seats at the desk in front of the Speaker's rostrum.

The roll will now be called, and those responding to their names will indicate by surname the nominee of their choosing.

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. 2]

PELOSI—216

Adams	Boyle, Brendan	Cicilline
Aguilar	F.	Clark (MA)
Allred	Brown	Clarke (NY)
Auchincloss	Brownley	Cleaver
Axne	Bush	Clyburn
Barragán	Bustos	Cohen
Bass	Butterfield	Connolly
Beatty	Carbajal	Cooper
Bera	Cárdenas	Correa
Beyer	Carson	Costa
Bishop (GA)	Cartwright	Courtney
Blumenauer	Case	Craig
Blunt Rochester	Casten	Crist
Bonamici	Castor (FL)	Crow
Bourdeaux	Castro (TX)	Cuellar
Bowman	Chu	Daids (KS)

Davis, Danny K.	Krishnamoorthi	Price (NC)	Lamborn	Newhouse	Spartz
Dean	Kuster	Quigley	Latta	Norman	Stauber
DeFazio	Langevin	Raskin	LaTurner	Nunes	Steel
DeGette	Larsen (WA)	Rice (NY)	Lesko	Obornolte	Stefanik
DeLauro	Larson (CT)	Richmond	Long	Owens	Steil
DelBene	Lawrence	Ross	Loudermilk	Palazzo	Steube
Delgado	Lawson (FL)	Roybal-Allard	Lucas	Palmer	Stewart
Demings	Lee (CA)	Ruiz	Luetkemeyer	Pence	Stivers
DeSaulnier	Lee (NV)	Ruppersberger	Mace	Perry	Taylor
Deutch	Leger Fernandez	Rush	Malliotakis	Pfuger	Thompson (PA)
Dingell	Levin (CA)	Ryan	Mann	Posey	Tiffany
Doggett	Levin (MI)	Sánchez	Massie	Reed	Timmons
Doyle, Michael F.	Lieu	Sarbanes	Mast	Reschenthaler	Turner
Escobar	Lofgren	Scanlon	McCarthy	Rice (SC)	Upton
Eshoo	Lowenthal	Schakowsky	McCauley	Rodgers (WA)	Van Drew
Españolat	Luria	Schiff	McClain	Rogers (AL)	Van Dyne
Evans	Lynch	Schneider	McClintock	Rogers (KY)	Wagner
Fletcher	Malinowski	Schrader	McHenry	Rose	Walberg
Foster	Maloney,	Schrier	McKinley	Rosendale	Walorski
Frankel, Lois	Carolyn B.	Scott (VA)	Meijer	Rouzer	Waltz
Fudge	Maloney, Sean	Scott, David	Meuser	Roy	Weber (TX)
Gallego	Manning	Sewell	Miller (IL)	Rutherford	Webster (FL)
Garamendi	Matsui	Sherman	Miller (WV)	Scalise	Wenstrup
García (IL)	McBath	Sires	Miller-Meeks	Schweikert	Westerman
García (TX)	McCollum	Smith (WA)	Moolenaar	Scott, Austin	Williams (TX)
Gomez	McEachin	Soto	Mooney	Sessions	Wilson (SC)
Gonzalez,	McGovern	Speier	Moore (AL)	Simpson	Wittman
Vicente	McNerney	Stanton	Moore (UT)	Smith (MO)	Womack
Gottheimer	Meeks	Stevens	Mullin	Smith (NE)	Wright
Green, Al (TX)	Meng	Strickland	Murphy (NC)	Smith (NJ)	Young
Grijalva	Mfume	Suozi	Nehls	Smucker	Zeldin
Haaland	Moore (WI)	Swalwell			
Harder (CA)	Morelle	Takano			
Hayes	Moulton	Thompson (CA)			
Higgins (NY)	Mrvan	Thompson (MS)			
Himes	Murphy (FL)	Titus			
Horsford	Nadler	Tlaib			
Houlahan	Napolitano	Tonko			
Hoyer	Neal	Torres (CA)			
Huffman	Neguse	Torres (NY)			
Jackson Lee	Newman	Trahan			
Jacobs (CA)	Norcross	Trone			
Jayapal	O'Halleran	Underwood			
Jeffries	Ocasio-Cortez	Vargas			
Johnson (GA)	Omar	Veasey			
Johnson (TX)	Pallone	Vela			
Jones	Panetta	Velázquez			
Kahele	Pappas	Wasserman			
Kaptur	Pascrell	Schultz			
Keating	Payne	Waters			
Kelly (IL)	Pelosi	Watson Coleman			
Khanna	Perlmutter	Welch			
Kildee	Peters	Wexton			
Kilmer	Phillips	Wild			
Kim (NJ)	Pingree	Williams (GA)			
Kind	Pocan	Wilson (FL)			
Kirkpatrick	Porter	Yarmuth			
	Pressley				

MCCARTHY—209

Comer	Graves (MO)
Crawford	Green (TN)
Crenshaw	Greene (GA)
Curtis	Griffith
Davidson	Grothman
Davis, Rodney	Guest
DesJarlais	Guthrie
Diaz-Balart	Hagedorn
Donalds	Harris
Duncan	Harshbarger
Dunn	Hartzler
Emmer	Hern
Estes	Herrell
Fallon	Herrera Beutler
Feenstra	Hice (GA)
Ferguson	Higgins (LA)
Fischbach	Hill
Fitzgerald	Hinson
Fitzpatrick	Hollingsworth
Fleischmann	Hudson
Fortenberry	Huizenga
Foxx	Issa
Franklin, C.	Jackson
Scott	Jacobs (NY)
Fulcher	Johnson (LA)
Gaetz	Johnson (OH)
Gallagher	Johnson (SD)
Garbarino	Jordan
García (CA)	Joyce (OH)
Gibbs	Joyce (PA)
Gimenez	Katko
Gohmert	Keller
Gonzales, Tony	Kelly (MS)
Gonzalez (OH)	Kelly (PA)
Good (VA)	Kim (CA)
Gooden (TX)	Kinzinger
Gosar	Kustoff
Granger	LaHood
Graves (LA)	LaMalfa

DUCKWORTH—1

Golden

JEFFRIES—1

Lamb

ANSWERED “PRESENT”—3

Sherrill Slotkin Spanberger

NOT VOTING—3

Hastings Salazar Valadao

□ 1750

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

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

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

The gentleman from Maryland (Mr. HOYER);

The gentleman from California (Mr. MCCARTHY);

The gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. CLYBURN);

The gentleman from Louisiana (Mr. SCALISE);

The gentlewoman from Massachusetts (Ms. CLARK);

The gentlewoman from Wyoming (Ms. CHENEY);

The gentleman from New York (Mr. JEFFRIES);

The gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. EMMER);

The gentleman from California (Mr. AGUILAR);

The gentleman from Alabama (Mr. PALMER);

The gentleman from New York (Mr. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY);

The gentleman from Louisiana (Mr. JOHNSON);

The gentlewoman from Ohio (Mrs. BEATTY);

The gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. HUDSON);

The gentlewoman from California (Ms. Jacobs);

The gentlewoman from Oklahoma (Mrs. Bice);

And the Members of the California delegation.

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

#### RECESS

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

There was no objection.

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

□ 1718

#### AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Clerk at 5 o'clock and 18 minutes p.m.

#### SWEARING IN OF SPEAKER

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

Mr. MCCARTHY. Colleagues, friends, and fellow Americans, it is my honor to welcome you to the first day of the 117th Congress. We are here with the support of our families and the faith of our neighbors to be their voice in Washington.

Since Congress first sat in this room, Americans have always found a way to ensure that their needs were top of the mind. In fact, when Abraham Lincoln served here, Members of Congress only had small desks on the House floor to store their work. One of those desks now sits in the Cannon Office Building tunnel. As Members traveled back and forth to the Nation's Capitol, they were compelled to carry all of their work with them. There were no filing cabinets and no servers in the cloud or offices. Their desk was their office. Members rarely went anywhere without physically bringing their constituents' concerns with them.

These small desks are a timeless reminder to every American that the House is made to represent you, the people; and that is a responsibility I welcome and embrace every day. Today, however, it is easier than ever to neglect or ignore this responsibility. From social media to special interest groups, to the culture police, there are endless temptations to distract from why we are here and who is truly important.

Sadly, the last Congress suffered from this neglect. In this Chamber 2

years ago, the Speaker spoke of a new dawn for the middle class. But for the next 2 years, the majority was consumed with everything else. During some of the most challenging times for our country, I felt Congress was on the sidelines.

When the need for more pandemic relief was obvious, did we deliver in a timely manner the lifeline America needed?

Or did we say nothing was better than something until politics dictated our actions?

When unrest filled into the cities and communities across the country, did we deliver safety that Americans wanted?

Or did we let calls to defund the police intimidate us from protecting life, liberty, and property?

When Americans relied on essential workers to keep our country moving, did we serve the people's House in a way Americans deserved?

Or did we shrink and reward Members who stayed home, skipped work, and still got paid?

The unfortunate answers to these questions underscore why the last Congress was the least productive Congress in 50 years.

It has been said that a house divided cannot stand. If there are any lessons that Americans have learned in the last 2 years, it is this: a House distracted cannot govern.

I wish I could say that the majority in Congress is committed to changing for the common good and focusing on what really matters, but I am concerned that the early actions are pointing in the wrong direction.

Tomorrow, this majority of the new 117th Congress plans to adopt new rules that would silence our constituents' voices in Congress. Those rules throw away more than 100 years of representation in our Nation's Capitol and effectively kill the key opportunity to amend legislation.

Worse, they would penalize any Member who shares news or views that maybe their allies in the media deem fake. They actually make it an ethics violation, which is usually reserved for such unbecoming conduct as bribery or corruption. Under these rules, all Members are equal, but some are more equal than others. For our constituents, it means freedom of speech is silenced, good ideas are stifled, and dissent is punished.

Why would an American political party use this as your first action in Congress?

Perhaps they feel an urgency to protect their political careers. Given the message that the American people sent to Washington, the grip is slim and the majority is slimmer. Two months ago to this very day, the American people said, Enough. Enough with politicians who dictate what you can say, where you can eat, or whether you can go to church; enough with politicians who ignore the stay-at-home lockdowns they impose on the rest of us; and enough with arrogance and hypocrisy.

Americans are fed up with it, and we Republicans are too. As the party of Lincoln, Republicans understand what it means to carry our constituents' concerns with us at all times. We are a growing, working class coalition of proud Americans who are more energetic, united, and confident than ever before. We believe in the exceptionalism of this Nation and are not afraid to say it. We have listened to our constituents. We heard how things needed to change, and we made a commitment to America to restore our way of life, rebuild the economy, and renew the American Dream.

That is what we campaigned on. That is what we offered in every district. And if the voices of the people matter, that is how we plan to govern.

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

The question I ask of this Congress is: Were we listening?

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

Here is what is in mine: As the son of a fireman, I know how our police officers and first responders put everything on the line to keep us safe. I will never, never, never vote to defund them.

Can we make that same commitment to America?

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

Can we make that same commitment to America?

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

Can we keep that commitment to America?

No more misplaced priorities. The American people deserve better. America is worth fighting for. Americans' rights are worth fighting for. Their dreams are worth fighting for; their voices are worth fighting for; and, most importantly, their voices are worth being heard on this floor.

During the darkest days of the Civil War, when this Nation was literally burning with division, Abraham Lincoln advised us to strive "to maintain

the government and institutions of our fathers, to enjoy them ourselves, and to transmit them to our children and our children's children forever."

He was right then and he is right now. For the sake of the many generations to come, we need to succeed now.

With that, I want to congratulate the Speaker.

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

□ 1730

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

As Speaker of the House, it is my great honor to preside over this sacred ritual of renewal as we gather under the dome of this temple of democracy to begin the 117th Congress.

Thank you, Leader MCCARTHY. Congratulations on your election as leader. I look forward to working with you to meet the needs of the American people during this great moment of challenge.

As the leader knows, usually on this day, the day of our swearing-in, there is a bipartisan church service that we all attend, and we pray together for America. Until that is possible again, let us all pray personally, pray that there be peace on Earth, and let it begin with us. That is our recurring theme. And our prayers, as we all know, are very needed now.

As we are sworn in today, we accept a responsibility as daunting and demanding as any previous generation of leadership has ever faced. We begin this new Congress during a time of extraordinary difficulty.

Each of our communities has been drastically affected by the pandemic and its economic crisis: 350,000 tragic deaths, which we sadly carry in our hearts; over 20 million infections; millions without jobs—a toll beyond comprehension.

To our new Members—and we will be welcoming them soon to swear them in—welcome and congratulations on your election to the United States House of Representatives. As our Founders intended, our democracy will be reinvigorated by the vibrancy and dynamism of the communities that you represent.

To our returning Members, congratulations to you and your families upon your reelection.

As we open the new Congress, we grieve the passing of Congressman-elect Luke Letlow. We send our deepest sympathy to his wife, Julia, and their children, and we are praying for them at this sad time. We carry this symbol of Louisiana, in a bipartisan way, in his honor.

Our Congress also suffered another sad loss this week with the passing of Jamie and Sarah Raskin's son, Tommy. Our hearts are broken for them, and I hope it is a comfort to them that so many mourn their loss.

Each of us comes to this Chamber, of course, strengthened by our constitu-

ents but with the love of our families. Thank you to the families of our Members for sharing your loved ones with the Congress and with the country. It is a sacrifice, we know.

Personally, I want to thank my husband, Paul; our five children, Nancy Corinne, Christine, Jacqueline, Paul, and Alexandra; our nine grandchildren; and my D'Alesandro family from Baltimore, Maryland. With me in spirit are my mother and father and my brother, Tommy. My parents taught us through their example that public service is a noble calling and that we all have a responsibility to help others. Italian American, proud of our Italian heritage, fiercely patriotic Americans, devoutly Catholic, and staunchly Democratic, we saw that as connected.

In that spirit, I thank my constituents in San Francisco, California, who have entrusted me to represent them in the spirit of Saint Francis, the patron saint of our city, whose anthem, the "Song of Saint Francis," is the anthem of our city: "Lord, make me a channel of thy peace."

I thank my Democratic colleagues in the Congress for the confidence you have placed in me in electing me Speaker. I will endeavor to meet the moment with courage, unity, and grace.

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

Thank you, Mr. JEFFRIES.

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

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

As we look forward to the new Congress, let us take a moment to remember three champions of democracy we lost during the 116th Congress, each honored by a lying-in-state ceremony in the United States Capitol.

In the fall of last year, we said goodbye to Mr. Chairman, Elijah Cummings, our North Star, who said: When we are dancing with the angels, the question will be asked: What did you do to be sure we kept our democracy intact?

He is dancing with the angels now.

This past spring, we said good-bye to our beloved colleague John Lewis, the conscience of the Congress, who would say, when you see something that is not right, not fair, not just, you must speak up, and he would remind us to make good trouble.

In the fall, we memorialized Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, one of the most

brilliant legal minds in our history and a champion for equality, who once said right here in the Capitol—some of you were there, perhaps, in the Statuary Hall—she once said, right here in the Capitol, about women: Once the door is open, there is no stopping us.

Each of their memories is a source of strength and inspiration to us as we approach the challenges ahead. Scripture tells us that to everything there is a time, a season: a time for every purpose under the heavens; a time to build, a time to sow, a time to heal. Now is certainly a time for our Nation to heal.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

In all that we do, let us be For the People, recognizing the beautiful diversity of America so that no one is left



out and no one is left behind. We do so guided by the vision of our Founders, the sacrifice of our military and their families, and the aspirations that we all have for the children.

To do so, we need God's blessing. May God bless all of us. God bless all of you. God bless our men and women in uniform, our servicemembers and their families, our veterans. And may God bless America.

Thank you all very much. It is my honor.

As Speaker, I am now ready to take the oath of office. I usually do so surrounded by children, but, of course, COVID has prevented that. But they are our purpose—for the children.

I ask the dean of the House of Representatives, the Honorable DON YOUNG from Alaska, to administer the oath of office.

Mr. YOUNG. Madam Speaker, before I issue the oath, I would like to take privilege on the floor as the dean.

I have been in this House longer than anybody else. I have served with you longer than anybody else has served with you. I love this institution. I will be honest: I do not like what I see. It is time we hold hands and talk to one another.

Madam Speaker, I say this with all sincerity: You will be the Speaker of the House, not of a party.

And that may hurt some of you. The job of our Nation is for the House of Representatives to govern this Nation. It was never meant to be the executive branch. It was never meant to be the judicial branch. It is this House that raises the money and dedicates how it shall be spent. And we are representing the people, as we were elected.

□ 1745

And I say this with all sincerity, Madam Speaker, that when you do have a problem or there is something so contentious, let's sit down and have a drink and solve those problems for the good of this Nation, for this institution, and, as you said, for the future children of this great Nation. We can do it as a body. As the dean to the new Speaker, I ask you to try to attempt to do that. With our leader, we can do it together.

If the gentlewoman from California will please raise her right hand.

Mr. YOUNG then administered the oath of office to Ms. PELOSI of California, as follows:

Do you solemnly swear that you will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that you will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that you take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that you will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which you are about to enter, so help you God.

(Applause, the Members rising.)

Mr. YOUNG. Madam Speaker, Congratulations.

The SPEAKER. I thank the dean.

#### SWEARING IN OF DEAN

The SPEAKER. I am honored to be sworn in by the dean, the gentleman from Alaska (Mr. YOUNG), my friend of many years. Thank you for your guidance. And, again, I don't drink, but I am happy to have ice cream with anybody anytime.

The Chair will now swear in the gentleman from Alaska (Mr. YOUNG).

The Speaker administered the oath of office to Mr. YOUNG as follows:

Do you solemnly swear or affirm that you will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that you will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that you take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that you will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which you are about to enter, so help you God.

The SPEAKER. Congratulations. You are now a Member of the 117th Congress.

□ 1800

#### MOMENT OF SILENCE IN REMEMBRANCE OF THE LATE HONORABLE LUKE LETLOW

The SPEAKER. The Chair would ask all Members-elect and staff present in the Chamber, as well as those throughout the Capitol, to rise for a moment of silence in remembrance of the late Honorable Luke Letlow, the Member-elect from the Fifth District of Louisiana.

#### CHALLENGING SEATING OF MEMBERS-ELECT

Mr. ROY. Madam Speaker, on my responsibility as a Member-elect, I challenge the seating of Members-elect from the States of Arizona, Georgia, Michigan, Nevada, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin.

The SPEAKER. Under the precedents, the Chair will ask the Members-elect of those States' delegations to refrain from taking the oath with the other Members-elect.

#### AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE SPEAKER TO ADMINISTER THE OATH OF OFFICE

Mr. HOYER. Madam Speaker, I send to the desk a privileged resolution and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 1

*Resolved*, That the Speaker is hereby authorized and directed to administer the oath of office to all Representatives-elect.

Mr. HOYER. Madam Speaker, I urge adoption of the resolution, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the previous question is ordered on the resolution.

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER. The question is on the adoption of the resolution.

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

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

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

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

[Roll No. 3]

YEAS—371

Adams	Crawford	Herrell
Aderholt	Crenshaw	Herrera Beutler
Aguilar	Crist	Hice (GA)
Allen	Crow	Higgins (LA)
Allred	Cuellar	Higgins (NY)
Amodel	Curtis	Hill
Armstrong	Davids (KS)	Himes
Auchincloss	Davidson	Hinson
Axne	Davis, Danny K.	Hollingsworth
Babin	Davis, Rodney	Houlihan
Bacon	Dean	Hoyer
Baird	DeFazio	Hudson
Balderson	DeGette	Huizenga
Banks	DeLauro	Issa
Barr	DelBene	Jackson
Barragán	Delgado	Jackson Lee
Bass	Demings	Jacobs (CA)
Beatty	DesJarlais	Jayapal
Bentz	Deutch	Jeffries
Bera	Diaz-Balart	Johnson (GA)
Bergman	Dingell	Johnson (LA)
Beyer	Doggett	Johnson (OH)
Bice (OK)	Donalds	Johnson (SD)
Biggs	Duncan	Johnson (TX)
Bilirakis	Emmer	Jones
Bishop (GA)	Escobar	Jordan
Bishop (NC)	Eshoo	Joyce (PA)
Blumenauer	Espallat	Kahele
Blunt Rochester	Estes	Kaptur
Boebert	Evans	Keating
Bonamici	Fallon	Keller
Bost	Feenstra	Kelly (IL)
Bourdeaux	Ferguson	Kelly (MS)
Bowman	Fischbach	Kelly (PA)
Boyle, Brendan	Fitzgerald	Khanna
F.	Fitzpatrick	Kildee
Brooks	Fleischmann	Kilmer
Brown	Fletcher	Kim (CA)
Brownley	Fortenberry	Kim (NJ)
Buchanan	Foster	Kind
Buck	Foxo	Kinziger
Bucshon	Frankel, Lois	Kirkpatrick
Budd	Franklin, C.	Kuster
Burchett	Scott	Kustoff
Burgess	Fudge	LaHood
Bush	Fulcher	LaMalfa
Bustos	Gaetz	Lamb
Butterfield	Gallagher	Lamborn
Calvert	Gallago	Langevin
Cammack	Garamendi	Larsen (WA)
Carbajal	Garbarino	Larson (CT)
Cárdenas	Garcia (CA)	Latta
Carl	Garcia (IL)	LaTurner
Carson	Garcia (TX)	Lawrence
Carter (GA)	Gibbs	Lawson (FL)
Carter (TX)	Jimenez	Lee (CA)
Cartwright	Gohmert	Lee (NV)
Case	Golden	Leger Fernandez
Casten	Gomez	Levin (CA)
Castor (FL)	Gonzales, Tony	Lieu
Castro (TX)	Gonzalez (OH)	Lofgren
Cawthorn	Gonzalez,	Long
Chabot	Vicente	Loudermilk
Cheney	Good (VA)	Lowenthal
Chu	Gosar	Lucas
Cicilline	Gottheimer	Luetkemeyer
Clark (MA)	Granger	Luria
Clarke (NY)	Graves (LA)	Lynch
Cleaver	Graves (MO)	Mace
Cline	Green, Al (TX)	Malinowski
Cloud	Greene (GA)	Malliotakis
Clyburn	Grijalva	Maloney,
Clyde	Grothman	Carolyn B.
Cohen	Guest	Maloney, Sean
Cole	Guthrie	Mann
Comer	Haaland	Manning
Connolly	Hagedorn	Massie
Cooper	Harder (CA)	Mast
Correa	Harshbarger	Matsui
Costa	Hartzler	McCarthy
Courtney	Hayes	McCaul
Craig	Hern	McClain

McClintock	Pascrell	Spartz
McCollum	Pence	Speier
McEachin	Perlmutter	Staubert
McGovern	Perry	Steel
McHenry	Pfluger	Stefanik
McKinley	Phillips	Steil
McNerney	Pingree	Steube
Meeks	Pocan	Stevens
Meijer	Porter	Strickland
Meuser	Price (NC)	Takano
Mfume	Quigley	Thompson (CA)
Miller (IL)	Raskin	Thompson (MS)
Miller (WV)	Reed	Thompson (PA)
Miller-Meeks	Reschenthaler	Tiffany
Moolenaar	Rice (SC)	Timmons
Mooney	Rodgers (WA)	Titus
Moore (AL)	Rogers (AL)	Tlaib
Moore (UT)	Rogers (KY)	Tonko
Moore (WI)	Rose	Torres (CA)
Morelle	Rosendale	Torres (NY)
Moulton	Ross	Trahan
Mrvan	Rouzer	Turner
Mullin	Roy	Upton
Murphy (FL)	Roybal-Allard	Van Drew
Murphy (NC)	Rush	Van Dwyne
Nadler	Rutherford	Vargas
Napolitano	Scalise	Vela
Neal	Scanlon	Wagner
Neguse	Schakowsky	Walberg
Nehls	Schneider	Walorski
Newhouse	Schrader	Waltz
Newman	Schrier	Wasserman
Norcross	Schweikert	Schultz
Norman	Scott, Austin	Welch
Nunes	Scott, David	Wenstrup
O'Halleran	Sessions	Wexton
Obernolte	Sewell	Wild
Ocasio-Cortez	Simpson	Williams (GA)
Owens	Sires	Williams (TX)
Palazzo	Smith (MO)	Wilson (SC)
Pallone	Smith (NE)	Womack
Palmer	Smith (NJ)	Young
Panetta	Smith (WA)	
Pappas	Smucker	

## NAYS—2

Griffith

Harris

## NOT VOTING—59

Arrington	Payne	Stewart
Brady	Peters	Stivers
DeSaulnier	Posey	Suozi
Doyle, Michael	Pressley	Swalwell
F.	Rice (NY)	Taylor
Dunn	Richmond	Trone
Gooden (TX)	Ruiz	Underwood
Green (TN)	Ruppersberger	Valadao
Hastings	Ryan	Veasey
Horsford	Salazar	Velázquez
Huffman	Sánchez	Waters
Jacobs (NY)	Sarbanes	Watson Coleman
Joyce (OH)	Schiff	Weber (TX)
Katko	Scott (VA)	Webster (FL)
Krishnamoorthi	Sherman	Westerman
Lesko	Sherrill	Wilson (FL)
Levin (MI)	Slotkin	Wittman
McBath	Soto	Wright
Meng	Spanberger	Yarmuth
Omar	Stanton	Zeldin

## ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER (during the vote). As we have seen, all Members have not voted; but I hope, in the next few moments, they will have voted, Members-elect.

Before we settle, though, I want to make an announcement.

When we swear in the freshmen, the first-time Members-elect, anyone else who is in the room may raise his or her hand and take the oath of office as well. And then, after that, I want to note that, with the new Members-elect, you all have to walk down the aisle there to sign the oath card.

Once again, before I close the vote—and it is clear that some more Members-elect need to vote—to new Members-elect, head over here sooner so that it can end sooner.

When we swear in the Members-elect, the new, first-time Members-elect who will be here, when we swear them in,

anyone else who is in the room may raise his or her hand and take the oath as well.

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

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

□ 1834

Messrs. PALAZZO and REED changed their vote from “nay” to “yea.”

So the resolution was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated for:

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, the vote was gavelled down before my group (5) was called to the floor. Had I been present, I would have voted “yea” on rollcall No. 3.

Mr. SOTO. Madam Speaker, the vote was gavelled down before my group 6 was ever called. Had I been present, I would have voted “yea” on rollcall No. 3.

Ms. UNDERWOOD. Madam Speaker, I was detained and missed rollcall Vote No. 3. Had I been present, I would have voted “yea” on rollcall No. 3.

## ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. Will the new Members-elect come forward to be sworn in.

As was said, due to the ongoing pandemic, the Chair will swear in remaining Members-elect in groups. The Chair will now swear in the group of first-term Members-elect present in the Chamber.

And as I announced, all Members-elect who are in the Chamber who wish to raise their hand and take the oath are welcome to do so.

## SWEARING IN OF MEMBERS

The SPEAKER. The Members-elect will rise and raise their right hand.

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

Do you solemnly swear that you will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that you will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that you take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that you will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which you are about to enter, so help you God.

The SPEAKER. Congratulations, you are now Members of the 117th Congress.

Will Members who have been sworn in please clear the Chamber so that we can swear in the next group. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The Chair is prepared to swear in the group of Members-elect currently in the Chamber. The Members-elect will rise.

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

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

Do you solemnly swear that you will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that you will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that you take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that you will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which you are about to enter, so help you God.

The SPEAKER. Congratulations. You are now Members of the 117th Congress.

The Chair is prepared to swear in the group of Members-elect currently in the Chamber. The Members-elect will rise.

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

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

Do you solemnly swear that you will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that you will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that you take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that you will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which you are about to enter, so help you God.

## ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The swearing in ceremony will be at 7:05 of any remaining Members-elect who have not been sworn in. So if you are in your office, or whatever, come on over now because we want to proceed with other business.

This is the schedule as it was scheduled—last call. So thank you all, and I see we have some already here.

We have about 6 more minutes.

The Chair is prepared to swear in the group of Members-elect currently present in the Chamber. The Members-elect will rise.

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

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

Do you solemnly swear that you will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that you will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that you take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that you will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which you are about to enter, so help you God.

The SPEAKER. Congratulations. You are now Members of the 117th Congress.



## MAJORITY LEADER

Mr. JEFFRIES. Madam Speaker, as chair of the Democratic Caucus, I am directed to report to the House that the Democratic Members have selected as majority leader the gentleman from Maryland, the Honorable STENY HOYER.

## MINORITY LEADER

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

## MAJORITY WHIP AND ASSISTANT SPEAKER

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

## MINORITY WHIP

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

## ELECTING OFFICERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. JEFFRIES. Madam Speaker, I offer a privileged resolution and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

## H. RES. 2

*Resolved*, That Cheryl L. Johnson of the State of Louisiana be, and is hereby, chosen Clerk of the House of Representatives.

*Resolved*, That Paul D. Irving of the State of Florida be, and is hereby, chosen Sergeant-at-Arms of the House of Representatives.

*Resolved*, That Catherine Szpincior of the Commonwealth of Virginia be, and is hereby, chosen Chief Administrative Officer of the House of Representatives.

*Resolved*, That Reverend Doctor Margaret Grun Kibben of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania be, and is hereby, chosen Chaplain of the House of Representatives.

Mr. JEFFRIES. Madam Speaker, I yield to the distinguished gentlewoman from Wyoming (Ms. CHENEY) for the purpose of offering an amendment.

Ms. CHENEY. Madam Speaker, I have an amendment to the resolution, but before offering the amendment, I request that there be a division of the question on the resolution so that we may have a separate vote on the Chaplain.

The SPEAKER. The question will be divided.

The question is on agreeing to that portion of the resolution providing for the election of the Chaplain.

That portion of the resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

## AMENDMENT OFFERED BY MS. CHENEY

Ms. CHENEY. Madam Speaker, I offer an amendment to the resolution offered by the gentleman from New York.

The SPEAKER. The Clerk will report the amendment.

The Clerk read as follows:

That Dan Meyer of the State of Minnesota be, and is hereby, chosen Clerk of the House of Representatives;

That John Leganski of the State of Illinois be, and is hereby, chosen Sergeant-at-Arms of the House of Representatives; and

That Brett Horton of the State of Louisiana be, and is hereby, chosen Chief Administrative Officer of the House of Representatives.

The SPEAKER. The question is on the amendment offered by the gentleman from Wyoming.

The amendment was rejected.

The SPEAKER. The question is on the remainder of the resolution offered by the gentleman from New York.

The remainder of the resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The SPEAKER. The Chair will now swear in the officers of the House: Cheryl L. Johnson, Paul D. Irving, Catherine Szpincior, and Reverend Dr. Margaret Grun Kibben.

The officers presented themselves in the well of the House and took the oath of office as follows:

Do you solemnly swear that you will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that you will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that you take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that you will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which you are about to enter, so help you God.

The SPEAKER. Congratulations. You are now officers of the 117th Congress.

## TO INFORM THE SENATE THAT A QUORUM OF THE HOUSE HAS ASSEMBLED AND OF THE ELECTION OF THE SPEAKER AND THE CLERK

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I offer a privileged resolution and ask its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution as follows:

## H. RES. 3

*Resolved*, That the Senate be informed that a quorum of the House of Representatives has assembled; that Nancy Pelosi, a Representative from the State of California, has been elected Speaker; and that Cheryl L. Johnson, a citizen of the State of Louisiana, has been elected Clerk of the House of Representatives of the One Hundred Seventeenth Congress.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

## AUTHORIZING THE SPEAKER TO APPOINT A COMMITTEE TO NOTIFY THE PRESIDENT OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CONGRESS

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I offer a privileged resolution and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution as follows:

## H. RES. 4

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

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

□ 1915

## APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO COMMITTEE TO NOTIFY THE PRESIDENT, PURSUANT TO HOUSE RESOLUTION 4

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. CLYBURN). Without objection, pursuant to House Resolution 4, the Chair announces the Speaker's appointment of the following Members to the committee on the part of the House to join a committee on the part of the Senate to notify the President of the United States that a quorum of each House has assembled and that Congress is ready to receive any communication that he may be pleased to make:

The gentleman from Maryland (Mr. HOYER) and

The gentleman from California (Mr. MCCARTHY).

There was no objection.

## AUTHORIZING THE CLERK TO INFORM THE PRESIDENT OF THE ELECTION OF THE SPEAKER AND THE CLERK

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I offer a privileged resolution and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

## H. RES. 5

*Resolved*, That the Clerk be instructed to inform the President of the United States that the House of Representatives has elected Nancy Pelosi, a Representative from the State of California as Speaker, and Cheryl L. Johnson, a citizen of the State of Louisiana as Clerk, of the House of Representatives of the One Hundred Seventeenth Congress.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

# PROVIDING FOR THE DESIGNATION OF CERTAIN MINORITY EMPLOYEES

Ms. CHENEY. Mr. Speaker, I offer a resolution and ask unanimous consent for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Wyoming?

There was no objection.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

## H. RES. 6

*Resolved*, That pursuant to the Legislative Pay Act of 1929, as amended, the six minority employees authorized therein shall be the following named persons, effective January 3, 2021, until otherwise ordered by the House, to-wit: Dan Meyer, James Min, Natalie Joyce, Will Dunham, Machalagh Carr, and Matt Sparks, each to receive gross compensation pursuant to the provisions of House Resolution 119, Ninety-fifth Congress, as enacted into permanent law by section 115 of Public Law 95-94. In addition, the Minority Leader may appoint and set the annual rate of pay for up to 3 further minority employees.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

# AUTHORIZING THE SPEAKER TO ADMINISTER THE OATH OF OFFICE

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

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

## H. RES. 7

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

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

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the provisions of House Resolution 7, the Chair appoints the Honorable DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ of Florida to administer the oath of office to the Honorable ALCEE L. HASTINGS of Florida.

## COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following commu-

nication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, January 3, 2021.

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

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

That the Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 1.

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With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely,

GLORIA J. LETT,  
*Deputy Clerk.*

## ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

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

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

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

## S. CON. RES. 1

*Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring)*, That the two Houses of Congress shall meet in the Hall of the House of Representatives on Wednesday, the 6th day of January 2021, at 1 o'clock post meridian, pursuant to the requirements of the Constitution and laws relating to the election of President and Vice President of the United States, and the President of the Senate shall be their Presiding Officer; that two tellers shall be previously appointed by the President of the Senate on the part of the Senate and two by the Speaker on the part of the House of Representatives, to whom shall be handed, as they are opened by the President of the Senate, all the certificates and papers purporting to be certificates of the electoral votes, which certificates and papers shall be opened, presented, and acted upon in the alphabetical order of the States, beginning with the letter "A"; and said tellers, having then read the same in the presence and hearing of the two Houses, shall make a list of the votes as they shall appear from said certificates; and the votes having been ascertained and counted in the manner and according to the rules by law provided, the result of the same shall be delivered to the

President of the Senate, who shall thereupon announce the state of the vote, which announcement shall be deemed a sufficient declaration of the persons, if any, elected President and Vice President of the United States, and together with a list of the votes, be entered on the Journals of the two Houses.

The concurrent resolution was concurred in.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

## EXTENDING THE LIFE OF THE JOINT CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE ON INAUGURAL CEREMONIES

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

## S. CON. RES. 2

*Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring)*,

## SECTION 1. REAUTHORIZATION OF JOINT COMMITTEE.

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

## SEC. 2. USE OF CAPITOL.

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

The concurrent resolution was concurred in.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

## ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

## ADJOURNMENT

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

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

## EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

EC-1. Under clause 2 of rule XIV, a letter from the Clerk, U.S. House of Representatives, transmitting a list of reports created by the Clerk, pursuant to Rule II, clause 2(b), of the Rules of

the House (H. Doc. No. 117-4), was taken from the Speaker's table, referred to the Committee on House Administration and ordered to be printed.

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#### PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. HOYER:

H. Res. 1. A resolution authorizing and directing the Speaker to administer the oath of office; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. JEFFRIES:

H. Res. 2. A resolution electing officers of the House of Representatives; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. HOYER:

H. Res. 3. A resolution to inform the Senate that a quorum of the House has assembled and of the election of the Speaker and the Clerk; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. HOYER:

H. Res. 4. A resolution authorizing the Speaker to appoint a committee to notify

the President of the assembly of the Congress; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. HOYER:

H. Res. 5. A resolution authorizing the Clerk to inform the President of the election of the Speaker and the Clerk; considered and agreed to.

By Ms. CHENEY:

H. Res. 6. A resolution providing for the designation of certain minority employees; considered and agreed to.

By Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ:

H. Res. 7. A resolution authorizing the Speaker to administer the oath of office; considered and agreed to.



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## Senate

The third day of January being the day prescribed by the Constitution of the United States for the annual meeting of the Congress, the Senate assembled in its Chamber at the Capitol for the commencement of the 1st session of the 117th Congress and at 12:01 p.m. was called to order by the Vice President (Mr. PENCE).

### PRAYER

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

Let us pray.

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

As we begin this 117th Congress, provide our incoming Senators with Your wisdom and direction. Lord, use them to transform dark yesterdays into bright tomorrows.

Bless all our legislators with Your intervening love. Pursue them with such goodness and mercy that they will be inspired to tell of Your faithfulness so that unborn generations will know and love You.

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

We pray in Your marvelous Name. Amen.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The VICE PRESIDENT led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### CERTIFICATES OF ELECTION

The VICE PRESIDENT. The Chair lays before the Senate the certificates of election of 32 Senators elected for 6-year terms beginning on January 3, 2021. All certificates, the Chair is advised, are in the form suggested by the

Senate or contain all essential requirements of the form suggested by the Senate. If there be no objection, the reading of the certificates will be waived and they will be printed in full in the RECORD.

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

#### STATE OF NEW JERSEY

##### CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION

*To the President of the Senate of the United States:*

This is to certify that on the third day of November, 2020, Cory Booker, was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of New Jersey, a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the third day of January, 2021.

Given, under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of New Jersey, this seventh day of December two thousand and twenty.

By the Governor:

PHIL MURPHY,  
Governor.

Attest:

TAHESHA WAY,  
Secretary of State.

[State Seal Affixed]

#### STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR TERM  
*To the President of the Senate of the United States:*

This is to certify that on the third day of November, Two Thousand Twenty, Shelley Moore Capito was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of West Virginia, a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years beginning on the third day of January, Two Thousand Twenty-one.

Witness: His excellency our governor, James C. Justice, and our seal hereto affixed at Charleston this 9th day of December, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty.

By the governor:

JAMES C. JUSTICE,  
Governor.

Attest:

MAC WARNER,  
Secretary of State.

[State Seal Affixed]

#### STATE OF LOUISIANA

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR TERM  
*To the President of the Senate of the United States:*

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

Witness: His Excellency our Governor John Bel Edwards, and our seal hereto affixed at Baton Rouge, Louisiana this 1st day of December, in the year of our Lord 2020.

By the Governor:

JOHN BEL EDWARDS,  
Governor of Louisiana.

Attest:

R. KYLE ARDOIN,  
Secretary of State.

[State Seal Affixed]

#### STATE OF MAINE

*To President of the Senate of the United States:*

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

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

By the Governor:

JANET T. MILLS,  
Governor.

Attest:

MATTHEW DUNLAP,  
Secretary of State.

[State Seal Affixed]

#### STATE OF DELAWARE

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

Whereas, an election was held in the State of Delaware, on Tuesday, the third day of November, in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty, that being the Tuesday next after the first Monday in said month, in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution and Laws of the State of Delaware, in that behalf, for the purpose of choosing by

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ballot a Senator for the people of said State in the United States Senate, for the term of six years commencing January 3, 2021.

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

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

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

By the Governor:

JOHN C. CARNEY,  
Governor.

Attest:

JEFFREY W. BULLOCK,  
Secretary of State.

[State Seal Affixed]

#### STATE OF TEXAS

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX YEAR TERM  
*To the President of the Senate of the United States:*

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

Witness: His excellency our governor Greg Abbott, and our seal hereto affixed at Austin, Texas this 24th day of November, in the year of our Lord 2020.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereto signed my name and have officially caused the Seal of the State of Texas to be affixed at my office in the City of Austin, Texas, this the 24th day of November, 2020.

By the Governor:

GREG ABBOTT,  
Governor.

Attest:

RUTH R. HUGHS,  
Secretary of State.

[State Seal Affixed]

#### STATE OF ARKANSAS

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR A SIX-YEAR TERM

*To the President of the Senate of the United States:*

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

Witness: His Excellency, our Governor, the Honorable Asa Hutchinson, and our seal hereto affixed at the State Capitol in Little Rock, Arkansas, this 22nd day of December, in the year of our Lord 2020.

By the Governor:

ASA HUTCHINSON,  
Governor.

Attest

JOHN THURSTON,  
Secretary of State.

[State Seal Affixed]

#### STATE OF MONTANA

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR TERM  
*To the President of the Senate of the United States:*

I, Steve Bullock, Governor of the State of the State of Montana, do hereby certify that at the General Election held on the 3th day of November, A.D. 2020;

Steve Daines was elected to the office of the United States Senator by the qualified electors of the State of Montana to serve for a six-year term that commences on January 3rd, 2021. Said candidate received the highest number of votes cast, as appears from the official canvass of returns of the General Election.

Witness: I have hereunto subscribed my name and caused the Great Seal of the State of Montana to be affixed at Helena, Montana, on December 3, 2020.

By the Governor:

STEVE BULLOCK,  
Governor.

Attest:

COREY STAPLETON,  
Secretary of State.

[State Seal Affixed]

#### STATE OF ILLINOIS

*To the President of the Senate of the United States:*

This is to certify that on the 3rd day of November, Two Thousand and Twenty, Richard J. Durbin was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Illinois a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the third day of January, Two Thousand and Twenty-One.

Witness: His Excellency, our Governor, JB Pritzker, and our seal hereto affixed at the City of Springfield, Illinois, this 4th day of December, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Twenty.

By the Governor:

JB PRITZKER,  
Governor.  
JESSE WHITE,  
Secretary of State.

[State Seal Affixed]

#### STATE OF IOWA

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR TERM  
*To The President of the Senate of the United States:*

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

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto subscribe my name and caused the Great Seal of the State of Iowa to be affixed. Done at Des Moines this 30th day of November in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty.

KIMBERLY K. REYNOLDS,  
Governor of Iowa.

Attest:

PAUL D. PATE,  
Secretary of State.

[State Seal Affixed]

#### STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR TERM  
*To the President of the Senate of the United States*

This is to certify that on the third day of November, 2020, Lindsey Graham was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the state of South Carolina a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the

United States for the term of six years, beginning on the third day of January, 2021,

Witness: His excellency our governor Henry McMaster, and our seal hereto affixed at Columbia, South Carolina this twenty-third day of November in the year of our Lord, two thousand twenty.

HENRY MCMASTER,  
Governor.

MARK HAMMOND,  
Secretary of State.

[State Seal Affixed]

#### STATE OF TENNESSEE

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR TERM  
*To the President of the Senate of the United States:*

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

Witness: His excellency our Governor Bill Lee, and our seal hereto affixed at Nashville this 2nd day of December, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Twenty.

By the Governor:

BILL LEE,  
Governor.

TRE HARGETT,  
Secretary of State.

[State Seal Affixed]

#### STATE OF COLORADO

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR TERM  
*To the President of the Senate of the United States:*

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

Witness: His Excellency our Governor Jared Polis, and our seal hereto affixed at Denver, Colorado this 14th day of December, in the year of our Lord 2020.

By the Governor:

JARED POLIS,  
Governor.

JENA GRISWOLD,  
Secretary of State.

[State Seal Affixed]

#### STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR TERM  
*To the President of the Senate of the United States:*

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

Witness: His excellency our governor, Tate Reeves, and our seal hereto affixed at 13:29 this the 4th day of December, in the year of our Lord, 2020.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be affixed.

Done at the Capitol, in the City of Jackson, this the 4th day of December, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty; and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and forty-fifth.

TATE REEVES,  
Governor.

Witness:

MICHAEL WATSON,  
Secretary of State.

[State Seal Affixed]

## STATE OF OKLAHOMA

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR TERM  
To the President of the Senate of the United States:

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

Witness: His Excellency our governor J. Kevin Stitt, and our seal hereto affixed at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma this 1st day of December, in the year of our Lord 2020.

By the governor:

J. KEVIN STITT,  
Governor.

J. BRIAN BINGMAN,  
Secretary of State.

[State Seal Affixed]

STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION

To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that Ben R. Luján was duly and lawfully elected to the office of United States Senator at the General Election held in said state on November 3, 2020, to represent said state in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the 3rd day of January, 2021, as declared and determined by the State Canvassing Board.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of New Mexico, in Santa Fe, New Mexico, this 10th day of December, 2020.

MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM,  
Governor.

MAGGIE TOULOUSE OLIVER,  
Secretary of State.

[State Seal Affixed]

## STATE OF WYOMING

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR TERM  
To the President of the Senate of the United States:

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

Witness: His Excellency our governor, Mark Gordon, and our seal hereto affixed at the Wyoming State Capitol, Cheyenne, Wyoming, this 10th day of November, in the year of our Lord 2020.

By the governor:

MARK GORDON,  
Governor.

Attest:  
EDWARD A. BUCHANAN,  
Secretary of State.

[State Seal Affixed]

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that on the third day of November, two thousand and twenty, Edward J. Markey was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts a Senator from said Commonwealth to represent said Commonwealth in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the third day of January, two thousand and twenty-one.

Witness: His Excellency the Governor, Charles D. Baker, and Our Great Seal hereto affixed at Boston, this thirtieth day of November in the year of Our Lord two thousand and twenty.

By His Excellency the Governor:

CHARLES D. BAKER,  
Governor.

Attest:

WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN,  
Secretary of the Commonwealth.

[State Seal Affixed]

## STATE OF KANSAS

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR TERM  
To the President of the Senate of the United States:

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

Witness: Her excellency our governor Laura Kelly, and our seal hereto affixed at Topeka, Kansas this 14th day of December, in the year of our Lord 2020.

By the governor:

LAURA KELLY,  
Governor.

Attest:

SCOTT SCHWAB,  
Secretary of State.

[State Seal Affixed]

## COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that on the day of November 3, 2020, Honorable Mitch McConnell was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the Commonwealth of Kentucky a Senator from said state to represent said state in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning the 3rd day of January 2021.

Witness: His excellency our Governor Andy Beshear, and our seal hereto affixed on this 20th day of November, in the year of our Lord 2020.

By the Governor:

ANDY BESHEAR,  
Governor.

Attest:

MICHAEL G. ADAMS,  
Secretary of State.

[State Seal Affixed]

## STATE OF OREGON

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR TERM  
To the President of the Senate of the United States:

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

Witness: Her Excellency our Governor, Kate Brown, and our seal hereto affixed at Salem, Oregon this 3rd day of December in the year of our Lord 2020

By the governor:

KATE BROWN,  
Governor.  
BEV CLARNO,  
Secretary of State.

[State Seal Affixed]

## STATE OF MICHIGAN

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR TERM  
To the President of the Senate of the United States:

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

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Michigan.

By the Governor:

GRETCHEN WHITMER,  
Governor.

Attest:

JOCELYN BENSON,  
Secretary of State.

[State Seal Affixed]

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX YEAR TERM  
To the President of the Senate of the United States:

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

Witness: Her Excellency our Governor, Gina M. Raimondo, and our seal hereto affixed on this 2nd day of December 2020.

By the governor:

GINA M. RAIMONDO,  
Governor.

Attest:

NELLIE M. GORBEA,  
Secretary of State.

[State Seal Affixed]

STATE OF IDAHO  
CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR TERM  
To the President of the Senate of the United States:

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

Witness: His Excellency our Governor Brad Little, our seal hereto affixed at Boise this 23rd day of December, in the year of our Lord 2020.

By the Governor:

BRAD LITTLE,  
Governor.

Attest:

LAWRENCE DENNEY,  
Secretary of State

[State Seal Affixed]

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA  
CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX YEAR TERM  
To the President of the Senate of the United States:

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

Witness: Her Excellency, Governor Kristi Noem, our Seal hereto affixed at 8:00 am this 12th day of November, in the year of our Lord 2020.

By the Governor of the State of South Dakota:

KRISTI NOEM,  
Governor of South Dakota.

Attest:

STEVE BARNETT,  
Secretary of State.

[State Seal Affixed]

STATE OF NEBRASKA  
CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX YEAR TERM  
To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that on the 3rd day of November 2020, Ben Sasse was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Nebraska a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United



States for the term of six years, beginning on the 3rd day of January, 2021.

Witness: His excellency our governor Pete Ricketts, and our seal hereto affixed at Lincoln, Nebraska this 30th day of November, in the year of our Lord 2020.

By the governor:

PETE RICKETTS,  
Governor.

Attest:

ROBERT B. EVNEN,  
Secretary of State.

[State Seal Affixed]

#### STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

##### CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR A SIX-YEAR TERM

*To the President of the Senate of the United States:*

This is to certify that on the third day of November, two-thousand and twenty Jeanne Shaheen was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of New Hampshire to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years beginning on the third day of January, two thousand and twenty-one.

Witness, His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu and the Seal of the State of New Hampshire hereto affixed at Concord, this second day of December, in the year of Our Lord two thousand and twenty.

By the Governor, with advice of the Council,

CHRISTOPHER T. SUNUNU,  
Governor.

WILLIAM M. GARDNER,  
Secretary of State.

[State Seal Affixed]

#### STATE OF MINNESOTA

##### CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX YEAR TERM

*To the President of the Senate of the United States:*

This is to certify that on the third day of November, 2020, Tina Smith was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Minnesota a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the 3d day of January, 2021.

Witness: His excellency our governor Tim Walz, and our seal hereto affixed at Saint Paul this second day of December, in the year of our Lord 2020.

By the governor:

TIM WALZ,  
Governor.

STEVE SIMON,  
Secretary of State.

[State Seal Affixed]

#### STATE OF ALASKA

##### CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR TERM

*To the President of the Senate of the United States:*

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

Witness: His excellency our governor Mike Dunleavy, and our seal hereto affixed at Anchorage this 8th day of December, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Twenty.

By the Governor:

MIKE DUNLEAVY,  
Governor.

By the Lieutenant Governor:

KEVIN MEYER,  
Lieutenant Governor.

[State Seal Affixed]

#### STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

##### CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR TERM

*To the President of the Senate of the United States:*

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

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto signed my name and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State, at the Capital City of Raleigh this the 11th day of December, 2020.

ROY COOPER,  
Governor.

ELAINE F. MARSHALL,  
Secretary of State.

[State Seal Affixed]

#### STATE OF ALABAMA

##### CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX YEAR TERM

*To the President of the Senate of the United States:*

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

In Testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great and Principal Seal of the State of Alabama, at the Capitol, in the City of Montgomery, on this 23rd day of November in the year 2020.

KAY IVEY,  
Governor.

JOHN H. MERRILL,  
Secretary of State.

[State Seal Affixed]

#### THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

##### CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR TERM

*To the President of the Senate of the United States:*

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

Witness: His Excellency our Governor Ralph S. Northam, and our seal hereto affixed at Richmond, Virginia this 8th day of December, in the year of our Lord, 2020.

RALPH S. NORTHAM,  
Governor of Virginia.

KELLY THOMASSON,  
Secretary of the Commonwealth.

[State Seal Affixed]

#### ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE

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

The clerk will read the names of the first pair.

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

These Senators, escorted by Mr. SCHUMER and Mr. BARRASSO, respectively, advanced to the desk of the Vice President; the oath prescribed by law was administered to them by the Vice

President; and they severally subscribed to the oath in the Official Oath Book.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Congratulations.

(Applause, Senators rising.)

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

The legislative clerk called the names of Mr. CASSIDY of Louisiana and Ms. COLLINS of Maine.

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

The VICE PRESIDENT. Congratulations.

(Applause, Senators rising.)

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

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

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

The VICE PRESIDENT. Congratulations.

(Applause, Senators rising.)

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

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

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

The VICE PRESIDENT. Congratulations.

(Applause, Senators rising.)

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

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

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

The VICE PRESIDENT. Congratulations.

(Applause, Senators rising.)

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

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

These Senators, escorted by Mr. BLUNT, and Mr. ALEXANDER and Mrs. BLACKBURN, respectively, advanced to

the desk of the Vice President; the oath prescribed by law was administered to them by the Vice President; and they severally subscribed to the oath in the Official Oath Book.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Congratulations.

(Applause, Senators rising.)

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

The legislative clerk called the names of Mr. Hickenlooper of Colorado and Mrs. HYDE-SMITH of Mississippi.

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

The VICE PRESIDENT. Congratulations, Senators.

(Applause, Senators rising.)

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

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

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

The VICE PRESIDENT. Congratulations, Senators.

(Applause, Senators rising.)

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

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

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

The VICE PRESIDENT. Congratulations, Senators.

(Applause, Senators rising.)

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

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

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

The VICE PRESIDENT. Congratulations, Senators.

(Applause, Senators rising.)

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

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

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

The VICE PRESIDENT. Congratulations, Senators.

(Applause, Senators rising.)

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

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

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

The VICE PRESIDENT. Congratulations, Senators.

(Applause, Senators rising.)

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

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

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

The VICE PRESIDENT. Congratulations, Senators.

(Applause, Senators rising.)

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

The legislative clerk called the names of Mrs. SHAHEEN of New Hampshire and Ms. SMITH of Minnesota.

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

The VICE PRESIDENT. Congratulations, Senators.

(Applause, Senators rising.)

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

The legislative clerk called the names of Mr. SULLIVAN of Alaska and Mr. TILLIS of North Carolina.

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

The VICE PRESIDENT. Congratulations, Senators.

(Applause, Senators rising.)

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

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

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

The VICE PRESIDENT. Congratulations, Senators.

(Applause, Senators rising.)

### QUORUM CALL

The VICE PRESIDENT. The majority leader.

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The absence of a quorum having been suggested, the clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk called the roll, and the following Senators entered the Chamber and answered to their names:

#### [Quorum No. 1]

Baldwin	Duckworth	Merkley
Barrasso	Durbin	Murphy
Bennet	Ernst	Peters
Blackburn	Gillibrand	Reed
Blunt	Graham	Risch
Booker	Grassley	Rounds
Boozman	Hagerty	Sasse
Cantwell	Hassan	Schumer
Capito	Hickenlooper	Shaheen
Carper	Hyde-Smith	Shelby
Cassidy	Inhofe	Smith
Collins	Kelly	Stabenow
Coons	Klobuchar	Sullivan
Cornyn	Lankford	Tillis
Cortez Masto	Lujan	Tuberville
Cotton	Lummis	Warner
Cramer	Markey	Warren
Crapo	Marshall	Wicker
Daines	McConnell	Wyden

The VICE PRESIDENT. A quorum is present.

### LIST OF SENATORS BY STATES

Alabama—RICHARD C. SHELBY and Tommy Tuberville  
 Alaska—LISA MURKOWSKI and DAN SULLIVAN  
 Arizona—KYRSTEN SINEMA and MARK KELLY  
 Arkansas—JOHN BOOZMAN and TOM COTTON  
 California—DIANNE FEINSTEIN and KAMALA D. HARRIS  
 Colorado—MICHAEL F. BENNET and John Hickenlooper  
 Connecticut—RICHARD BLUMENTHAL and CHRISTOPHER MURPHY  
 Delaware—THOMAS R. CARPER and CHRISTOPHER A. COONS  
 Florida—MARCO RUBIO and RICK SCOTT  
 Georgia—KELLY LOEFFLER  
 Hawaii—BRIAN SCHATZ and MAZIE HIRONO  
 Idaho—MIKE CRAPO and JAMES E. RISCH  
 Illinois—RICHARD J. DURBIN and TAMMY DUCKWORTH

Indiana—TODD YOUNG and MIKE BRAUN  
 Iowa—CHUCK GRASSLEY and JONI ERNST  
 Kansas—JERRY MORAN and ROGER MARSHALL  
 Kentucky—MITCH MCCONNELL and RAND PAUL  
 Louisiana—BILL CASSIDY and JOHN KENNEDY  
 Maine—SUSAN M. COLLINS and ANGUS S. KING, JR.  
 Maryland—BENJAMIN L. CARDIN and CHRIS VAN HOLLEN  
 Massachusetts—ELIZABETH WARREN and EDWARD J. MARKEY  
 Michigan—DEBBIE STABENOW and GARY C. PETERS  
 Minnesota—AMY KLOBUCHAR and TINA SMITH  
 Mississippi—ROGER F. WICKER and CINDY HYDE-SMITH  
 Missouri—ROY BLUNT and JOSH HAWLEY  
 Montana—JON TESTER and STEVE DAINES  
 Nebraska—DEB FISCHER and BEN SASSE  
 Nevada—CATHERINE CORTEZ MASTO and JACKY ROSEN  
 New Hampshire—JEANNE SHAHEEN and MARGARET WOOD HASSAN  
 New Jersey—ROBERT MENENDEZ and CORY A. BOOKER  
 New Mexico—MARTIN HEINRICH and Ben Ray Lujan  
 New York—CHARLES E. SCHUMER and KIRSTEN E. GILLIBRAND  
 North Carolina—RICHARD BURR and THOM TILLIS  
 North Dakota—JOHN HOEVEN and KEVIN CRAMER  
 Ohio—SHERROD BROWN and ROB PORTMAN  
 Oklahoma—JAMES M. INHOFE and JAMES LANKFORD  
 Oregon—RON WYDEN and JEFF MERKLEY  
 Pennsylvania—ROBERT P. CASEY, JR., and PATRICK J. TOOMEY  
 Rhode Island—JACK REED and SHEL-DON WHITEHOUSE  
 South Carolina—LINDSEY GRAHAM and TIM SCOTT  
 South Dakota—JOHN THUNE and MIKE ROUNDS  
 Tennessee—MARSHA BLACKBURN and Bill Hagerty  
 Texas—JOHN CORNYN and TED CRUZ  
 Utah—MIKE LEE and MITT ROMNEY  
 Vermont—PATRICK J. LEAHY and BERNARD SANDERS  
 Virginia—MARK R. WARNER and TIM KAINE  
 Washington—PATTY MURRAY and MARIA CANTWELL  
 West Virginia—JOE MANCHIN III and SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO  
 Wisconsin—RON JOHNSON and TAMMY BALDWIN  
 Wyoming—JOHN BARRASSO and Cynthia Lummis

#### RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The VICE PRESIDENT. The majority leader is recognized.

#### WELCOMING MEMBERS OF THE SENATE

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

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

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

We gavel in today like 116 prior Senates have gavelled in before us, with plenty of disagreements and policy differences among our ranks but all—all—swearing the same oath to support and defend the same Constitution, all loving the same country, and all of us committed to do all we can to leave behind an even stronger nation than the one we have been blessed to inherit.

So I look forward to the Senate's work these next 2 years. Let's make the American people proud.

#### INFORMING THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES THAT A QUORUM OF EACH HOUSE IS ASSEMBLED

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 1, submitted earlier today.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 1) establishing a committee to inform the President of the United States that a quorum of each House is assembled.

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

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

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

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

#### S. RES. 1

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

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

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

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

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

#### S. RES. 2

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

#### FIXING THE HOUR OF DAILY MEETING OF THE SENATE

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

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

#### S. RES. 3

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

# TO PROVIDE FOR THE COUNTING OF THE ELECTORAL VOTES FOR PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

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

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

## S. CON. RES. 1

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

The VICE PRESIDENT. The Chair appoints the Senator from Missouri, Mr. BLUNT, and the Senator from Minnesota, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, as tellers on the part of the Senate to count the electoral votes.

# EXTENDING THE LIFE OF THE JOINT CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE ON INAUGURAL CEREMONIES

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Con. Res. 2.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 2) extending the life of the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies and authorizing the use of the rotunda and Emancipation Hall of the Capitol by the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies in connection with the proceedings and ceremonies conducted for the inauguration of the President-elect and the Vice President-elect of the United States.

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

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

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

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

## S. CON. RES. 2

*Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring),*

# SECTION 1. REAUTHORIZATION OF JOINT COMMITTEE.

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

## SEC. 2. USE OF CAPITOL.

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

## UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGREEMENTS

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

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

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

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that for the duration of the 117th Congress, there be a limitation of 15 minutes each upon any rollcall vote, with the warning signal to be sounded at the midway point, beginning at the

last 7½ minutes, and when rollcall votes are of 10-minute duration, the warning signal be sounded at the beginning of the last 7½ minutes.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that during the 117th Congress, it be in order for the Secretary of the Senate to receive reports at the desk when presented by a Senator at any time during the day of the session of the Senate.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the majority and minority leaders may daily have up to 10 minutes each on each calendar day following the prayer and disposition of the reading of, or the approval of, the Journal.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that, notwithstanding the provisions of Rule XXVIII, conference reports and statements accompanying them not be printed as Senate reports when such conference reports and statements have been printed as a House report unless specific request is made in the Senate in each instance to have such a report printed.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Appropriations be authorized during the 117th Congress to file reports during the adjournments or recesses of the Senate on appropriations bills, including joint resolutions, together with any accompanying notices of motions to suspend Rule XVI, pursuant to Rule V, for the purpose of offering certain amendments to such bills or joint resolutions, which proposed amendments shall be printed.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that, for the duration of the 117th Congress, the Secretary of the Senate be authorized to make technical and clerical corrections in the engrossments of all Senate-passed bills and joint resolutions, Senate amendments to House bills and resolutions, Senate amendments to House amendments to Senate bills and resolutions, and Senate amendments to House amendments to Senate amendments to House bills or resolutions.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that, for the duration of the 117th Congress, when the Senate is in recess or adjournment the Secretary of the Senate is authorized to receive messages from the President of the United States, and—with the exception of House bills, joint resolutions and concurrent resolutions—messages from the House of Representatives; and that they be appropriately referred; and that the President of the Senate, the President pro tempore, and the Acting President pro tempore be authorized to sign duly enrolled bills and joint resolutions.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that, for the duration of the 117th Congress, Senators be allowed to leave at the desk with the Journal clerk the names of two staff members who will be granted the privilege of the floor during the consideration of the specific matter noted, and that the Sergeant-

at-Arms be instructed to rotate staff members as space allows.

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

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

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

Without objection, it is so ordered.

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

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

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

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

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

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Objection is heard.

The resolution will go over, under the rule.

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

#### S. RES. 4

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

#### RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

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

#### MORNING BUSINESS

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

#### MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

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

#### EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

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

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

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE RECEIVED DURING ADJOURNMENT, 116TH CONGRESS

##### ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

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

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

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

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

#### MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

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

#### MEASURES HELD OVER/UNDER RULE

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

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

#### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. SCHUMER:

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

By Mr. SCHUMER:

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

#### SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. MCCONNELL:

S. Res. 1. A resolution establishing a Committee to Inform the President of the United States that a quorum of each House is assembled; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. MCCONNELL:

S. Res. 2. A resolution informing the House of Representatives that a quorum of the Senate is assembled; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. MCCONNELL:

S. Res. 3. A resolution fixing the hour of daily meeting of the Senate; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. MCCONNELL:

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

By Mr. MCCONNELL:

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

By Mr. MCCONNELL:

S. Con. Res. 2. A concurrent resolution extending the life of the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies and authorizing the use of the rotunda and Emancipation Hall of the Capitol by the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies in connection with the proceedings and ceremonies conducted for the inauguration of the President-elect and the Vice President-elect of the United States; considered and agreed to.

#### STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTION

By Mr. SCHUMER:

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

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

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

#### S. 11

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

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

(a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding the second sentence of section 113(a) of title 10, United States Code, the first person appointed, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, as Secretary of Defense in an appointment made on or after January 20, 2021, may be a person who is, on the date of appointment, within seven years after relief, but not within four years after relief, from active duty as a commissioned officer of a regular component of the Armed Forces.

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

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. 12. A bill to provide for an exception to a limitation against appointment of persons as Secretary of Defense within seven years of relief from

active duty as a regular commissioned officer of the Armed Forces; to the Committee on Armed Services.

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

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

S. 12

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

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

(a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding the second sentence of section 113(a) of title 10, United States Code, the first person appointed, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, as Secretary of Defense in an appointment made on or after January 20, 2021, may be a person who is, on the date of appointment, within seven years after relief, but not within four years after relief, from active duty as a commissioned officer of a regular component of the Armed Forces.

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

## SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

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

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

S. RES. 1

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

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

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

S. RES. 2

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

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

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

S. RES. 3

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

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

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

S. RES. 4

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

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

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

S. CON. RES. 1

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

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 2—EXTENDING THE LIFE OF THE JOINT CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE ON INAUGURAL CEREMONIES AND AUTHORIZING THE USE OF THE ROTUNDA AND EMANCIPATION HALL OF THE CAPITOL BY THE JOINT CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE ON INAUGURAL CEREMONIES IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROCEEDINGS AND CEREMONIES CONDUCTED FOR THE INAUGURATION OF THE PRESIDENT-ELECT AND THE VICE PRESIDENT-ELECT OF THE UNITED STATES**

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

S. CON. RES. 2

*Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring)*,

**SECTION 1. REAUTHORIZATION OF JOINT COMMITTEE.**

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

**SEC. 2. USE OF CAPITOL.**

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

## RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

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

## MEASURE READ THE FIRST TIME—S. 11

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

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

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

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

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Objection has been heard.

The bill will be read for the second time on the next legislative day.

Mr. MCCONNELL. I would just state to everyone that we are about to go out of session so there will be plenty of time for congratulations.



# ORDERS FOR WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2021, AT 12:30 P.M.

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

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

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

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

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

## NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate:

### COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

ROBERT BENEDICT BOWES, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE A COMMISSIONER OF THE COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION FOR A TERM EXPIRING APRIL 13, 2025, VICE BRIAN D. QUINTENZ, TERM EXPIRED.

### DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

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

### FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

JUDY SHELTON, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM FOR THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF FOURTEEN YEARS FROM FEBRUARY 1, 2010, VICE JANET L. YELLEN, RESIGNED.

### FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

JOHN CHASE JOHNSON, OF OKLAHOMA, TO BE INSPECTOR GENERAL, FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION. (NEW POSITION)

### TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY

CHARLES W. COOK, JR., OF MISSISSIPPI, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY FOR A TERM EXPIRING MAY 18, 2025, VICE RICHARD CAPEL HOWORTH, TERM EXPIRED.

RICKY RODEN, OF ALABAMA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE TERM EXPIRING MAY 18, 2021, VICE JAMES R. THOMPSON III.

### UNITED STATES TAX COURT

MARK VAN DYKE HOLMES, OF NEW YORK, TO BE A JUDGE OF THE UNITED STATES TAX COURT FOR A TERM OF FIFTEEN YEARS. (REAPPOINTMENT)

### DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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

### FEDERAL RETIREMENT THRIFT INVESTMENT BOARD

JOHN M. BARGER, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE FEDERAL RETIREMENT THRIFT INVESTMENT BOARD FOR A TERM EXPIRING OCTOBER 11, 2022, VICE DAVID AVREN JONES, TERM EXPIRED.

CHRISTOPHER BANCROFT BURNHAM, OF CONNECTICUT, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE FEDERAL RETIREMENT THRIFT INVESTMENT BOARD FOR A TERM EXPIRING SEPTEMBER 25, 2024, VICE RONALD DAVID MCCRAY, TERM EXPIRED.

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

## THE JUDICIARY

RAHKEL BOUCHET, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE AN ASSOCIATE JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA FOR THE TERM OF FIFTEEN YEARS, VICE JOHN RAMSEY JOHNSON, RETIRED.

SHARON E. GOODIE, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE AN ASSOCIATE JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA FOR THE TERM OF FIFTEEN YEARS, VICE ROBERT E. MORIN, RETIRED.

JOHN P. HOWARD III, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE AN ASSOCIATE JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE TERM OF FIFTEEN YEARS, VICE KATHRYN A. OBERLY, RETIRED.

### MERIT SYSTEMS PROTECTION BOARD

DENNIS DEAN KIRK, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE MERIT SYSTEMS PROTECTION BOARD FOR THE TERM OF SEVEN YEARS EXPIRING MARCH 1, 2023, VICE SUSAN TSUI GRUNDMANN, TERM EXPIRED.

## THE JUDICIARY

DANNY LAM NGUYEN, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE AN ASSOCIATE JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA FOR THE TERM OF FIFTEEN YEARS, VICE CAROL A. DALTON, RETIRED.

MARK A. ROBBINS, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE AN ASSOCIATE JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA FOR THE TERM OF FIFTEEN YEARS, VICE MICHAEL L. RANKIN, RETIRED.

CARL EZEKIEL ROSS, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE AN ASSOCIATE JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA FOR THE TERM OF FIFTEEN YEARS, VICE JUDITH BARTNOFF, RETIRED.

VIJAY SHANKER, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE AN ASSOCIATE JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE TERM OF FIFTEEN YEARS, VICE JOHN R. FISHER, RETIRED.

ELIZABETH J. SHAPIRO, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE AN ASSOCIATE JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA FOR THE TERM OF FIFTEEN YEARS, VICE LEE F. SATTERFIELD, TERM EXPIRED.

JOHN C. TRUONG, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE AN ASSOCIATE JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA FOR THE TERM OF FIFTEEN YEARS, VICE WENDELL P. GARDNER, JR., RETIRED.

### DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

CHAD F. WOLF, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE SECRETARY OF HOMELAND SECURITY, VICE KIRSTJEN NIELSEN, RESIGNED.

## THE JUDICIARY

TERRENCE M. ANDREWS, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE A JUDGE OF THE UNITED STATES COURT OF FEDERAL CLAIMS FOR A TERM OF FIFTEEN YEARS, VICE EDWARD J. DAMICH, TERM EXPIRED.

RAUL M. ARIAS-MARXUACH, OF PUERTO RICO, TO BE UNITED STATES CIRCUIT JUDGE FOR THE FIRST CIRCUIT, VICE JUAN R. DEL VALLE TORRUELLA, DECEASED.

JOSEPH L. BARLOON, OF MARYLAND, TO BE A JUDGE OF THE UNITED STATES COURT OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE, VICE LEO MAURY GORDON, RETIRED.

### DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

MELANIE J. BEVAN, OF FLORIDA, TO BE UNITED STATES MARSHAL FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA FOR THE TERM OF FOUR YEARS, VICE WILLIAM BENEDICT BERGER, SR., TERM EXPIRED.

## THE JUDICIARY

MARIA TERESA BONIFACIO CENZON, OF GUAM, TO BE JUDGE FOR THE DISTRICT COURT OF GUAM FOR THE TERM OF TEN YEARS, VICE FRANCES MARIE TYDINGCO-GATEWOOD, TERM EXPIRED.

STEPHEN ANDREW KUBIATOWSKI, OF KENTUCKY, TO BE A JUDGE OF THE UNITED STATES COURT OF FEDERAL CLAIMS FOR A TERM OF FIFTEEN YEARS, VICE MARGARET MARY SWEENEY, TERM EXPIRED.

EDMUND G. LACOUR, JR., OF ALABAMA, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF ALABAMA, VICE ANDREW LYNN BRASHER, ELEVATED.

GRACE KARAFFA OBERMANN, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE A JUDGE OF THE UNITED STATES COURT OF FEDERAL CLAIMS FOR A TERM OF FIFTEEN YEARS, VICE SUSAN G. BRADEN, TERM EXPIRED.

## NOMINATIONS RETURNED TO THE PRESIDENT

Sunday, January 3, 2021

The following nominations transmitted by the President of the United States to the Senate during the first session of the 116th Congress, and upon which no action was had at the time of the sine die adjournment of the Senate, failed of confirmation under the provisions of Rule XXXI, paragraph 6, of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

### ADMINISTRATIVE CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED STATES

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

## AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION

RAMSEY COATS DAY, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE TERM EXPIRING SEPTEMBER 22, 2021.

### AMTRAK BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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

LEON A. WESTMORELAND, OF GEORGIA, TO BE A DIRECTOR OF THE AMTRAK BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR A TERM OF FIVE YEARS.

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

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

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

THEODORE ROKITA, OF INDIANA, TO BE A DIRECTOR OF THE AMTRAK BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE TERM EXPIRING JANUARY 3, 2021.

THEODORE ROKITA, OF INDIANA, TO BE A DIRECTOR OF THE AMTRAK BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR A TERM EXPIRING JANUARY 3, 2026.

### CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

PETER MICHAEL THOMSON, OF LOUISIANA, TO BE INSPECTOR GENERAL, CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY.

### COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

ROBERT BENEDICT BOWES, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE A COMMISSIONER OF THE COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION FOR A TERM EXPIRING APRIL 13, 2025.

### CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

NANCY B. BECK, OF NEW YORK, TO BE A COMMISSIONER OF THE CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION FOR A TERM OF SEVEN YEARS FROM OCTOBER 27, 2018.

NANCY B. BECK, OF NEW YORK, TO BE CHAIRMAN OF THE CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION.

### DEFENSE NUCLEAR FACILITIES SAFETY BOARD

MATTHEW MOURY, OF MARYLAND, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE DEFENSE NUCLEAR FACILITIES SAFETY BOARD FOR A TERM EXPIRING OCTOBER 18, 2021.

### DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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

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

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

### DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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

NEIL JACOBS, OF NORTH CAROLINA, TO BE UNDER SECRETARY OF COMMERCE FOR OCEANS AND ATMOSPHERE.

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

MICHAEL J. WALSH, JR., OF VIRGINIA, TO BE GENERAL COUNSEL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE.

DANIEL HUFF, OF MASSACHUSETTS, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF COMMERCE.

### DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

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

MICHELE A. PEARCE, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE GENERAL COUNSEL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY.

JOHN E. WHITLEY, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE DIRECTOR OF COST ASSESSMENT AND PROGRAM EVALUATION, DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.

LOUIS W. BREMER, OF CONNECTICUT, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE.

LUCAS N. POLAKOWSKI, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE.

BRADLEY D. HANSELL, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE A DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE.

CRAIG DUEHRING, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE A DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE.

JONATHAN MOAK, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE ARMY.

JON CHRISTOPHER KREITZ, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE.

MATTHEW B. SHIPLEY, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE.

BRIAN S. DAVIS, OF NORTH CAROLINA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE.

SCOTT FRANCIS O'GRADY, OF TEXAS, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE.

### DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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

### DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

CHAD F. WOLF, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE SECRETARY OF HOMELAND SECURITY.

### DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

MICHAEL ALLEN HAGAR, OF ARKANSAS, TO BE UNITED STATES MARSHAL FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF ARKANSAS FOR THE TERM OF FOUR YEARS.

RICHARD E. ZUCKERMAN, OF MICHIGAN, TO BE AN ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL.

KATHARINE T. SULLIVAN, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL.  
JUSTIN E. HERDMAN, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA FOR THE TERM OF FOUR YEARS.  
MELANIE J. BEVAN, OF FLORIDA, TO BE UNITED STATES MARSHAL FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA FOR THE TERM OF FOUR YEARS.

## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

JULIE ELIZABETH HOCKER, OF PENNSYLVANIA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF LABOR.

## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

STEVEN CHRISTOPHER KOUTSIS, OF MASSACHUSETTS, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF CHAD.

C.J. MAHONEY, OF KANSAS, TO BE LEGAL ADVISER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE.

ALEX NELSON WONG, OF NEW JERSEY, TO BE ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FOR SPECIAL POLITICAL AFFAIRS IN THE UNITED NATIONS, WITH THE RANK OF AMBASSADOR.

ALEX NELSON WONG, OF NEW JERSEY, TO BE AN ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE SESSIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITED NATIONS DURING HIS TENURE OF SERVICE AS ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FOR SPECIAL POLITICAL AFFAIRS IN THE UNITED NATIONS.

ALDONA Z. WOS, OF NORTH CAROLINA, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO CANADA.

WILLIAM E. TODD, OF VIRGINIA, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR EXECUTIVE SERVICE, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF PAKISTAN.

RONALD MORTENSEN, OF UTAH, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE (POPULATION, REFUGEES, AND MIGRATION).

BARBERA HALE THORNHILL, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE.

KATHERINE CAMILLE HENDERSON, OF TENNESSEE, FOR THE RANK OF AMBASSADOR DURING HER TENURE OF SERVICE AS CHIEF OF PROTOCOL.

CARLOS TRUJILLO, OF FLORIDA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE (WESTERN HEMISPHERE AFFAIRS).

KENNETH R. WEINSTEIN, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO JAPAN.

ERIK PAUL BETHEL, OF FLORIDA, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF PANAMA.

MARSHALL BILLINGSLEA, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE FOR ARMS CONTROL AND INTERNATIONAL SECURITY.

LEORA ROSENBERG LEVY, OF CONNECTICUT, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF CHILE.

MANISHA SINGH, OF FLORIDA, TO BE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE ORGANIZATION FOR ECONOMIC COOPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT, WITH THE RANK OF AMBASSADOR.

KEITH W. DAYTON, OF WASHINGTON, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO UKRAINE.

J. MARK BURKHALTER, OF GEORGIA, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE KINGDOM OF NORWAY.

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

ANDRE BAUER, OF SOUTH CAROLINA, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO BELIZE.

DOUGLAS MACGREGOR, OF PENNSYLVANIA, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY.

ANDREW JOHN LAWLER, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR OCEANS AND INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL AND SCIENTIFIC AFFAIRS.

RYAN MICHAEL TULLY, OF NEW YORK, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE (VERIFICATION AND COMPLIANCE).

WILLIAM RUGER, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF AFGHANISTAN.

ERIC P. WENDT, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE STATE OF QATAR.

DAVID L. FOGEL, OF CONNECTICUT, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE (ECONOMIC AND BUSINESS AFFAIRS).

ELDON P. REGUA, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHEAST ASIAN NATIONS, WITH THE RANK AND STATUS OF AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY.

## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

KIPP KRANBUHL, OF OHIO, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

BRIAN P. BROOKS, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE COMPTROLLER OF THE CURRENCY FOR A TERM OF FIVE YEARS.

## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

FINCH FULTON, OF ALABAMA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION.

DIANA FURCHTGOFF-ROTH, OF MARYLAND, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION.

JOEL SZABAT, OF MARYLAND, TO BE UNDER SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION FOR POLICY.

## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

DOUGLAS BENEVENTO, OF COLORADO, TO BE DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY.

## EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

MICHAEL RIGAS, OF MASSACHUSETTS, TO BE DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR MANAGEMENT, OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET.

## EXPORT-IMPORT BANK OF THE UNITED STATES

CLAUDIA SLACIK, OF NEW YORK, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE EXPORT-IMPORT BANK OF THE UNITED STATES FOR A TERM EXPIRING JANUARY 20, 2023.

PAUL SHMOTOLOKHA, OF WASHINGTON, TO BE FIRST VICE PRESIDENT OF THE EXPORT-IMPORT BANK OF THE UNITED STATES FOR A TERM EXPIRING JANUARY 20, 2021.

PETER J. CONIGLIO, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE INSPECTOR GENERAL, EXPORT-IMPORT BANK.

## FARM CREDIT ADMINISTRATION

RODNEY K. BROWN, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE FARM CREDIT ADMINISTRATION BOARD, FARM CREDIT ADMINISTRATION, FOR A TERM EXPIRING OCTOBER 13, 2024.

## FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

JOHN CHASE JOHNSON, OF OKLAHOMA, TO BE INSPECTOR GENERAL, FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION.

## FEDERAL HOSPITAL INSURANCE TRUST FUND

JAMES B. LOCKHART III, OF CONNECTICUT, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE FEDERAL HOSPITAL INSURANCE TRUST FUND FOR A TERM OF FOUR YEARS.

WILLIAM G. DAUSTER, OF MARYLAND, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE FEDERAL HOSPITAL INSURANCE TRUST FUND FOR A TERM OF FOUR YEARS.

## FEDERAL LABOR RELATIONS AUTHORITY

CATHERINE BIRD, OF TEXAS, TO BE GENERAL COUNSEL OF THE FEDERAL LABOR RELATIONS AUTHORITY FOR A TERM OF FIVE YEARS.

## FEDERAL OLD-AGE AND SURVIVORS INSURANCE TRUST FUND

JAMES B. LOCKHART III, OF CONNECTICUT, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE FEDERAL OLD-AGE AND SURVIVORS INSURANCE TRUST FUND AND THE FEDERAL DISABILITY INSURANCE TRUST FUND FOR A TERM OF FOUR YEARS.

WILLIAM G. DAUSTER, OF MARYLAND, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE FEDERAL OLD-AGE AND SURVIVORS INSURANCE TRUST FUND AND THE FEDERAL DISABILITY INSURANCE TRUST FUND FOR A TERM OF FOUR YEARS.

## FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

JUDY SHELTON, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM FOR THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF FOURTEEN YEARS FROM FEBRUARY 1, 2010.

## FEDERAL RETIREMENT THRIFT INVESTMENT BOARD

JOHN M. BARGER, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE FEDERAL RETIREMENT THRIFT INVESTMENT BOARD FOR A TERM EXPIRING OCTOBER 11, 2022.

CHRISTOPHER BANCROFT BURNHAM, OF CONNECTICUT, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE FEDERAL RETIREMENT THRIFT INVESTMENT BOARD FOR A TERM EXPIRING SEPTEMBER 25, 2024.

FRANK DUNLEVY, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE FEDERAL RETIREMENT THRIFT INVESTMENT BOARD FOR A TERM EXPIRING SEPTEMBER 25, 2022.

## FEDERAL SUPPLEMENTARY MEDICAL INSURANCE TRUST FUND

JAMES B. LOCKHART III, OF CONNECTICUT, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE FEDERAL SUPPLEMENTARY MEDICAL INSURANCE TRUST FUND FOR A TERM OF FOUR YEARS.

WILLIAM G. DAUSTER, OF MARYLAND, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE FEDERAL SUPPLEMENTARY MEDICAL INSURANCE TRUST FUND FOR A TERM OF FOUR YEARS.

## FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT AND MANAGEMENT BOARD FOR PUERTO RICO

ANDREW GEORGE BIGGS, OF OREGON, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT AND MANAGEMENT BOARD FOR PUERTO RICO FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE TERM EXPIRING AUGUST 30, 2019.

JOSE BALDOMERO CARRION, OF PUERTO RICO, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT AND MANAGEMENT BOARD FOR PUERTO RICO FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE TERM EXPIRING AUGUST 30, 2019.

CARLOS M. GARCIA, OF MASSACHUSETTS, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT AND MANAGEMENT BOARD FOR PUERTO RICO FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE TERM EXPIRING AUGUST 30, 2019.

ARTHUR J. GONZALEZ, OF NEW YORK, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT AND MANAGEMENT BOARD FOR PUERTO RICO FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE TERM EXPIRING AUGUST 30, 2019.

JOSE R. GONZALEZ, OF NEW YORK, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT AND MANAGEMENT BOARD FOR PUERTO RICO FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE TERM EXPIRING AUGUST 30, 2019.

ANA MATOSANTOS, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT AND MANAGEMENT BOARD FOR PUERTO RICO FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE TERM EXPIRING AUGUST 30, 2019.

DAVID SKEEL, OF PENNSYLVANIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT AND MANAGEMENT BOARD FOR PUERTO RICO FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE TERM EXPIRING AUGUST 30, 2019.

## HARRY S TRUMAN SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

TONY HAMMOND, OF MISSOURI, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE HARRY S TRUMAN SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION FOR A TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 10, 2025.

MICHAEL W. HAIL, OF KENTUCKY, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE HARRY S TRUMAN SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION FOR A TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 10, 2023.

ZACHARY T. HAINES, OF OHIO, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE HARRY S TRUMAN SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION FOR A TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 10, 2023.

## INTER-AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK

ANDELIZ N. CASTILLO, OF NEW YORK, TO BE UNITED STATES ALTERNATE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE INTER-AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK.

## INTER-AMERICAN FOUNDATION

CARLOS TRUJILLO, OF FLORIDA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE INTER-AMERICAN FOUNDATION FOR A TERM EXPIRING SEPTEMBER 20, 2024.

## INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT

ASHOK MICHAEL PINTO, OF ILLINOIS, TO BE UNITED STATES ALTERNATE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT FOR A TERM OF TWO YEARS.

## MERIT SYSTEMS PROTECTION BOARD

JULIA AKINS CLARK, OF MARYLAND, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE MERIT SYSTEMS PROTECTION BOARD FOR THE TERM OF SEVEN YEARS EXPIRING MARCH 1, 2021.

DENNIS DEAN KIRK, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE MERIT SYSTEMS PROTECTION BOARD FOR THE TERM OF SEVEN YEARS EXPIRING MARCH 1, 2023.

DENNIS DEAN KIRK, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE CHAIRMAN OF THE MERIT SYSTEMS PROTECTION BOARD.

B. CHAD BUNGARD, OF MARYLAND, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE MERIT SYSTEMS PROTECTION BOARD FOR THE TERM OF SEVEN YEARS EXPIRING MARCH 1, 2025.

## NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

GREGORY AUTRY, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER, NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION.

## NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

CHARLES WICKSER BANTA, OF NEW YORK, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL ON THE ARTS FOR A TERM EXPIRING SEPTEMBER 3, 2022.

MICHELLE ITCZAK, OF INDIANA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL ON THE ARTS FOR A TERM EXPIRING SEPTEMBER 3, 2020.

BARBARA COLEEN LONG, OF MISSOURI, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL ON THE ARTS FOR A TERM EXPIRING SEPTEMBER 3, 2022.

CARLETON VARNEY, OF MASSACHUSETTS, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL ON THE ARTS FOR A TERM EXPIRING SEPTEMBER 3, 2022.

DANIEL ASIA, OF ARIZONA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL ON THE ARTS FOR A TERM EXPIRING SEPTEMBER 3, 2024.

WINIFRED BINGHAM, OF FLORIDA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL ON THE ARTS FOR A TERM EXPIRING SEPTEMBER 3, 2024.

LORENZO CANDELARIA, OF NEW YORK, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL ON THE HUMANITIES FOR A TERM EXPIRING JANUARY 26, 2024.

ELIZABETH GLEASON, OF PENNSYLVANIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL ON THE ARTS FOR A TERM EXPIRING SEPTEMBER 3, 2020.

JESSE MERRIAM, OF MARYLAND, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL ON THE HUMANITIES FOR A TERM EXPIRING JANUARY 26, 2024.

ROBERT JOSEPH KRUCKEMEYER, OF TEXAS, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL ON THE HUMANITIES FOR A TERM EXPIRING JANUARY 26, 2022.

JOYCE CAMPBELL GIUFFRÀ, OF NEW YORK, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL ON THE ARTS FOR A TERM EXPIRING SEPTEMBER 3, 2024.

## OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

CRAIG EDWARD LEEN, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE INSPECTOR GENERAL, OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT.

JOHN GIBBS, OF MICHIGAN, TO BE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT FOR A TERM OF FOUR YEARS.

# OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE

PATRICK HOVAKIMIAN, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE GENERAL COUNSEL OF THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE.

ALLEN ROBERT SOUZA, OF NORTH CAROLINA, TO BE INSPECTOR GENERAL OF THE INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY, OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE.

## PRIVACY AND CIVIL LIBERTIES OVERSIGHT BOARD

ADITYA RAMZAI, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE PRIVACY AND CIVIL LIBERTIES OVERSIGHT BOARD FOR A TERM EXPIRING JANUARY 29, 2026.

## PUBLIC BUILDINGS REFORM BOARD

GINO D. CAMPANA, OF COLORADO, TO BE CHAIRPERSON OF THE PUBLIC BUILDINGS REFORM BOARD FOR A TERM OF SIX YEARS.

## SECURITIES INVESTOR PROTECTION CORPORATION

BRUCE POLIQUIN, OF MAINE, TO BE A DIRECTOR OF THE SECURITIES INVESTOR PROTECTION CORPORATION FOR A TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2021.

THOMAS M. MISTELE, OF FLORIDA, TO BE A DIRECTOR OF THE SECURITIES INVESTOR PROTECTION CORPORATION FOR A TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2023.

THOMAS M. MISTELE, OF FLORIDA, TO BE A DIRECTOR OF THE SECURITIES INVESTOR PROTECTION CORPORATION FOR A TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2020.

MICHAEL J. FINKEL, OF NEW JERSEY, TO BE A DIRECTOR OF THE SECURITIES INVESTOR PROTECTION CORPORATION FOR A TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2022.

WILLIAM S. JASSEN, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE A DIRECTOR OF THE SECURITIES INVESTOR PROTECTION CORPORATION FOR A TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2023.

## SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

DAVID CHRISTIAN TRYON, OF OHIO, TO BE CHIEF COUNSEL FOR ADVOCACY, SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION.

## SOCIAL SECURITY ADVISORY BOARD

JASON J. FICHTNER, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ADVISORY BOARD FOR A TERM EXPIRING SEPTEMBER 30, 2024.

## TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY

CHARLES W. COOK, JR., OF MISSISSIPPI, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY FOR A TERM EXPIRING MAY 18, 2025.

RICKY RODEN, OF ALABAMA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE TERM EXPIRING MAY 18, 2021.

## THE JUDICIARY

ELIZABETH J. SHAPIRO, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE AN ASSOCIATE JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA FOR THE TERM OF FIFTEEN YEARS.

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

BARBARA BAILEY JONGBLOED, OF CONNECTICUT, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE DISTRICT OF CONNECTICUT.

MARK A. ROBBINS, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE AN ASSOCIATE JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA FOR THE TERM OF FIFTEEN YEARS.

CARL EZEKIEL ROSS, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE AN ASSOCIATE JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA FOR THE TERM OF FIFTEEN YEARS.

GRACE KARAFFA OBERMANN, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE A JUDGE OF THE UNITED STATES COURT OF FEDERAL CLAIMS FOR A TERM OF FIFTEEN YEARS.

ADAM L. BRAVERMAN, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA.

KNUT SVEINBJORN JOHNSON, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA.

STEVE KIM, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA.

SANDY NUNES LEAL, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA.

R. SHIREEN MATTHEWS, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE A UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA.

MICHELLE M. PETTIT, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA.

RICK LLOYD RICHMOND, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA.

JEREMY B. ROSEN, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA.

JENNIFER P. TOGLIATTI, OF NEVADA, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEVADA.

SARITHA KOMATIREDDY, OF NEW YORK, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK.

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

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

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

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

DIRK B. PALOUTZIAN, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA.

EDMUND G. LACOUR, JR., OF ALABAMA, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF ALABAMA.

JAMES P. ARGUELLES, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA.

FRED JOSEPH FEDERICI III, OF NEW MEXICO, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW MEXICO.

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

JOHN P. HOWARD III, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE AN ASSOCIATE JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE TERM OF FIFTEEN YEARS.

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

HECTOR GONZALEZ, OF NEW YORK, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK.

RYAN THOMAS MCALLISTER, OF NEW YORK, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK.

DAVID CAREY WOLL, JR., OF NEW YORK, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK.

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

STEPHEN ANDREW KUBIATOWSKI, OF KENTUCKY, TO BE A JUDGE OF THE UNITED STATES COURT OF FEDERAL CLAIMS FOR A TERM OF FIFTEEN YEARS.

JOSEPH L. BARLOON, OF MARYLAND, TO BE A JUDGE OF THE UNITED STATES COURT OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE.

MARIA TERESA BONIFACIO CENZON, OF GUAM, TO BE JUDGE FOR THE DISTRICT COURT OF GUAM FOR THE TERM OF TEN YEARS.

RAUL M. ARIAS-MARXUACH, OF PUERTO RICO, TO BE UNITED STATES CIRCUIT JUDGE FOR THE FIRST CIRCUIT.

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

## UNITED STATES ADVISORY COMMISSION ON PUBLIC DIPLOMACY

CHARLES L. GLAZER, OF CONNECTICUT, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE UNITED STATES ADVISORY COMMISSION ON PUBLIC DIPLOMACY FOR A TERM EXPIRING JULY 1, 2020.

CHARLES L. GLAZER, OF CONNECTICUT, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE UNITED STATES ADVISORY COMMISSION ON PUBLIC DIPLOMACY FOR A TERM EXPIRING JULY 1, 2023.

## UNITED STATES AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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

## UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT FINANCE CORPORATION

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

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

## UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

WILLIAM PATRICK JOSEPH KIMMITT, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION FOR A TERM EXPIRING JUNE 16, 2029.

## UNITED STATES PAROLE COMMISSION

VIRGIL MADDEN, OF INDIANA, TO BE A COMMISSIONER OF THE UNITED STATES PAROLE COMMISSION FOR A TERM OF SIX YEARS.

MONICA DAVID MORRIS, OF FLORIDA, TO BE A COMMISSIONER OF THE UNITED STATES PAROLE COMMISSION FOR A TERM OF SIX YEARS.

ALMO J. CARTER, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE A COMMISSIONER OF THE UNITED STATES PAROLE COMMISSION FOR A TERM OF SIX YEARS.

## UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE

ROMOLO A. BERNARDI, OF NEW YORK, TO BE A GOVERNOR OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE FOR A TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 8, 2023.

## UNITED STATES TAX COURT

MARK VAN DYKE HOLMES, OF NEW YORK, TO BE A JUDGE OF THE UNITED STATES TAX COURT FOR A TERM OF FIFTEEN YEARS.

## In the Air Force

AIR FORCE NOMINATION OF BRIG. GEN. MICHAEL J. REGAN, JR., TO BE MAJOR GENERAL.

AIR FORCE NOMINATION OF COL. PAUL S. LYMAN, TO BE BRIGADIER GENERAL.

AIR FORCE NOMINATION OF BRIG. GEN. RYAN T. OKAHARA, TO BE MAJOR GENERAL.

AIR FORCE NOMINATION OF COL. CARLA D. RINER, TO BE BRIGADIER GENERAL.

## In the Army

ARMY NOMINATION OF GEN. PAUL J. LACAMERA, TO BE GENERAL.

## In the Coast Guard

COAST GUARD NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH CAPT. GREGORY T. PRESTIDGE AND ENDING WITH CAPT. MELISSA L. RIVERA, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON FEBRUARY 24, 2020.

## In the Marine Corps

MARINE CORPS NOMINATION OF COL. DAVID NATHANSON, TO BE BRIGADIER GENERAL.

## In the Navy

NAVY NOMINATION OF ADM. JOHN C. AQUILINO, TO BE ADMIRAL.

## In the Air Force

AIR FORCE NOMINATION OF KEVIN L. RAWSON, TO BE MAJOR.

AIR FORCE NOMINATION OF CHARLES J. HOWELL, TO BE MAJOR.

AIR FORCE NOMINATION OF CHRISTOPHER C. STEPHENSON, TO BE MAJOR.

AIR FORCE NOMINATION OF DENNIS A. WIJERS, TO BE MAJOR.

AIR FORCE NOMINATION OF KIM E. KREKE, TO BE MAJOR.

AIR FORCE NOMINATION OF PETER J. ORSI III, TO BE MAJOR.

AIR FORCE NOMINATION OF ADAM R. GOLDEN, TO BE MAJOR.

AIR FORCE NOMINATION OF RYAN M. KOHLER, TO BE MAJOR.

AIR FORCE NOMINATION OF LAUREN A. Z. OTT, TO BE MAJOR.

AIR FORCE NOMINATION OF JEREMY P. MALLARI, TO BE MAJOR.

AIR FORCE NOMINATION OF EBONY V. GODFREY, TO BE MAJOR.

## In the Army

ARMY NOMINATION OF JULIO RIVERA, TO BE LIEUTENANT COLONEL.

ARMY NOMINATION OF ANDREW J. ARCHULETA, TO BE COLONEL.

ARMY NOMINATION OF ARTHUR J. ANDERSON, TO BE MAJOR.

ARMY NOMINATION OF JAMES M. CALDWELL, TO BE MAJOR.

ARMY NOMINATION OF JONATHAN P. KOERNIG, TO BE COLONEL.

## FOREIGN SERVICE

FOREIGN SERVICE NOMINATION OF LEANDRO RIZZUTO.

## In the Marine Corps

MARINE CORPS NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH PATRICK R. MORAN AND ENDING WITH ANTHONY N. SAMA, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON FEBRUARY 4, 2020.

MARINE CORPS NOMINATION OF SAMUEL K. LEE, TO BE COLONEL.

MARINE CORPS NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH BRETT A. ALLISON AND ENDING WITH BARIAN A. WOODWARD, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON NOVEMBER 30, 2020.

## In the Navy

NAVY NOMINATION OF DONALD KING, TO BE CAPTAIN.

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## HIGHLIGHTS

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

## Senate

### Chamber Action

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

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**Measures Passed:**

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

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

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

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

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

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**Administration of Oath of Office:** The Senators-elect were administered the oath of office by the Vice President.

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**Authority for Select Committee on Ethics:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that for the duration of the 117th Congress, the Eth-

ics Committee be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate.

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

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

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

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

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

Rule XVI, pursuant to Rule V, for the purpose of offering certain amendments to such bills or joint resolutions, which proposed amendments shall be printed.

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**Authority for Corrections in Engrossment:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that, for the duration of the 117th Congress, the Secretary of the Senate be authorized to make technical and clerical corrections in the engrossments of all Senate-passed bills and joint resolutions, Senate amendments to House bills and resolutions, Senate amendments to House amendments to Senate bills and resolutions, and Senate amendments to House amendments to House bills or resolutions.

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

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

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

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

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

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**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Carl Ezekiel Ross, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Barbara Bailey Jongbloed, of Connecticut, to be United States District Judge for the District of Connecticut.

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

Carl Ezekiel Ross, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

Neil Jacobs, of North Carolina, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere.



C.J. Mahoney, of Kansas, to be Legal Adviser of the Department of State.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Chris Koos, of Illinois, to be a Director of the Amtrak Board of Directors for a term of five years.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Jose R. Gonzalez, of New York, to be a Member of the Financial Oversight and Management Board

for Puerto Rico for the remainder of the term expiring August 30, 2019.

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

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

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

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

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

Almo J. Carter, of the District of Columbia, to be a Commissioner of the United States Parole Commission for a term of six years.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Nancy B. Beck, of New York, to be a Commissioner of the Consumer Product Safety Commission for a term of seven years from October 27, 2018.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Dirk B. Paloutzian, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of California.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Allen Robert Souza, of North Carolina, to be Inspector General of the Intelligence Community, Office of the Director of National Intelligence.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

William Patrick Joseph Kimmitt, of Virginia, to be a Member of the United States International Trade Commission for a term expiring June 16, 2029.

Eldon P. Regua, of California, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, with the rank and status of Ambassador.

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

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

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

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

4 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

2 Coast Guard nominations in the rank of admiral.

1 Marine Corps nomination in the rank of general.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Foreign Service, Marine Corps, and Navy. **Pages S10–12**

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**Quorum Calls:** One quorum call was taken today. (Total—1) **Page S5**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 12:01 p.m. and adjourned at 12:49 p.m., until 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 6, 2021. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S10.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

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

**Additional Cosponsors:**

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

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

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

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**Call of the States:** On the Call of the States, 427 Members reported their presence, Roll No. 1.

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**Election Credentials for the Resident Commissioner and Delegates:** The Clerk announced that credentials have been received showing the elections

of the following: Honorable Jenniffer González-Colón, Resident Commissioner from the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico; Honorable Eleanor Holmes Norton, Delegate from the District of Columbia; Honorable Michael F. Q. San Nicolas, Delegate from Guam; Honorable Stacey E. Plaskett, Delegate from the Virgin Islands; Honorable Aumua Amata Coleman Radewagen, Delegate from American Samoa; and Honorable Gregorio Kilili Camacho Sablan, Delegate from the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

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

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

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**Election of Speaker:** The Honorable Nancy Pelosi of California was elected Speaker of the House of Representatives and received 216 votes. The Honorable Kevin McCarthy received 209 votes, The Honorable Tammy Duckworth received 1 vote, and The Honorable Hakeem Jeffries received 1 vote. Earlier, the Clerk appointed Representatives-elect Kaptur,

Rodney Davis (IL), Lofgren, and Foxx to act as Tellers. **Pages H2–4**

**Escort Committee:** The Clerk appointed the following committee to escort the Speaker-elect to the Chair: Representatives-elect Hoyer, McCarthy, Clyburn, Scalise, Clark (MA), Cheney, Jeffries, Emmer, Aguilar, Palmer, Sean Patrick Maloney, Mike Johnson, Beatty, Hudson, Jacobs, Stephanie Bice; and the members of the California delegation: Representatives-elect Waters, Calvert, Eshoo, Roybal-Allard, Lofgren, Sherman, Lee, Napolitano, Thompson, Schiff, Nunes, Sánchez, Costa, Matsui, McNerney, Speier, McClintock, Chu, Garamendi, Bass, Bera, Brownley, Cárdenas, Huffman, LaMalfa, Lowenthal, Peters, Ruiz Swalwell, Takano, Vargas, DeSaulnier, Lieu, Torres, Barragán, Carbal, Correa, Khanna, Pannetta, Gomez, Harder, Levin, Porter, Obernolte, Valadao, Garcia, Kim, Steel, and Issa. **Pages H4–5**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 4:52 p.m. and reconvened at 5:18 p.m. **Page H5**

**Administration of the Oath of Office to the Speaker:** The Dean of the House, the Honorable Don Young, administered the oath of office to the Speaker. The Speaker then administered the oath to the Honorable Don Young, the Dean of the House. **Pages H5–7**

**Moment of Silence:** The House observed a moment of silence in remembrance of the late Honorable Luke Letlow, Member-elect from the 5th District of Louisiana. **Page H7**

**Authorizing and directing the Speaker to administer the oath of office:** The House agreed to H. Res. 1, authorizing and directing the Speaker to administer the oath of office, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 371 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 3. **Pages H7–8**

**Administration of the Oath of Office to Members of the 117th Congress:** The Speaker administered the oath to the Members, Resident Commissioner, and Delegates. **Page H8**

**Election of Majority and Minority Leaders:** The Chairman of the Democratic Caucus, Representative Jeffries, announced the election of Representative Hoyer as the Majority Leader. The Chairman of the Republican Conference, Representative Cheney, announced the election of Representative McCarthy as the Minority Leader. **Page H9**

**Election of Majority and Minority Whips:** The Chairman of the Democratic Caucus, Representative Jeffries, announced the election of Representative Clyburn as the Majority Whip and Representative Clark (MA) as Assistant Speaker. The Chairman of the Republican Conference, Representative Cheney,

announced the election of Representative Scalise as the Minority Whip. **Page H9**

**Electing Officers of the House of Representatives:** The House agreed to H. Res. 2, electing the following officers for the House of Representatives: Cheryl L. Johnson, Clerk; Paul D. Irving, Sergeant-at-Arms; Catherine Szpindor, Chief Administrative Officer; and Margaret Grun Kibben, Chaplain. **Page H9**

Agreed that the question be divided on the adoption of the resolution so as to have a separate vote on the election of the Chaplain. Agreed to the first portion of the resolution by voice vote. Agreed to the remainder of the resolution by voice vote. **Page H9**

Rejected the Cheney amendment to H. Res. 2 by voice vote. **Page H9**

**Notify the Senate that a Quorum Has Assembled:** The House agreed to H. Res. 3, to inform the Senate that a quorum of the House has assembled and of the election of the Speaker and the Clerk. **Page H9**

**Notify the President of the Assembly of the 117th Congress:** The House agreed to H. Res. 4 authorizing the Speaker to appoint a committee to notify the President of the assembly of the Congress. Subsequently, the Speaker appointed Representatives Hoyer and McCarthy to the committee. Later, Representative Hoyer announced that the Committee had notified the President that a quorum of each House had assembled and was ready to receive any communication he may be pleased to make. **Page H9**

**Notify the President of the Election of the Speaker and the Clerk:** The House agreed to H. Res. 5, authorizing the Clerk to inform the President of the election of the Speaker and the Clerk. **Page H9**

**Designation of Minority Employees:** The House agreed to H. Res. 6, providing for the designation of certain minority employees. **Page H10**

**Authorizing the Speaker to administer the oath of office:** The House agreed to H. Res. 7, authorizing the Speaker to administer the oath of office. **Page H10**

**Oath of Office Designation:** Pursuant to the provisions of House Resolution 7, 117th Congress, the Chair appointed the Honorable Debbie Wasserman Schultz of Florida to administer the oath of office to the Honorable Alcee L. Hastings of Florida. **Page H10**

**Introduction and referral of bills:** The Chair announced that because the rules of the 117th Congress have not yet been adopted, the right of Members to introduce bills, and the authority of the



Speaker to refer them, was delayed. The Chair stated that submitted bills would be held until adoption of the rules, at which time they would be referred as expeditiously as possible to the appropriate committee; and at that time, the bills which were not referred and did not appear in the Record as of that day would be included in the next day's Record and printed with a date as of the time that the rules were adopted. **Page H10**

**Providing for the counting on January 6, 2021, of the electoral votes for President and Vice President of the United States:** The House agreed to S. Con. Res. 1, to provide for the counting on January 6, 2021, of the electoral votes for President and Vice President of the United States. **Page H10**

**Extending the life of the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies and authorizing the use of the rotunda and Emancipation Hall of the Capitol by the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies in connection with the proceedings and ceremonies conducted for the inauguration of the President-elect and the Vice President-elect of the United States:** The House agreed to S. Con. Res. 2, extending the life of the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies and authorizing the use of the rotunda and Emancipation Hall of the Capitol by the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies in connection with the proceedings and ceremonies conducted for the inauguration of the President-elect and the Vice President-elect of the United States. **Page H10**

**Whole Number of the House:** Under clause 5(d) of Rule 20, the Chair announced to the House that the whole number of the House is 430. **Page H10**

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

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

on pages H7–8. There was one quorum call, Roll No. 1, which appears on pages H1–2.

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

## *Committee Meetings*

No hearings were held.

## *Joint Meetings*

No joint committee meetings were held.

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 2021

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

#### Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

#### House

No hearings are scheduled.

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### CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of January 4 through January 8, 2021

#### Senate Chamber

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

#### Senate Committees

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

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

#### House Committees

No hearings are scheduled.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

12:30 p.m., Wednesday, January 6

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

10 a.m., Monday, January 4

## Senate Chamber

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

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

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

## House Chamber

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



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