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

## ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE CLERK

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

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

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

The Honorable James C. Moylan as Delegate from Guam;

The Honorable Stacey E. Plaskett as Delegate from the Virgin Islands;

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

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

# ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE CLERK

The CLERK. The Clerk will state that since the last regular election of Representatives to the 118th Congress, a vacancy now exists in the Fourth District of the Commonwealth of Virginia, occasioned by the death of the late Honorable A. Donald McEachin.

# ELECTION OF SPEAKER

The CLERK. Pursuant to law and precedent, the next order of business is the election of the Speaker of the House of Representatives for the 118th Congress.

Nominations are now in order.

The Clerk recognizes the gentlewoman from New York (Ms. STEFANIK).

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Clerk, on behalf of the House Republican Conference, I rise today to nominate the gentleman from California, KEVIN McCarthy, as Speaker of the House to lead America's new Republican majority.

In just 2 years of failed one-party Democrat rule, the American people have suffered from a historic border crisis, rampant crime, crippling inflation, rising energy costs, runaway debt, unconstitutional attacks on our fundamental freedoms, and weakness at home and abroad.

The people across this great Nation spoke loudly and clearly that they wanted a new direction. They wanted a new direction to stop this radical, farleft agenda, to hold Joe Biden accountable, and to save the United States of America.

Under KEVIN McCarthy's leadership, House Republicans drafted a bold vision to put our Nation back on track. Our commitment to America is a promise to the American people that this new Republican majority will stand up for an economy that is strong, a Nation that is safe, a future that is built upon freedom, and a government that is accountable to the people.

KEVIN McCarthy is the proud son of a firefighter, and a fourth-generation Californian from Kern County. Home to wildcatters, frontiersmen, and the right stuff, Bakersfield embodies the American spirit to work hard and dream big. This spirit that built our great Nation is what we need in our next Speaker.

KEVIN McCarthy is a strong conservative. He is proudly pro-life, a supporter of our Second Amendment rights, and he is committed to stopping wasteful government spending and shrinking the size of government.

When Republicans last held the majority, KEVIN helped to reduce domestic spending and lower the tax burden on hardworking American families.

As our Republican leader over the past several years, KEVIN has taken the fight to one-party Democrat rule on behalf of the American people. He helped bring this historic border crisis to the national consciousness, a crisis KEVIN made sure Democrats could no longer ignore.

He fought for and succeeded in repealing the ill-advised military COVID vaccine mandate, and he stood on this very floor and spoke for a record 8 hours and 35 minutes to not only delay the vote in the House, but to make the case that ultimately defeated Joe Biden and House Democrats' dangerous build back broke legislation.

No one, no one in this body has worked harder for this Republican majority than Kevin McCarthy. Since the day Kevin was elected as our leader, House Republicans have only gained seats and won. While Republicans in the Senate and State legislatures lost seats, House Republicans are the only ones who have consistently won because Kevin knows what we stand for; he knows when we should engage in the fight; and he knows how to build consensus.

Importantly, KEVIN has done the work of listening to all Americans, traveling to nearly every district in this country, fighting for conservative

values, and fighting for the people that are committed to upholding them. KEVIN has shown up in the communities of every Member in our Conference, and I can guarantee he has shown up in the districts of many of our colleagues across the aisle, as well.

His relentless effort has yielded an extraordinary new House Republican majority that represents our country's greatness from all walks of life. When the last Congress gaveled in 2 years ago, every new Republican welcomed to our Conference was a woman, veteran, or minority. Today's House Republican Conference is the most diverse Republican Conference in our Nation's history.

A seasoned legislator, an experienced leader, a friend to so many of us, a proud conservative with a tireless work ethic, KEVIN MCCARTHY has earned this Speakership of the people's House.

Madam Clerk, as the chair of the Republican Conference, it is my high honor to present our Conference's nominee for election to the office of the Speaker of the people's House, the Honorable Kevin McCarthy from the State of California.

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

Mr. AGUILAR. Madam Clerk, I rise today at the direction of the House Democratic Caucus to place into nomination for election to the position of Speaker of the House of Representatives, the pride of Brooklyn, HAKEEM JEFFRIES of New York.

Today, Madam Clerk, House Democrats are united, united by a Speaker who will put people over politics. Hakeem Jeffries has worked his entire life to improve economic opportunity for all people. He is committed to strengthening the American Dream by lowering costs for working families, building safer communities by taking weapons of war off streets, and by creating good-paying jobs in industries of the future.

As we work to implement our historic legislative accomplishments of the last 2 years, House Democrats are united behind a Speaker who wants to make things in America and bring home jobs that have been shipped overseas; to write a tax code that rewards hard work, not wealth; to invest in clean energy that reduces our country's dependence on fossil fuels.

From voting rights to reproductive rights, we are united, Madam Clerk. We are unified behind a Speaker who is an unapologetic advocate for protecting and expanding our freedoms. He does not traffic in extremism. He does not grovel to or make excuses for a twice-impeached, so-called former President.

Madam Clerk, he does not bend a knee to anyone who would seek to undermine our democracy because, Madam Clerk, that is not what leaders do; because he understands what great leaders of this House understand, that this body and this institution are best equipped to serve the needs of this de-

mocracy and the beautiful mosaic of the Members it sends; that our responsibility, as Members of this body, is to protect the American Dream and honor the sacrifice of the generations before us, like the sacrifice of a mother and a social worker who borrowed against her pension to put her children through school.

Mom and Dad were determined that their children would graduate without any debt so that they could pursue their dreams to the best of their ability, no matter the hardship or the sacrifice.

Today, Hakeem's leadership style is quite simple: Spread love; it's the Brooklyn way.

It is born of this working-class upbringing in that same borough, Hakeem and his brother were raised in the first home that their parents ever bought, thanks to their collectively bargained salary, and it is where they live today.

It was in this House where his younger brother saw a future leader; where his mother saw a thoughtful, passionate young man; and where his father saw a competitor whose GPA went up when his younger brother started high school.

His family always at his side, some here with us today, and some watching from home, his mom and dad, Kenny, J.J., Joshua, and his younger brother, Dr. Hasan Jeffries.

Mrs. Jeffries and her husband told their sons, it doesn't matter what you do, but it has to be done in the service of people. That is how Hakeem will lead. He is going to serve all of us so that we can best serve the American public. That selflessness, that commitment to success of those around you is what shaped his career and what will shape our joint future together.

He knows success isn't about personal achievement. He is a leader who will be with you in the beginning, whether it is your bill and an important priority in your district, he will ride alongside you as you do the work, and he will be there at the end to see it through because he knows that our success means that we can raise the quality of life for our constituents, creating better jobs, and building safer communities.

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He is guided every step of the way by the faith that his mom instilled in him. Sunday mornings weren't always easy in the Jeffries house. The young man who knew he wanted to be a lawyer would argue with his mom about going to church that day, but failure is a good teacher. He lost those arguments.

Now HAKEEM goes to church every weekend, sometimes that one where his church family is at Cornerstone Baptist or somewhere else in the district where he can meet his constituents where they are. He remembers that after church on Sundays he would go to Nano's house, where there was an open door at his grandmother's house for the

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entire neighborhood and their elders to come with food and conversation, a young Hakeem listening to everything but usually just trying to catch the score of the Jets game. This is where wisdom gets passed down.

Now, guided by the faith and wisdom of leaders like JIM CLYBURN, GREG MEEKS, John Lewis, STENY HOYER, and D'ALESANDRO PELOSI—it is shaped by that guidance that we are prepared to nominate a leader who will open the door to the new generation of leadership.

Madam Clerk, a Latino is nominating for leader of this Chamber a Black man for the first time in our history.

Madam Clerk, that is progress, and it is progress that the country wants to continue for this Congress and for our country.

Therefore, as chair of the Democratic Caucus, I am directed by the vote of that Caucus to present for election to the Office of Speaker of the House of Representatives for the 118th Congress the name of the Honorable HAKEEM JEFFRIES, a Representative-elect from the State of New York.

The CLERK. The names of the Honorable Kevin McCarthy, a Representative-elect from the State of California, and the Honorable HAKEEM JEFFRIES, a Representative-elect from the State of New York, have been placed in nomina-

Are there further nominations?

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

Mr. GOSAR. Madam Clerk, America knows that Washington is broken. The power doesn't reside in the Speaker. It doesn't reside in the majority or the minority leaders, nor the whip. The power resides in we the people, the people putting trust in us here—each individual Member—to represent their districts, their State, and the Federal Government.

Washington is broken. We are the last ones to know. A wise person once told me that good process builds good policy builds good politics. We have to return to that.

Madam Clerk, with that, I place the name of my friend and colleague from Arizona, ANDY BIGGS, for Speaker of the House.

The CLERK. Are there further nominations?

There being no further nominations, the Clerk appoints the following tell-

The gentleman from Georgia (Mr. LOUDERMILK);

The gentlewoman from California (Ms. Lee):

The gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. STEIL); and

The gentleman from New York (Mr. MORELLE).

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

The names of the Honorable KEVIN McCarthy, a Representative-elect from the State of California; the Honorable Hakeem Jeffries, a Representa-

tive-elect from the State of New York; and the Honorable ANDY BIGGS, a Representative-elect from the State of Arizona, have been placed in nomination.

The roll now will 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:

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Auchineloss	Gonzalez,	Payne
Balint	Vicente	Pelosi
Barragán	Gottheimer	Peltola
Beatty Bera	Green (TX) Grijalva	Perez
Beyer	Harder (CA)	Peters Pettersen
Bishop (GA)	Hayes	Phillips
Blumenauer	Higgins (NY)	Pingree
Blunt Rochester	Himes	Pocan
Bonamici	Horsford	Porter
Bowman	Houlahan	Pressley
Boyle (PA)	Hoyer	Quigley
Brown	Hoyle (OR)	Ramirez
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Carbajal	Jackson Lee	Ruppersberger Ryan
Cárdenas	Jacobs	Salinas
Carson	Jayapal	Sánchez
Carter (LA)	Jeffries	Sarbanes
Cartwright	Johnson (GA)	Scanlon
Casar	Kamlager-Dove	Schakowsky
Case	Kaptur	Schiff
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Clarke (NY)	Landsman	Slotkin
Cleaver	Larsen (WA)	Smith (WA)
Clyburn	Larson (CT)	Sorensen
Cohen Connolly	Lee (CA) Lee (NV)	Soto
Correa	Lee (PA)	Spanberger
Costa	Leger Fernandez	Stansbury
Courtney	Levin	Stanton
Craig	Lieu	Stevens
Crockett	Lofgren	Strickland Swalwell
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Evans	Mrvan	Vasquez
Fletcher	Mullin	Veasey
Foster	Nadler	Velázquez
Foushee	Napolitano	Wasserman
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### JORDAN-6

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ANSWERED "PRESENT"-0 NOT VOTING-0

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The CLERK. The tellers agree in their tallies that the total number of votes cast is 434, of which the Honorable Hakeem Jeffries of the State of New York has received 212, the Honorable KEVIN McCarthy of the State of

California has received 203, the Honorable ANDY BIGGS of the State of Arizona has received 10, the Honorable JIM JORDAN of the State of Ohio has received 6, the Honorable JIM BANKS of the State of Indiana has received 1, the Honorable LEE ZELDIN of the State of New York has received 1, the Honorable BYRON DONALDS of the State of Florida has received 1.

No persons having received a majority of the whole number of votes cast by surname, a Speaker has not been elected. Following the procedure used by the House in 1923 and recorded in Cannon's Precedents, volume 6, section 24, the Clerk is prepared to direct the Reading Clerk to call the roll anew.

The Clerk recognizes the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. JORDAN).

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

Madam Clerk, I think we have three objectives this Congress, three fundamental things we have to get done in the 118th Congress.

First, pass the bills that fix the problems. In 2 years' time, we have a border that is no longer a border. We have a military that can't meet its recruitment goals. We have bad energy policy, bad education policy, record spending, record inflation, record debt, and a government that has been weaponized against we, the people, against the very people we represent.

So we need to pass legislation that address all that. And I hope my Democratic colleagues will join me, I really do. But I have my doubts; and if they don't, and if CHUCK SCHUMER says no, we are not going to take up that legislation that we pass, and if Joe Biden won't sign it, so be it. They will have to answer to the people in 2024.

Second, we can never, ever, let a bill like the one that passed 12 days ago, \$1.7 trillion spent, we can never, ever let that kind of legislation pass again. We have to pass a budget that makes sense, that is good common sense, then do the 12 appropriation bills that recognize it is the people's money—not ours—and send it to the Senate and then stand firm on that legislation.

Again, if they won't take it up, and Joe Biden won't sign it, we can stand firm on a CR or something. We can have that fight. But we are not going to have what took place a week and a half ago ever happen again.

Then finally, third, and this is important, we have got to do the oversight and the investigations that need to be done. This idea that bureaucrats who never put their name on a ballot, but they think run the country, who have assaulted our constituents' First Amendment liberties, they need to be held accountable. That has to happen.

We need to do it, and we need to do it in a way that is consistent with the Constitution, but we need to do it vigorously and aggressively. That is part of our duty as Members of this body.

To my friends here on this side of the aisle, I would just say this: The dif-

ferences we may have, the differences between JOYCE and JORDAN or BIGGS and BACON, they pale in comparison to the differences between us and the left which now, unfortunately, controls the other party.

So we had better come together and fight for these key things, these three things. That is what the people want us to do.

I think KEVIN MCCARTHY is the right guy to lead us, I really do, or I wouldn't be standing up here giving this speech. I came in with KEVIN. We came in the same time, 16 years ago. We haven't always agreed on everything, but I like his fight, I like his tenacity.

I remember KEVIN told me; they actually wrote about this in a book. I can remember KEVIN told me, the toughest times in life are when you get knocked down. The question is can you come back, and I have always seen him do that.

We need to rally around him, come together, and deal with these three things because this is what the people sent us here to do.

My favorite scripture verse is 2 Timothy 4:7. Paul is the old guy giving advice to the young guy, and he says, fight the good fight. Finish the course. Keep the faith. I like the verse because it is a verse of action: Fight, finish, keep; not wimpy words, words that I think fit America. That is what the American people want us to do. They want us to fight for the things they care about and they elected us to do.

We should all remember, only about 12,000 people have ever had the opportunity to do what we are doing today, sit in this body, serve in this Congress. It is a privilege; it is an opportunity.

We owe it to them, the American people, the good people of this great country, to step forward to come together, get a Speaker elected so we can address these three things.

I hope you will vote for KEVIN MCCARTHY, and that is why I am proud to nominate him for Speaker of the House.

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

Mr. AGUILAR. Madam Clerk, we are witnessing history here today. For half of that, I wasn't quite sure who the gentleman from Ohio was nominating. He was nominating himself.

The CLERK. Is the gentleman rising to place a name in nomination?

Mr. AGUILAR. I am, Madam Clerk. I would just like to be afforded the same opportunity that the gentleman from Ohio took, Madam Clerk.

Consider all that has happened. The last time an election for Speaker went to a second ballot, Leader JEFFRIES' beloved New York Yankees had not yet won a World Series.

Consider all that has happened since then; the work that the body has entertained; the work that we have done for the people over that time.

We are unified behind a Speaker who will continue that progress, despite the

chaos on the other side, Madam Clerk. We are going to stay here to get this done. We are unified, and we are going to support HAKEEM JEFFRIES for Speaker, the lead vote-getter, in the last ballot

Madam Clerk, as chair of the Democratic Caucus, I am directed by the vote of the Caucus to present for election to the Office of Speaker of the House of Representatives for the 118th Congress the name of the Honorable HAKEEM JEFFRIES, the Representative-elect for the State of New York, once again, and we will be unified once again in our support for him.

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

Mr. GAETZ. Madam Clerk, I rise to nominate a candidate for Speaker of the House.

Well, sometimes we have to do jobs that we don't really want to do, and sometimes we have to do jobs that we are called to do. So, my colleagues, I rise to nominate the most talented, hardest working member of the Republican Conference, who just gave a speech with more vision than we have ever heard from the alternative.

I am nominating JIM JORDAN. JIM JORDAN is humble, perhaps today, humble to a fault.

Maybe the right person for the job of Speaker of the House isn't someone who wants it so bad. Maybe the right person for the job of Speaker of the House isn't someone who has sold shares of himself for more than a decade to get it.

Maybe JIM JORDAN is the right person for Speaker of the House because he is not beholden to the lobbyists and special interests who have corrupted this place and corrupted this Nation under the leadership of both Republicans and Democrats.

Maybe JIM JORDAN would be the right person for Speaker of the House because he wouldn't fight us when we try to get a term limits bill on the floor. Maybe JIM JORDAN would be the right person because he wouldn't fight us when we try to put a balanced budget on the floor and vote for it.

Maybe JIM JORDAN is the right person because he would endorse the plan that was built by the Texas delegation to finally secure our border.

Mr. JORDAN said in his nomination that there are certain bills that we have to pass to fix the problem. The challenge is the alternative has been someone voting for the very bills that have caused these problems.

Mr. JORDAN says that we cannot accept legislation like the omnibus, and I fully agree; and if JIM JORDAN were Speaker of the House, if he were the leader of the Republican team, we wouldn't have that circumstance choking the economy of our country, increasing inflation, and diminishing the prospects of a better life for our fellow Americans.

Finally, Mr. JORDAN said we must engage in rigorous oversight. Every one

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of my Republican colleagues knows that the person who can lead that oversight effort, who works on it every day, who has the skill and the talent and the will is JIM JORDAN. I am nominating him, and I am voting for him.

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

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

The following is the result of the vote:

# [Roll No. 3]

#### JEFFRIES-212

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# ANSWERED "PRESENT"—0 NOT VOTING—0

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The CLERK. The tellers agree in their tallies that the total number of votes cast is 434, of which the Honorable HAKEEM JEFFRIES of the State of New York has received 212, the Honorable KEVIN MCCARTHY of the State of California has received 203, the Honorable JIM JORDAN of the State of Ohio has received 19.

No person having received a majority of the whole number of votes cast by surname, a Speaker has not been elected.

The Clerk recognizes the gentleman from Lousiana (Mr. Scalise).

Mr. SCALISE. Madam Clerk, I rise to nominate KEVIN MCCARTHY for the position of Speaker of the House. Madam Clerk, we all came here to get things done; to get big things done; to solve the problems. I hope when we get through today that all of the Members on both sides of the aisle will join together with us to solve the problems; to address inflation that is crushing middle-class families; to get control over spending that is driving the inflation.

We all know what those problems are. We have been talking about them for a long time. We have been proposing legislation for a long time. In fact, it was KEVIN MCCARTHY who put together task forces over a year ago to get Members engaged in the process of not just talking about what we don't like, not just talking about what the problems are. We know what those problems are. But how do you fix those problems?

So we started rolling those bills out. We have attempted to bring bills to this floor to address inflation; to lower the cost of goods when families go to the grocery store and they can't even buy all the food they need for their families, if they can find that food on the shelf. But those bills were rejected.

If a family has trouble putting gas in the tank to make it to the grocery store, because we have got such horrible energy policies under what President Biden has done to shut down American energy that families can't even afford to put gas in their tanks.

So we brought legislation to the floor to lower the cost of gasoline, and you know what? Those bills were rejected by the previous majority; and I use that term for a reason, previous majority, because we won a majority talking about fixing those problems. But we can't start fixing those problems until we elect KEVIN MCCARTHY as our next Speaker.

So what have we laid out? We have got bills just this week to start addressing some of those problems, to start addressing our energy insecurity that has been created when President Biden shut down American energy.

There is absolutely no reason that we need to rely on foreign countries to produce our energy. We can produce it all here, cleaner, better, more efficient, and create American jobs in the process. Let's get those bills to this floor.

How long have we been highlighting this open southern border that has not just brought millions of people across our border? KEVIN MCCARTHY has led delegations down to the border to show what the problem is. We know what the problem is.

This President refuses to even admit the problem. It is kind of hard for the President to solve a problem when he doesn't even admit it is a problem.

Yet, let's talk about the numbers. Over 2 million people have come across our border illegally just last year—that is more than the entire State of New Mexico—have come into our country illegally, and this President won't even admit it is a problem.

Last year alone, we lost over 100,000 young people to deaths from drugs like

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fentanyl because we have an open southern border. Everybody should be appalled by that stat; the fact that more than 100 of our youngest, best, and brightest kids are dead in America because of the fentanyl coming across our open southern border.

These are drugs made in China coming across our southern border and brought into every community in America, and it should stop. It has to stop. But it won't stop until either the President takes action, which he won't, or we pass legislation on the floor to fix those problems. But that doesn't start until we elect KEVIN MCCARTHY as our Speaker.

We know what the challenges are. We have laid out solutions to these problems. It is sad to say, these aren't problems that are very hard to fix because we weren't in this situation just a few years ago.

But if the administration doesn't want to fix these problems, people call on us to do that, and it starts here in the people's House.

Let's rise to this challenge. Let's meet the challenges that the American people sent all of us, not just the Republicans, not just the Democrats, but all 434, soon to be 435 of us. We can meet those challenges, but let's start by electing KEVIN McCarthy as our next Speaker.

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

Mr. AGUILAR. Madam Clerk, I rise to nominate HAKEEM JEFFRIES.

For unity in Congress and progress in our country, Democrats are united behind HAKEEM JEFFRIES. I recommend HAKEEM JEFFRIES as our Speaker.

The CLERK. The Clerk recognizes the gentleman from Texas (Mr. Roy).

Mr. ROY. Madam Clerk, I seek to place a name into nomination.

So this is what the Chamber looks like when we are actually debating, and the bodies are in chairs.

How many times have we been down here giving speeches and there is not a soul in the Chamber?

Yet, this is what it takes to get 435 people in the Chamber have an actual debate.

The American people are watching, and that is a good thing. What we are doing is exercising our rights to vote and have a debate and have a discussion about the future of this country through the decision of choosing a Speaker.

This is not personal. It is not. This is about the future of the country. This is about the direction of the country.

The American people are looking at this body and wondering why we can pass \$1.7 trillion bills that are unpaid for. They can just slide in \$45 billion for Ukraine but not pay for it; \$40 billion for emergency spending and not pay for it; 10 percent increase in defense spending; 6 percent increase in nondefense spending and not pay for it; and not do a thing, except put language in a bill that prohibits our ability to use the money to secure the border.

That bill gets rammed through, and we know exactly how it gets rammed through because the defense world and the nondefense world come together and say, you know what? We are going to cut a deal, and we will all go to the mikes, and we are all going to give speeches, and the American people are the big losers. That is what happens. We know that is what happens.

The Rules Committee sits up there and passes a bill, sends it to the floor, and we have no debate on the floor of this body. We haven't been able to offer an amendment on the floor of this body since May of 2016. The former leader and I have discussed this right here. That is true.

But the fact is, this place has to change. It has to change, and the change comes by either adopting rules and procedures that will make us actually do our job, or it comes from leadership.

People ask me, what do you want? I want the tools, or I want the leadership to stop the swamp from running over the average American every single day. We can't keep doing this.

I am going to sit here until we figure out how to stop spending money we don't have. I don't want any more empty promises. I don't want any more oh, don't worry, trust us; we will do it.

I want to know that we are going to be able to exercise our rights as Members of this body to stand up for the American people and actually fix this country; and it is not going to happen when we use our men and women in uniform and defense and wrap ourselves around that, and then spend more money that we don't have, weakening that defense, weakening our country in the process. But that is what we just did.

Madam Clerk, I am asking for us to come together and figure out how to solve these problems; and to do that, I am going to do what I did my very first act as a Member of Congress, or a Congressman-elect, and nominate JIM JORDAN for Speaker.

Now, JIM has said he doesn't want that nomination, and JIM has been down here nominating KEVIN, and I respect that. Again, I have no personal animus toward KEVIN, and I have worked for the last 2 months to try to figure out how to get the rules to make this place better, and we have made progress.

But we do not have the tools or the leadership yet to stop the swamp from rolling over the American people. JIM has been doing it. He has a track record of doing it and, for those reasons, I am nominating JIM JORDAN of Ohio for Speaker of the House of Representatives.

The CLERK. The Reading Clerk will 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. 4]

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Williams (GA)

Wilson (FL)

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### ANSWERED "PRESENT"—0 NOT VOTING—0

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### ADJOURNMENT

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

The CLERK. The question is on the motion to adjourn offered by the gentleman from Oklahoma (Mr. Cole).

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 5 o'clock and 27 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, January 4, 2023, at noon