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## House of Representatives

The House met at 8 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mrs. DEMINGS).

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,  
November 5, 2019.

I hereby appoint the Honorable VAL BUTLER DEMINGS to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

### PRAYER

Monsignor Stephen J. Rossetti, Ph.D., D.Min., Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C., offered the following prayer:

Good and gracious God, You are the creator of all. May we see Your face in all of creation and protect it as Your sacred gift. Most of all, may we see Your face in our brothers and sisters across the globe and across the aisle. May we love them as You do, and thus, come to know Your divine and everlasting peace. We pray this in Your holy name.

Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 4(a) of House Resolution 656, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The SPEAKER pro tempore led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Repub-

lic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### RESIGNATION FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following resignation from the House of Representatives:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
November 1, 2019.

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

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: I write to inform you that I have notified California Governor Gavin Newsom of my resignation from the U.S. House of Representatives, effective November 3, 2019. I came to Congress as part of an unprecedented movement—one that proved the country was ready for a new kind of leader. As one of the youngest members of Congress, the first openly LGBTQ woman elected to Congress from California, and a first-time candidate with no family background in wealth or politics who rejected corporate PAC money to focus on the priorities of individual people, my goal was to show every constituent that they have a voice and a place in the halls of power. I could not be prouder of what we accomplished together and what it means for the future of our country.

Working tirelessly for the people of California's 25th Congressional District has been the honor of my lifetime, and my service to California and the nation does not end here. My decision to resign my post is guided by my commitment to doing the most good for the most people, no matter how hard it is. As I turn my attention to other battles for now, I leave with deep gratitude and commitment to the success and well-being of my wonderful community and my incredible colleagues, especially my fellow members of the freshman class who have brought unprecedented promise, vigor, and vision to Congress. I will continue to fight for them, for our ideals, and for a better America for all. I look forward to continuing our important work together long into the future, wherever the road may take us.

Sincerely,

KATIE HILL,  
*Member of Congress.*

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
November 1, 2019.

Hon. GAVIN NEWSOM,  
*Governor, State Capitol,*  
*Sacramento, CA.*

DEAR GOVERNOR NEWSOM: I write to inform you that I will resign my seat in the U.S. House of Representatives, effective November 3, 2019. I came to Congress as part of an unprecedented movement—one that proved the country was ready for a new kind of leader. As one of the youngest members of Congress, the first openly LGBTQ woman elected to Congress from California, and a first-time candidate with no family background in wealth or politics who rejected corporate PAC money to focus on the priorities of individual people, my goal was to show every constituent that they have a voice and a place in the halls of power. I could not be prouder of what we accomplished together and what it means for the future of our country.

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Sincerely,

KATIE HILL,  
*Member of Congress.*

### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under clause 5(d) of rule XX, the Chair announces to the House that, in light of the resignation of the gentlewoman from California (Ms. HILL) the whole number of the House is 431.

□ This symbol represents the time of day during the House proceedings, e.g., □ 1407 is 2:07 p.m.

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



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COMMUNICATION FROM THE  
CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, November 4, 2019.

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

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on November 4, 2019, at 1:35 p.m.:

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 2423.

That the Senate passed with an amendment H.R. 3055.

With best wishes, I am,  
Sincerely,

CHERYL L. JOHNSON.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 4(b) of House Resolution 656, the House stands adjourned until 1 p.m. on Friday, November 8, 2019.

Thereupon (at 8 o'clock and 4 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Friday, November 8, 2019, at 1 p.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS,  
ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

2831. A letter from the Counsel, Legal Division, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, transmitting the Bureau's final rules — Consumer Leasing (Regulation M) received October 30, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Financial Services.

2832. A letter from the Counsel, Legal Division, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, transmitting the Bureau's final rules — Appraisals for Higher-Priced Mortgage Loans Exemption Threshold received October 30, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Financial Services.

2833. A letter from the Counsel, Legal Division, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, transmitting the Bureau's final rules — Truth in Lending (Regulation Z) received October 30, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Financial Services.

2834. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Energy, transmitting the Annual Report on the Utilization of Federal Technology for Fiscal Years 2016 and 2017, pursuant to 15 U.S.C. 3710(g)(2); Public Law 96-480, Sec. 11(g)(2) (as added by Public Law 106-404, Sec. 10(a)(3)); (114 Stat. 1748); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

2835. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation and Energy Efficiency, Office of Hearings and Appeals, Department of Energy, transmitting the Department's final rule — Revisions to the Office of Hearings and Appeals Procedural Regulations [DOE-OHA-2019-0024] (RIN: 1903-AA10) received October 30, 2019, pursuant

to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

2836. A letter from the Associate Commissioner for Legislative Affairs, Food and Drug Administration, transmitting a report titled: "Drug Shortages: Root Causes and Potential Solutions"; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

2837. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Nicaragua that was declared in Executive Order 13851 of November 27, 2018, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1641(c); Public Law 94-412, Sec. 401(c); (90 Stat. 1257) and 50 U.S.C. 1703(c); Public Law 95-223, Sec. 204(c); (91 Stat. 1627); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

2838. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Cooperation Agency, Department of Defense, transmitting Transmittal No. 19-0M, pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(b)(5)(C) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

2839. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Cooperation Agency, Department of Defense, transmitting Transmittal No. 19-72, pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

2840. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Cooperation Agency, Department of Defense, transmitting Transmittal No. 19-0N, pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(b)(5)(C) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

2841. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Cooperation Agency, Department of Defense, transmitting Transmittal No. 19-65, pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

2842. A letter from the Associate General Counsel for General Law, FEMA, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting a notification of a nomination, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 3349(a); Public Law 105-277, 151(b); (112 Stat. 2681-614); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

2843. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel, General Law, Ethics, and Regulation, Department of the Treasury, transmitting a notification of a nomination, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 3349(a); Public Law 105-277, 151(b); (112 Stat. 2681-614); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

2844. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's temporary rule — Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Atlantic Sea Scallop Fishery; Closure of the Mid-Atlantic Scallop Access Area to General Category Individual Fishing Quota Scallop Vessels [Docket No.: 181210999-9239-02] (RIN: 0648-XX016) received October 30, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

2845. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's temporary rule — Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; North Atlantic Swordfish Fishery [Docket No.: 120627194-3657-02] (RIN: 0648-XG606) received October 30, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

2846. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administra-

tion, transmitting the Administration's temporary rule — Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Atlantic Bluefin Tuna Fisheries [Docket No.: 180117042-8884-02] (RIN: 0648-XT026) received October 30, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

2847. A letter from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's temporary rule — Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Atlantic Bluefin Tuna Fisheries [Docket No.: 180117042-8884-02] (RIN: 0648-XT023) received October 30, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

2848. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's temporary rule — Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Shrimp Fishery off the Southern Atlantic States; Closure of the Penaeid Shrimp Fishery off Georgia [Docket No.: 120919470-3513-02] (RIN: 0648-XF965) received October 30, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

2849. A letter from the Chief, Regulatory Coordination Division, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Adjustment to Premium Processing Fee [CIS No.: 2649-19; DHS Docket No.: USCIS-2019-0018] (RIN: 1615-ZB81) received October 31, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

2850. A letter from the Acting Administrator, FEMA, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting a report advising that the cost of response and recovery efforts for FEMA-3422-EM in the State of Georgia has exceeded the limit for a single emergency declaration, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 5193(b)(3); Public Law 93-288, Sec. 503(b)(3) (as amended by Public Law 100-707, Sec. 107(a)); (102 Stat. 4707); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2851. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final regulations — Information Reporting for Certain Life Insurance Contract Transactions and Modifications to the Transfer for Valuable Consideration Rules [TD 9879] (RIN: 1545-BO49) received October 30, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON  
PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Ms. JOHNSON of Texas: Committee on Science, Space, and Technology. H.R. 4355. A bill to direct the Director of the National Science Foundation to support research on the outputs that may be generated by generative adversarial networks, otherwise known as deepfakes, and other comparable techniques that may be developed in the future, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 116-268). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.