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## House of Representatives

The House met at 2 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker.

### PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer: Merciful God, we give You thanks for giving us another year.

We ask Your blessing upon the Members of this people's House as they reconvene for the Second Session of the 116th Congress. May they anticipate the opportunities and difficulties that are before them, and before so many Americans, with steadfast determination to work together toward solutions that will benefit their countrymen.

Grant that they be worthy of the responsibilities they have been given by their constituents and truly be the people You have called them to be. May the walls of disagreement that have divided this assembly be put aside and replaced by a spirit of respect and dignity and, where needed, cooperation.

May Your spirit, O God, be in all of our hearts and minds and encourage us to do the works of peace and justice, now and always.

May all that we do be done for Your greater honor and glory.

Amen.

### COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

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

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, January 7, 2020.

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 January 7, 2020, at 12:18 p.m.:

That the Senate passed S. 3076.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

CHERYL L. JOHNSON.

### COMMUNICATION FROM CHAIR OF HOUSE DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following communication from the Chair of the House Democratic Caucus:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, January 7, 2020.

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

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: Pursuant to House of Representatives Rule X, Clause 5(b)(1), I am writing to inform you that Representative Jefferson Van Drew has resigned as a Member of the House Democratic Caucus.

Sincerely,

HAKEEM JEFFRIES,  
*Chairman,*  
*House Democratic Caucus.*

### COMMUNICATION FROM THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE

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

JANUARY 7, 2020.

Hon. COLLIN C. PETERSON,  
Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN PETERSON: This letter is to advise you that Representative Jefferson Van Drew's election to the Committee on Agriculture has been automatically vacated pursuant to clause 5(b) of rule X effective today.

Best regards,

NANCY PELOSI,  
*Speaker of the House.*

### COMMUNICATION FROM THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE

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

JANUARY 7, 2020.

Hon. RAÚL M. GRIJALVA,  
Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN GRIJALVA: This letter is to advise you that Representative Jefferson Van Drew's election to the Committee on Natural Resources has been automatically vacated pursuant to clause 5(b) of rule X effective today.

Best regards,

NANCY PELOSI,  
*Speaker of the House.*

### RECESS

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 2 o'clock and 4 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

□ 1830

### AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker at 6 o'clock and 30 minutes p.m.

### CALL OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER. A call of the House is ordered to ascertain the presence of a quorum.

Members will record their presence by electronic device.

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

[Roll No. 1]

ANSWERED "PRESENT"—384

Abraham	Bacon	Bishop (GA)
Adams	Baird	Bishop (NC)
Aderholt	Balderson	Bishop (UT)
Aguilar	Banks	Blumenauer
Allen	Barr	Blunt Rochester
Allred	Barragán	Bonamici
Amash	Bass	Bost
Amodel	Bera	Boyle, Brendan F.
Armstrong	Bergman	Brady
Arrington	Beyer	Brindisi
Axne	Biggs	Brooks (AL)
Babin	Bilirakis	

□ 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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Brooks (IN) Graves (GA) McHenry Stefanik Torres (CA) Wasserman  
Brown (MD) Graves (LA) McKinley Steil Torres Small Schultz  
Brownley (CA) Graves (MO) McNehey Steube Torres Small Watkins  
Buck Green (TN) Meadows Stevens Trahan Watson Coleman  
Bucshon Green, Al (TX) Meeks Stewart Trone Weber (TX)  
Budd Grothman Meuser Stivers Turner Welch  
Burchett Guest Miller Suozzi Underwood Wenstrup  
Burgess Guthrie Mitchell Swallow (CA) Upton Westerman  
Bustos Haaland Moolenaar Takano Van Drew Wexton  
Calvert Hagedorn Mooney (WV) Taylor Vargas Wild  
Carbajal Harder (CA) Moore Thompson (CA) Veasey Williams  
Cárdenas Harris Morelle Thompson (MS) Vela Wilson (SC)  
Carson (IN) Hartzler Moulton Thompson (PA) Velázquez Womack  
Carter (GA) Hastings Mucarsel-Powell Thornberry Visclosky Woodall  
Carter (TX) Hayes Mullin Timmons Wagner Wright  
Cartwright Heck Murphy (FL) Tipton Titus Walberg Yoho  
Case Hern, Kevin Murphy (NC) Tlaib Walden Young  
Casten (IL) Herrera Beutler Napolitano Young  
Castor (FL) Hice (GA) Neal Zeldin  
Chabot Higgins (LA) Neguse  
Cheney Higgins (NY) Newhouse  
Cicilline Hill (AR) Norcross  
Cisneros Himes Norman  
Clark (MA) Holding Nunes  
Clarke (NY) Hollingsworth O'Halleran  
Clay Horn, Kendra S. Ocasio-Cortez  
Cleverer Horsford Olson  
Cline Houlihan Omar  
Cloud Hoyer Palazzo  
Clyburn Hudson Pallone  
Cohen Huffman Palmer  
Cole Huizenga Panetta  
Collins (GA) Hurd (TX) Pappas  
Comer Jackson Lee Pascarell  
Conaway Jayapal Payne  
Connolly Jeffries Pelosi  
Cook Johnson (GA) Pence  
Cooper Johnson (OH) Perlmutter  
Costa Johnson (SD) Perry  
Courtney Johnson (TX) Peters  
Cox (CA) Jordan Peterson  
Craig Joyce (OH) Phillips  
Crenshaw Joyce (PA) Pingree  
Crist Kaptur Pocan  
Crow Katko Porter  
Cuellar Keating Posey  
Cunningham Keller Pressley  
Curtis Kelly (MS) Price (NC)  
Davids (KS) Kelly (PA) Quigley  
Davidson (OH) Kennedy Raskin  
Davis (CA) Khanna Reed  
Davis, Danny K. Kildee Reschenthaler  
Davis, Rodney Kilmer Rice (NY)  
Dean Kim Rice (SC)  
DeFazio King (IA) Riggelman  
DeLauro King (NY) Roby  
DeBene Kinzinger Rodgers (WA)  
Delgado Kirkpatrick Roe, David P.  
Demings Krishnamoorthi Rogers (AL)  
DeSaulnier Kuster (NH) Rogers (KY)  
DesJarlais Kustoff (TN) Rose (NY)  
Diaz-Balart LaHood Rose, John W.  
Dingell Lamb Rouda  
Doggett Lamborn Rouzer  
Doyle, Michael F. Langevin Roy  
Duncan Larsen (WA)  
Dunn Larson (CT) Ruiz  
Emmer Latta Ruppersberger  
Engel Lawrence Rush  
Escobar Lawson (FL) Rutherford  
Eshoo Lee (CA) Ryan  
Espallat Lee (NV) Sánchez  
Estes Lesko Scalise  
Evans Levin (CA) Scanlon  
Ferguson Levin (MI) Schakowsky  
Finkenauer Lieu, Ted Schiff  
Fitzpatrick Loeb sack Schneider  
Fleischmann Lofgren Schrader  
Fletcher Long Schrier  
Flores Lowenthal Schweikert  
Fortenberry Lowey Scott (VA)  
Foster Lucas Scott, Austin  
Foxx (NC) Luetkemeyer Sensenbrenner  
Frankel Luján Sewell (AL)  
Fudge Lynch Shalala  
Gallagher Malinowski Sherman  
Garamendi Maloney Sherrill  
Garcia (IL) Carolyn B. Shimkus  
Garcia (TX) Marshall Slotkin  
Gianforte Mast Smith (MO)  
Gibbs Matsui Smith (NE)  
Gohmert McAdams Smucker  
Golden McBath Soto  
Gomez McCarthy Spanberger  
Gonzalez (OH) McCaul Spano  
Gooden McClintock Speier  
Gosar McCollum Stanton  
Granger McGovern Stauber

Stefanik  
Steil  
Steube  
Stevens  
Stewart  
Stivers  
Suozzi  
Swallow (CA)  
Takano  
Taylor  
Thompson (CA)  
Thompson (MS)  
Thompson (PA)  
Thornberry  
Timmons  
Tipton  
Titus  
Tlaib  
Tonko

Beatty  
Buchanan  
Butterfield  
Byrne  
Castro (TX)  
Chu, Judy  
Correa  
Crawford  
DeGette  
Deutch  
Fulcher  
Gabbard  
Gaetz  
Gallego  
Gonzalez (TX)  
Gottheimer

## NOT VOTING—47

Griffith  
Grijalva  
Hunter  
Johnson (LA)  
Kelly (IL)  
Kind  
LaMalfa  
Lewis  
Lipinski  
Loudermilk  
Luria  
Marchant  
Massie  
McEachin  
Meng  
Nadler

Wasserman  
Schultz  
Watkins  
Watson Coleman  
Weber (TX)  
Welch  
Wenstrup  
Westerman  
Wexton  
Wild  
Williams  
Wilson (SC)  
Womack  
Woodall  
Wright  
Yoho  
Young  
Zeldin

## APPOINTMENT AS MEMBERS OF COMMITTEE TO NOTIFY THE PRESIDENT, PURSUANT TO HOUSE RESOLUTION 776

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 776, the Chair appoints the following Members to the committee to notify the President of the United States that a quorum of the House has assembled and that the House 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).

## TO INFORM THE SENATE THAT A QUORUM OF THE HOUSE HAS ASSEMBLED

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

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

## H. RES. 777

*Resolved*, That the Clerk of the House inform the Senate that a quorum of the House is present and that the House is ready to proceed with business.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

## □ 1900

## PROVIDING FOR THE HOUR OF MEETING OF THE HOUSE

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

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

## H. RES. 778

*Resolved*, That unless otherwise ordered, the hour of daily meeting of the House shall be 2 p.m. on Mondays; noon on Tuesdays (or 2 p.m. if no legislative business was conducted on the preceding Monday); noon on Wednesdays and Thursdays; and 9 a.m. on all other days of the week.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

## MAKING IN ORDER MORNING-HOUR DEBATE

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the order of the House of January 3, 2019, providing for morning-hour debate be extended for the remainder of the 116th Congress, except that House Resolution 778 shall supplant House Resolution 10.

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

There was no objection.

## REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 535, PFAS ACTION ACT OF 2019

Ms. SCANLON, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report

## □ 1855

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. CUELLAR). On this roll call, 384 Members have recorded their presence.

A quorum is present.

## THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the proceedings of January 3, 2020, and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1 of rule I, the Journal stands approved.

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. PAYNE) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. PAYNE 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.

## PROVIDING FOR A COMMITTEE TO NOTIFY THE PRESIDENT OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

## H. RES. 776

*Resolved*, That a committee of two Members be appointed by the Speaker to notify the President of the United States that a quorum of the House has assembled and that the House 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.