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House of Representatives

This being the day fixed pursuant to the 20th Amendment to the Constitution for the meeting of the Second Session of the 117th Congress, the House met at noon and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mrs. DINGELL).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
January 3, 2022.

I hereby appoint the Honorable DEBBIE DINGELL to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

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

Almighty God, we orient ourselves to You and lay before You our prayers as we enter this second year of the 117th Congress.

Consecrate this new year that it would be a year of spiritual joy and peace, a year of obedience and faithfulness. Guide all our thoughts and words

that they would reflect Your perfect will, Your absolute Word, Your loving intent.

Direct all our energies according to Your purpose for the common good of our fellow Americans.

Give us the skill to serve You. In Your grace, You have surrounded each of the country's Representatives with talented advisers, diligent staff members, exceedingly devoted behind-the-scenes clerks and recorders, laborers, and administrators. Cause all to realize the significance of the gifts You have uniquely given each person. Remind us again that our efforts will prove all the more effective when carefully and compassionately woven with the talents of every other soul with whom we serve.

By Your mercy, reveal the plans You have for this body, plans for hope and not harm, that our future will rest safely in Your beneficent grace.

With our whole hearts, we ask Your blessing for this new congressional year. Lord, hear our prayer.

Amen.

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

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 4(a) of House Resolution 829, no organizational or legislative business will be conducted on this day. Messages requiring action will be laid before the House on a subsequent day.

Bills and resolutions introduced today will receive a number but will not be referred to a committee or noted in the RECORD until a subsequent day. Executive communications, memorials, and petitions likewise will be referred and numbered on a subsequent day.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 11(b) of House Resolution 188, the House stands adjourned until noon on Thursday, January 6, 2022.

Thereupon (at 12 o'clock and 3 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Thursday, January 6, 2022, at noon.

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

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