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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 118th 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.

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

Eternal God, You spoke and the Earth brought forth life. With a word, Your spirit breathed into humanity the essence and purpose of our very being. Speak to us now, O Lord, and breathe into the body of the 118th Congress Your word of truth and justice, compassion, and wisdom.

Give each Member the guidance to be faithful stewards of this divine tasking, and to wield this privilege carefully. Even as You grant us the favor to serve You in this place, remind us that amidst all the debate, You will always have the final word.

Your word is alive and powerful, sharper than any two-edged sword. Divide then our souls and spirits. Discern our thoughts and the intentions of our hearts and may they be acceptable to You.

Lay on the shoulders of these men and women the mantle of both responsibility and accountability. Nothing is hidden from Your sight and each will always answer to You.

Call these who represent the hopes and dreams of the Americans who have voted them into office to heed first Your voice. As they uphold and defend the Constitution and its moral principles, grant them strength and reason, purpose and insight.

Bring this 118th Congress to life, and breathe on us the creative work of

Your Holy Spirit. Give us eyes to see Your guiding hand, ears to hear Your wise truth, and hearts to hold firmly to the faith we profess in You.

We pray this in Your sovereign name. Amen.

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 435 seats in the 118th Congress have been received by the Clerk of the House. 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 have a minimum of 15 minutes to record their presence by electronic vote.

Representatives-elect who have not obtained their voting ID cards may do so now in the Speaker's lobby.

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

[Roll No. 1]

[ANSWERED PRESENT—434]

ALABAMA

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

ALASKA

Peltola

ARIZONA

Biggs Gallego Lesko
Ciscomani Gosar Schweikert
Crane Grijalva Stanton

ARKANSAS

Crawford Westerman
Hill Womack

CALIFORNIA

Aguilar Huffman Panetta
Barragan Issa Pelosi
Bera Jacobs Peters
Brownley Kamlager-Dove Porter
Calvert Khanna Ruiz
Carbajal Kiley Sánchez
Cárdenas Kim (CA) Schiff
Chu LaMalfa Sherman
Correa Lee (CA) Steel
Costa Levin Swalwell
DeSaulnier Lieu Takano
Duarte Lofgren Thompson (CA)
Eshoo Matsui Torres (CA)
Garamendi McCarthy Valadao
Garcia, Mike McClintock Valadao
Garcia, Robert Mullin Vargas
Gomez Napolitano Waters
Harder (CA) Obernolte

COLORADO

Boebert Crow Neguse
Buck DeGette Petterson
Caraveo Lamborn

CONNECTICUT

Courtney Hayes Larson (CT)
DeLauro Himes

DELAWARE

Blunt Rochester

FLORIDA

Bean (FL) Cherfilus-Luccese Franklin, C.
Bilirakis McCormick Scott
Buchanan Diaz-Balart Frost
Cammack Donalds Gaetz
Castor (FL) Dunn (FL) Gimenez
Frankel, Lois Lee (FL)

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				NEW HAMPSHIRE			VIRGINIA	
			Kuster	Pappas		Beyer Cline Connolly Good (VA)	Griffith Kiggans (VA) Scott (VA) Spanberger	Wexton Wittman
	GEORGIA			NEW JERSEY				
Allen Bishop (GA) Carter (GA) Clyde Collins	Ferguson Greene (GA) Johnson (GA) Loudermilk McBath	McCormick Scott, Austin Scott, David Williams (GA)	Gottheimer Kean (NJ) Kim (NJ) Menendez	Norcross Pallone Pascrell Payne	Sherrill Smith (NJ) Van Drew Watson Coleman	DelBene Jayapal Kilmer Larsen (WA)	WASHINGTON Newhouse Perez Rodgers (WA) Schrier	Smith (WA) Strickland
	HAWAII		Leger Fernandez	Stansbury	Vasquez			
				NEW YORK			WEST VIRGINIA	
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Fulcher	Simpson		Adams Bishop (NC) Davis (NC) Edwards Foushee	Foxx Hudson Jackson (NC) Manning McHenry	Murphy Nickel Ross Rouzer	Fitzgerald Gallagher Grothman	Moore (WI) Pocan Steil	Tiffany Van Orden
	ILLINOIS							WYOMING
Bost Budzinski Casten Davis (IL) Foster Garcia (IL)	Jackson (IL) Kelly (IL) Krishnamoorthi LaHood Miller (IL) Quigley	Ramirez Schakowsky Schneider Sorensen Underwood					Hageman	
	INDIANA							□ 1230
Baird Banks Bucshon	Carson Houchin Mrvan	Pence Spartz Yakym						The CLERK. Four hundred thirty-four Representatives-elect have recorded their presence. A quorum is present.
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Feenstra Hinson	Miller-Meeeks Nunn (IA)		Balderson Beatty Brown Carey Davidson	Johnson (OH) Jordan Joyce (OH) Kaptur Landsman	Latta Miller (OH) Sykes Turner Wenstrup			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 COLEMAN RADEWAGEN as Delegate from American Samoa; and The Honorable GREGORIO KILILI CAMACHO SABLAN as Delegate from the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.
	KANSAS							
Davids (KS) Estes	LaTurner Mann							
	KENTUCKY		Bice Brecheen	Cole Hern	Lucas			
Barr Comer	Guthrie Massie	McGarvey Rogers (KY)						
	LOUISIANA		Bentz Blumenauer	Bonamici Chavez-DeRemer	Hoyle (OR) Salinas			
Carter (LA) Graves (LA)	Higgins (LA) Johnson (LA)	Letlow Scalise						
	MAINE							
Golden (ME)	Pingree		Boyle (PA) Cartwright Dean (PA) Deluzio Evans Fitzpatrick	Houlahan Joyce (PA) Kelly (PA) Lee (PA) Meuser Perry	Reschenthaler Scanlon Smucker Thompson (PA) Wild			
	MARYLAND							
Harris Hoyer Ivey	Mfume Raskin Ruppersberger	Sarbanes Trone						
	MASSACHUSETTS		Cicilline	Magaziner				
Auchincloss Clark (MA) Keating	Lynch McGovern Moulton	Neal Pressley Trahan						
	MICHIGAN		Clyburn Duncan Fry	Mace Norman Timmons	Wilson (SC)			
Bergman Dingell Huizenga James Kildee	McClain Moolenaar Scholten Slotkin Stevens	Thanedar Tlaib Walberg	Johnson (SD)					
	MINNESOTA							
Craig Emmer Finstad	Fischbach McCollum Omar	Phillips Stauber	Burchett Cohen DesJarlais	Fleischmann Green (TN) Harshbarger	Kustoff Ogles Rose			
	MISSISSIPPI		Allred Arrington Babin Burgess Carter (TX) Casar Castro (TX) Cloud Crenshaw Crockett Cuellar De La Cruz Doggett	Ellzey Escobar Fallon Fletcher Garcia (TX) Gonzales, Tony Gonzalez, Vicente Gooden (TX) Granger Green (TX) Hunt Jackson (TX)	Jackson Lee Luttrell McCaull Moran Nehls Pfluger Roy Self Sessions Van Duyne Veasey Weber (TX) Williams (TX)			
Ezell Guest	Kelly (MS) Thompson (MS)							
	MISSOURI							
Alford Burlison Bush	Cleaver Graves (MO) Luetkemeyer	Smith (MO) Wagner						
	MONTANA							
Rosendale	Zinke							
	NEBRASKA							
Bacon	Flood	Smith (NE)	Curtis Moore (UT)	Owens Stewart				
	NEVADA							
Amodei Horsford	Lee (NV) Titus							
								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 gentleman 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.