

At the direction of the Republican Conference, I advance the name of

KEVIN MCCARTHY as the next Speaker of the House of Representatives of the 118th Congress.

The CLERK. The Clerk recognizes the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. PHILLIPS).

Mr. PHILLIPS. Madam Clerk, I rise to say wow.

Madam Clerk, I rise to place into nomination for election to the position of Speaker of the House of Representatives the esteemed and wonderful leader of House Democrats, Mr. HAKEEM JEFFRIES of New York.

Our Nation's first President, unanimously elected by the electoral college in 1789, keeps watch over us every single day right here in this Chamber. In his inaugural address to our new Nation, he spoke of "a form of government for the security of [our] Union and the advancement of [our] happiness."

But 234 years later, and after 14 rounds of balloting and a ridiculous war for personal power across the aisle, we the people still find ourselves without a constituted government, our security neglected and the advancement of anything impossible.

And happiness? Suffice to say, Americans are unhappy by the nonsense and the dysfunction playing out on this floor, particularly those who need us the most, who rely on our offices—and I mean every single one of our offices—for services and support, not to mention the unhappy GOP and Democratic ranking members and chairs of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, the Armed Services Committee, and the Intel Committee who say that the risk to our safety and security grows with each passing hour. This is not just unhappiness; this is dangerous.

However, the 212 unified members of the House Democratic Caucus have a very effective solution for this problem. We call him HAKEEM JEFFRIES.

In the spirit of friendliness and hopefulness, we extend a warm invitation to at least six of you across the aisle to join us. Let's end this nonsense, constitute this Congress, and elect him Speaker of the House.

He is a man who is ready to work with everyone in this Congress and throughout our country to place people over politics and solve our country's problems; a man of competency, decency, and integrity; a man of courage, honor, and resolve; a man who listens better than anyone I have ever known in my life; and a man of innovation, cooperation, and, yes, indeed, alliteration.

Madam Clerk, 14,421 Americans have served in the United States Congress since George Washington's inaugural address 234 years ago. One of the very finest of those Americans is HAKEEM JEFFRIES of the great State of New York, and it is the honor of a lifetime to place his name into nomination for Speaker of the House.

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. 20]

MCCARTHY—216

Aderholt	Garcia, Mike	Mills
Alford	Jimenez	Molinaro
Allen	Gonzales, Tony	Moolenaar
Amodei	Gooden (TX)	Mooney
Armstrong	Gosar	Moore (AL)
Arrington	Granger	Moore (UT)
Babin	Graves (LA)	Moran
Bacon	Graves (MO)	Murphy
Baird	Green (TN)	Nehls
Balderson	Greene (GA)	Newhouse
Banks	Griffith	Norman
Barr	Grothman	Nunn (IA)
Bean (FL)	Guest	Obernolte
Bentz	Guthrie	Ogles
Bergman	Hageman	Owens
Bice	Harris	Palmer
Billirakis	Harshbarger	Pence
Bishop (NC)	Hern	Perry
Bost	Higgins (LA)	Pfluger
Brecheen	Hill	Posey
Buchanan	Hinson	Reschenthaler
Buck	Houchin	Rodgers (WA)
Bucshon	Hudson	Rogers (AL)
Burchett	Huizenga	Rogers (KY)
Burgess	Hunt	Rose
Burlison	Issa	Rouzer
Calvert	Jackson (TX)	Roy
Cammack	James	Rutherford
Carey	Johnson (LA)	Salazar
Carl	Johnson (OH)	Santos
Carter (GA)	Johnson (SD)	Scalise
Carter (TX)	Jordan	Schweikert
Chavez-DeRemer	Joyce (OH)	Scott, Austin
Ciscomani	Joyce (PA)	Self
Cline	Kean (NJ)	Sessions
Cloud	Kelly (MS)	Simpson
Clyde	Kelly (PA)	Smith (MO)
Cole	Kiggans (VA)	Smith (NE)
Collins	Kiley	Smith (NJ)
Comer	Kim (CA)	Smucker
Crawford	Kustoff	Spartz
Crenshaw	LaHood	Staubert
Curtis	LaLota	Steel
D'Esposito	LaMalfa	Stefanik
Davidson	Lamborn	Steil
De La Cruz	Langworthy	Steube
Desjarlais	Latta	Stewart
Diaz-Balart	LaTurner	Strong
Donalds	Lawler	Tenney
Duarte	Lee (FL)	Thompson (PA)
Duncan	Lesko	Tiffany
Dunn (FL)	Letlow	Timmons
Edwards	Loudermilk	Turner
Ellzey	Lucas	Valadao
Emmer	Luetkemeyer	Van Drew
Estes	Luna	Van Dуйne
Ezell	Luttrell	Van Orden
Fallon	Mace	Wagner
Ferguson	Malliotakis	Walberg
Finstad	Mann	Waltz
Fischbach	Massie	Weber (TX)
Fitzgerald	Mast	Webster (FL)
Fitzpatrick	McCarthy	Wenstrup
Fleischmann	McCauley	Westerman
Flood	McClain	Williams (NY)
Foxx	McClintock	Williams (TX)
Franklin, C.	McCormick	Wilson (SC)
Scott	McHenry	Wittman
Fry	Meuser	Womack
Fulcher	Miller (IL)	Yakym
Gallagher	Miller (OH)	Zinke
Garbarino	Miller (WV)	
	Miller-Meeks	

JEFFRIES—212

Adams	Bush	Cleaver
Aguiar	Caraveo	Clyburn
Allred	Carbajal	Cohen
Auchincloss	Cárdenas	Connolly
Balint	Carson	Correa
Barragán	Carter (LA)	Costa
Beatty	Cartwright	Courtney
Bera	Casar	Craig
Beyer	Case	Crockett
Bishop (GA)	Casten	Crow
Blumenauer	Castor (FL)	Cuellar
Blunt Rochester	Castro (TX)	Davids (KS)
Bonamici	Cherfilus-	Davis (IL)
Bowman	McCormick	Davis (NC)
Boyle (PA)	Chu	Dean (PA)
Brown	Cicilline	DeGette
Brownley	Clark (MA)	DeLauro
Budzinski	Clarke (NY)	DeBene

Deluzio	Larsen (WA)	Ruiz
DeSaulnier	Larson (CT)	Ruppersberger
Dingell	Lee (CA)	Ryan
Doggett	Lee (NV)	Salinas
Escobar	Lee (PA)	Sánchez
Eshoo	Leger Fernandez	Sarbanes
Espallat	Levin	Scanlon
Evans	Lieu	Shakowsky
Fletcher	Lofgren	Schiff
Foster	Lynch	Schneider
Foushee	Magaziner	Scholten
Frankel, Lois	Manning	Schrier
Frost	Matsui	Scott (VA)
Gallego	McBath	Scott, David
Garamendi	McCollum	Sewell
Garcia (IL)	McGarvey	Sherman
Garcia (TX)	McGovern	Sherrill
Garcia, Robert	Meeks	Slotkin
Golden (ME)	Menendez	Smith (WA)
Goldman (NY)	Meng	Sorensen
Gomez	Mfume	Soto
Gonzalez,	Moore (WI)	Spanberger
Vicente	Morelle	Stansbury
Gottheimer	Moskowitz	Stanton
Green (TX)	Moulton	Stevens
Grijalva	Mrvan	Strickland
Harder (CA)	Mullin	Swalwell
Hayes	Nadler	Sykes
Higgins (NY)	Napolitano	Takano
Himes	Neal	Thanedar
Horsford	Neguse	Thompson (CA)
Houlahan	Nickel	Thompson (MS)
Hoyer	Norcross	Titus
Hoyle (OR)	Ocasio-Cortez	Tlaib
Huffman	Omar	Tokuda
Ivey	Pallone	Tonko
Jackson (IL)	Panetta	Torres (CA)
Jackson (NC)	Pappas	Torres (NY)
Jackson Lee	Pascarell	Trahan
Jacobs	Payne	Trone
Jayapal	Pelosi	Underwood
Jeffries	Peltola	Vargas
Johnson (GA)	Perez	Vasquez
Kamlager-Dove	Peters	Veasey
Kaptur	Pettersen	Velázquez
Keating	Phillips	Wasserman
Kelly (IL)	Pingree	Schultz
Khanna	Pocan	Waters
Kildee	Porter	Watson Coleman
Kilmer	Pressley	Wexton
Kim (NJ)	Quigley	Wild
Krishnamoorthi	Ramirez	Williams (GA)
Kuster	Raskin	Wilson (FL)
Landsman	Ross	

ANSWERED "PRESENT"—6

Biggs	Crane	Good (VA)
Boebert	Gaetz	Rosendale

NOT VOTING—0

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The CLERK. The tellers agree in their tallies that the total number of votes cast is 428, of which the Honorable KEVIN MCCARTHY of the State of California has received 216, the Honorable HAKEEM JEFFRIES of the State of New York has received 212, with 6 recorded as present.

Therefore, the Honorable KEVIN MCCARTHY of the State of California, having received a majority of the votes cast, is duly elected Speaker of the House of Representatives for the 118th Congress.

The Clerk appoints the following committee to escort the Speaker-elect to the chair:

The gentleman from Louisiana (Mr. SCALISE);

The gentleman from New York (Mr. JEFFRIES);

The gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. EMMER);

The gentlewoman from Massachusetts (Ms. CLARK);

The gentlewoman from New York (Ms. STEFANIK);

The gentleman from California (Mr. AGUILAR);

The gentleman from Louisiana (Mr. JOHNSON);
 The gentleman from California (Mr. LIEU);
 The gentlewoman from Michigan (Mrs. MCCLAIN);
 The gentlewoman from Washington (Ms. DELBENE);
 The gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. HUDSON);
 The gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. CLYBURN);
 The gentleman from Alabama (Mr. PALMER);
 The gentleman from Colorado (Mr. NEGUSE);
 The gentlewoman from Oklahoma (Mrs. BICE);
 The gentlewoman from Texas (Ms. ESCOBAR);
 The gentlewoman from Indiana (Mrs. HOUCHIN);
 The gentlewoman from Illinois (Ms. UNDERWOOD);
 The gentleman from Oklahoma (Mr. COLE);
 The gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. PHILLIPS);
 The gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. MCHENRY);
 The gentleman from Michigan (Mr. KILDEE);
 The gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. PERRY);
 The gentlewoman from California (Ms. LEE);
 The gentleman from Louisiana (Mr. GRAVES);
 The gentlewoman from Florida (Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ);
 The gentleman from Arkansas (Mr. HILL);
 The gentleman from Rhode Island (Mr. CICILLINE);
 The gentleman from Texas (Mr. ROY);
 The gentlewoman from Virginia (Ms. SPANBERGER);
 The gentleman from Florida (Mr. DONALDS);
 The gentlewoman from California (Ms. JACOBS);
 The gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. BISHOP);
 The gentlewoman from Texas (Ms. Crockett);
 and the Members of the California delegation:
 Ms. PELOSI
 Ms. WATERS
 Mr. CALVERT
 Ms. ESHOO
 Ms. LOFGREN
 Mr. SHERMAN
 Mrs. NAPOLITANO
 Mr. THOMPSON
 Mr. SCHIFF
 Ms. SANCHEZ
 Mr. ISSA
 Mr. COSTA
 Ms. MATSUI
 Mr. MCCLINTOCK
 Ms. CHU
 Mr. GARAMENDI
 Mr. BERA
 Ms. BROWNLEY
 Mr. CÁRDENAS
 Mr. HUFFMAN
 Mr. LAMALFA

Mr. PETERS
 Mr. RUIZ
 Mr. SWALWELL
 Mr. TAKANO
 Mr. VARGAS
 Mr. DESAULNIER
 Mrs. TORRES
 Mr. VALADAO
 Ms. BARRAGÁN
 Mr. CARBAJAL
 Mr. CORREA
 Mr. KHANNA
 Mr. PANETTA
 Mr. GOMEZ
 Mr. HARDER
 Mr. LEVIN
 Ms. PORTER
 Mr. MIKE GARCIA
 Mrs. KIM
 Mr. OBERNOLTE
 Mrs. STEEL
 Mr. DUARTE
 Mr. ROBERT GARCIA
 Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE
 Mr. KILEY
 Mr. MULLIN.

The committee will retire from the Chamber to escort the Speaker-elect to the chair.

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SWEARING IN OF SPEAKER

The Sergeant at Arms announced the Speaker-elect of the House of Representatives of the 118th Congress, who was escorted to the chair by the Committee of Escort.

Mr. JEFFRIES. Madam Clerk, Whip Clark, distinguished members of the House Democratic Caucus and the House Republican Conference, it is my high honor and distinct privilege to finally be able to welcome all of you to the 118th Congress.

Let me just begin by thanking my good friend PETE AGUILAR for his very generous words of introduction and for placing my name into nomination a total of nine times.

I thank my other colleagues from the Democratic Caucus for their generous words of nomination, as well: JIM CLYBURN, KATHERINE CLARK, TED LIEU, DEAN PHILLIPS, JOE NEGUSE, and VERONICA ESCOBAR.

I thank my colleagues and my friends in the House Democratic Caucus for their perseverance, for their strength, for their friendship, for their unanimity of purpose, and for their unanimous support. I want to say that that showing of strength is not for any one particular individual. It will be a showing of strength throughout the 118th Congress, unanimity of purpose on behalf of the American people.

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Before I proceed any further, let me begin by acknowledging the distinguished gentlewoman from the great State of California, the iconic, the heroic, and the legendary Speaker Emerita, NANCY D'ALESSANDRO PELOSI.

Speaker Emerita PELOSI will go down in history as the greatest Speakers of

all time. Throughout her turn in Congress, she has been a legendary legislator, a fabulous facilitator, and a no-nonsense negotiator. We know that NANCY PELOSI is a woman of faith, a loving wife, a mother of five, a grandmother of nine, a defender of democracy, a voice for the voiceless, and a powerful champion for the children, the climate, California, Charm City, the Caucus, the Congress, the country, and the Constitution.

I thank the Speaker Emerita for all that she has done. It is an honor to stand on her broad shoulders as well as the shoulders of the great STENY HOYER and the great JIM CLYBURN, two consequential leaders in their own right.

The Scripture says in Galatians: "Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up."

Over the last 2 years, House Democrats, in partnership with President Biden and our colleagues in the Senate, have been hard at work on behalf of the American people getting big things done. We passed the American Rescue Plan, saved the economy from a deep recession, put shots in arms, money in pockets, and kids back in school. We passed the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act to create millions of good-paying jobs, fix our crumbling bridges, roads, tunnels, our airports, our sewer and water systems, our mass transportation systems, and ensured high-speed internet access in every single community. We passed gun safety legislation for the first time in 30 years that will save lives and make our communities safer.

We passed the CHIPS and Science Act to bring domestic manufacturing jobs back home to the United States of America and ensure that our workforce has the skills to succeed in the 21st century economy.

We passed the Inflation Reduction Act to strike a dramatic blow against the climate crisis, set our planet on a sustainable trajectory forward, lower energy costs, strengthen the Affordable Care Act, lower healthcare costs, and drive down the high price of lifesaving prescription drugs for millions of Americans.

It was one of the most consequential Congresses in American history. President Biden gets the job done, and the D in Democrat stands for deliver.

So over the next 2 years, as we begin this 118th Congress, let us continue to fight for lower costs, let us continue to fight in this Congress for better-paying jobs, let us continue to fight in this Congress for safer communities, let us continue to fight in this Congress to defend democracy, let us continue to fight in this Congress to protect the public interests, let us continue to fight in this Congress for economic opportunity in every single ZIP Code, and let us continue to fight in this Congress for reproductive freedom because as Democrats, we do believe in a country for everyone, a country that provides for the poor, works for working