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## House of Representatives

The House met at noon and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. MCHENRY).

### PRAYER

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

Holy God, we offer ourselves to You this day—a sacrifice we entrust to Your keeping, and we pray that You would find our gift pleasing in Your good and perfect will.

If we are found wanting, if we fall short of Your desires for us, show us how to renew our hearts and minds that they would be transformed and better able to discern what is good and acceptable in Your eyes.

In this one body of lawmakers, we have many Members, a representation not just of the diversity that is our country, but of the variety of gifts each has been given. On this day of choice, give us the vision to see how You have gifted each one, and how You call each to exercise their responsibilities according to the grace You have shown them.

Remind us that though we are many, we are members of one another. Out of many, may one emerge, one common purpose we each share to serve this Nation wisely, with purpose and compassion, with enthusiasm and discernment, with strength and with prudence, with determination and with humility, always in service to You and devoted to each other in love.

Teach us this day how to rejoice in hope, how to be patient in affliction, and how to persevere in prayer.

In Your hands we place the outcome of this day and in Your name are we bold to pray.

Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the

last day's proceedings and announces to the House the approval thereof.

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

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentlewoman from Illinois (Ms. KELLY) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. KELLY of Illinois 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.

### CALL OF THE HOUSE

Mr. JOHNSON of Louisiana. Mr. Speaker pro tempore, pursuant to clause 7 of rule XX, I move a call of the House.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under clause 7(b) of rule XX, the Chair confers recognition for that purpose.

Without objection, a call of the House was ordered.

There was no objection.

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

[Roll No. 520]

### ANSWERED "PRESENT"—432

Adams	Beatty	Buchanan
Aderholt	Bentz	Buck
Aguilar	Bera	Bucshon
Alford	Bergman	Budzinski
Allen	Beyer	Burchett
Allred	Bice	Burgess
Amodei	Biggs	Burlison
Armstrong	Bishop (GA)	Bush
Arrington	Bishop (NC)	Calvert
Auchincloss	Blumenauer	Cammack
Babin	Blunt Rochester	Caraveo
Bacon	Boebert	Carbajal
Baird	Bonamici	Cárdenas
Balderson	Bost	Carey
Balint	Bowman	Carl
Banks	Boyle (PA)	Carson
Barr	Brecheen	Carter (GA)
Barragán	Brown	Carter (LA)
Bean (FL)	Brownley	Carter (TX)

Cartwright	Ferguson	Huizenga
Casar	Finstad	Hunt
Case	Fischbach	Issa
Casten	Fitzgerald	Ivey
Castor (FL)	Fitzpatrick	Jackson (IL)
Castro (TX)	Fleischmann	Jackson (NC)
Chavez-DeRemer	Fletcher	Jackson (TX)
Cherfilus-	Flood	Jackson Lee
McCormick	Foster	Jacobs
Chu	Foushee	James
Ciscomani	Fox	Jayapal
Clark (MA)	Frankel, Lois	Jeffries
Clarke (NY)	Franklin, Scott	Johnson (GA)
Cleaver	Frost	Johnson (LA)
Cline	Fry	Johnson (OH)
Cloud	Fulcher	Johnson (SD)
Clyburn	Gaetz	Jordan
Clyde	Gallagher	Joyce (OH)
Cohen	Gallego	Joyce (PA)
Cole	Garamendi	Kamlager-Deve
Collins	Garbarino	Kaptur
Comer	Garcia (IL)	Kean (NJ)
Connolly	Garcia (TX)	Keating
Correa	Garcia, Mike	Kelly (IL)
Costa	Garcia, Robert	Kelly (MS)
Courtney	Gimenez	Kelly (PA)
Craig	Golden (ME)	Khanna
Crane	Goldman (NY)	Kiggans (VA)
Crawford	Gomez	Kildee
Crenshaw	Gonzales, Tony	Kiley
Crockett	Gonzalez,	Kilmer
Crow	Vicente	Kim (CA)
Cuellar	Good (VA)	Kim (NJ)
Curtis	Gooden (TX)	Krishnamoorthi
D'Esposito	Gosar	Kuster
Davids (KS)	Gottheimer	Kustoff
Davidson	Granger	LaHood
Davis (IL)	Graves (LA)	LaLota
Davis (NC)	Graves (MO)	LaMalfa
De La Cruz	Green (TN)	Lamborn
Dean (PA)	Green, Al (TX)	Landsman
DeGette	Greene (GA)	Langworthy
DeLauro	Griffith	Larsen (WA)
DelBene	Grijalva	Larson (CT)
Deluzio	Grothman	Latta
DeSaulnier	Guest	LaTurner
DesJarlais	Guthrie	Lawler
Diaz-Balart	Hageman	Lee (CA)
Dingell	Harder (CA)	Lee (FL)
Doggett	Harris	Lee (NV)
Donalds	Harshbarger	Lee (PA)
Duarte	Hayes	Leger Fernandez
Duncan	Hern	Lesko
Dunn (FL)	Higgins (LA)	Letlow
Edwards	Higgins (NY)	Levin
Ellzey	Hill	Lieu
Emmer	Himes	Lofgren
Escobar	Hinson	Loudermilk
Eshoo	Horsford	Lucas
Espallat	Houchin	Luetkemeyer
Estes	Houlahan	Luna
Evans	Hoyer	Luttrell
Ezell	Hoyle (OR)	Lynch
Fallon	Hudson	Mace
Feenstra	Huffman	Magaziner

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Malliotakis	Pelosi	Spartz
Mann	Peltola	Stansbury
Manning	Pence	Stanton
Massie	Perez	Staubert
Mast	Perry	Steel
Matsui	Peters	Stefanik
McBath	Pettersen	Steil
McCarthy	Pfluger	Steube
McCaul	Phillips	Stevens
McClain	Pingree	Strickland
McClellan	Pocan	Strong
McClintock	Porter	Swalwell
McCollum	Posey	Sykes
McCormick	Pressley	Takano
McGarvey	Quigley	Tenney
McGovern	Ramirez	Thanedar
McHenry	Raskin	Thompson (CA)
Meeks	Reschenthaler	Thompson (MS)
Menendez	Rodgers (WA)	Thompson (PA)
Meng	Rogers (AL)	Tiffany
Meuser	Rogers (KY)	Timmons
Mfume	Rose	Titus
Miller (IL)	Rosendale	Tlaib
Miller (OH)	Ross	Tokuda
Miller (WV)	Rouzer	Tonko
Miller-Meeks	Roy	Torres (CA)
Mills	Ruiz	Torres (NY)
Molinaro	Ruppersberger	Trahan
Moelenaar	Rutherford	Trone
Mooney	Ryan	Turner
Moore (AL)	Salazar	Underwood
Moore (UT)	Salinas	Valadao
Moore (WI)	Sánchez	Van Drew
Moran	Santos	Van Duyne
Morelle	Sarbanes	Van Orden
Moskowitz	Scalise	Vargas
Moulton	Scanlon	Vasquez
Mrvan	Schakowsky	Veasey
Mullin	Schiff	Velázquez
Murphy	Schneider	Wagner
Nadler	Scholten	Walberg
Napolitano	Schrier	Waltz
Neal	Schweikert	Wasserman
Neguse	Scott (VA)	Schultz
Nehls	Scott, Austin	Waters
Newhouse	Scott, David	Watson Coleman
Nickel	Self	Weber (TX)
Norcross	Sessions	Webster (FL)
Norman	Sewell	Wenstrup
Nunn (IA)	Sherman	Westerman
Obermole	Sherrill	Wexton
Ocasio-Cortez	Simpson	Wild
Ogles	Slotkin	Williams (GA)
Omar	Smith (MO)	Williams (NY)
Owens	Smith (NE)	Williams (TX)
Pallone	Smith (NJ)	Wilson (FL)
Palmer	Smith (WA)	Wilson (SC)
Panetta	Smucker	Wittman
Pappas	Sorensen	Womack
Pascrell	Soto	Yakym
Payne	Spanberger	Zinke

## NOT VOTING—1

Bilirakis

The SPEAKER pro tempore. On this roll call, 432 Members have recorded their presence.

A quorum is present.

## ELECTION OF SPEAKER

The SPEAKER pro tempore. 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 Chair recognizes the gentleman from New York (Ms. STEFANIK).

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker pro tempore, Mr. Clerk, colleagues, on behalf of the House Republican Conference, I rise today to nominate the gentleman from Ohio, Mr. JIM JORDAN, as Speaker of the people's House.

We are at a time of great crisis across America, a time of historic challenges in this very Chamber, and a time when heinous acts of terror and evil have been committed against our great ally, Israel.

As this body convenes for the sacred responsibility to elect the next Speak-

er of the people's House, I am reminded of the Book of Esther: for such a time as this.

JIM JORDAN will be America's Speaker for such a time as this:

A time when hardworking American families are struggling under the vice of inflation, not able to afford groceries, heat, or gas because of the trillions and trillions of dollars of reckless spending by failed far-left government;

A time when millions are being illegally trafficked and smuggled across our southern and northern borders due to the catastrophic and inhumane wide-open borders of Joe Biden;

A time when violent crime is skyrocketing across America, destroying our great cities, suburbs, and small towns, where people no longer feel safe in their homes or in their communities;

A time when American energy production has been crushed by Joe Biden's radical, failed, far-left policies, causing seniors, farmers, and families to pay more at the pump and struggle with skyrocketing utility bills;

A time when the Federal Government is weaponized against we the people, who they are supposed to serve, stripping us of our God-given constitutional rights and wrongfully targeting conservatives, Catholics, and even parents at school board meetings;

A time when the people of our closest and most precious ally, Israel, suffered the bloodiest day since the Holocaust, with acts of inhumane evil committed by Hamas terrorists backed by Iran, grotesque atrocities, the beheadings of babies, rapes, kidnappings, and slaughter of women, children, and the elderly, and Israelis and Americans taken hostage.

We are here in this very Chamber for such a time as this. JIM JORDAN will be we the people's Speaker for such a time as this.

Our friend and colleague JIM JORDAN is a patriot. He is an America First warrior who wins the toughest of fights, going after corruption and delivering accountability at the highest levels of government on behalf of we the people.

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JIM is the voice of the American people who have felt voiceless for far too long. Whether as Judiciary chair, conservative leader, or Representative for his constituents in west central Ohio, whether on the wrestling mat or in the committee room, JIM JORDAN is strategic, scrappy, tough, and principled.

He is a mentor, a worker, and above all, he is a fighter. We know that JIM JORDAN is a winner on behalf of the American people.

Almost 10 years ago, many of us sat with our colleague JIM JORDAN in this very Chamber when Prime Minister Netanyahu delivered his historic joint address—which some of our colleagues across the aisle shamefully boycotted. Bibi pointed out that in this very Chamber, we serve under the watchful gaze of Moses.

He said, "Overlooking all of us in this Chamber is the image of Moses. . . . And before the people of Israel entered the land of Israel, Moses gave us a message that has steeled our resolve for thousands of years. . . . Be strong and resolute, neither fear nor dread them."

He went on to say: "My friends, may Israel and America always stand together, strong and resolute. May we neither fear nor dread the challenges ahead. May we face the future with confidence, strength, and hope."

On behalf of the American people, let's face the future with confidence, strength, and hope. Let's elect JIM JORDAN, our Speaker of the people's House, for such a time as this.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair now recognizes the gentleman from California (Mr. AGUILAR).

Mr. AGUILAR. Mr. Speaker pro tempore, with great respect for this institution, as chairman of the Democratic Caucus, I am directed by the vote of that Caucus to present for election to the office of the Speaker of the House of Representatives the name of the Honorable HAKEEM JEFFRIES, the pride of Crown Heights, a Representative from the State of New York.

Mr. Speaker pro tempore, this is not the history we wanted to make here in the House. It is something that none of us imagined when we were sworn into this office.

We are here because the House has been thrown into chaos. We are here because this hallowed Chamber has been led to a breaking point by two dangerous forces: extremism and partisanship.

The American people placed their faith in us to tackle their most pressing issues: lowering costs, growing the middle class, and standing up to those set on delivering a national abortion ban.

The choice before us is simple: Come together on a bipartisan path forward or take us over the cliff. Abandon the extremism that is preventing us from getting things done or triple down on division and dysfunction.

A vote today to make the architect of a nationwide abortion ban, a vocal election denier, and an insurrection insider Speaker of this House would be a terrible message to the country and our allies.

Mr. Speaker pro tempore, it would send an even more troubling message to our enemies that the very people who would seek to undermine democracy are rewarded with positions of immense power.

We are talking about someone who has spent his entire career trying to hold our country back, putting our national security in danger, attempting government shutdown after government shutdown, wasting taxpayer dollars on baseless investigations with dead ends, authoring the very bill that would ban abortion nationwide without exceptions, and inciting violence on this Chamber. Even leaders of his own