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## House of Representatives

The House met at 11 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. McHENRY).

### PRAYER

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

Speak to us, O Lord. Speak to us in words we can hear and understand, for the cacophony of chaos has overwhelmed our ability to receive Your guidance and discern Your direction.

Remind us of Your servant Ezra, who when embarking on a perilous future, petitioned God and then proclaimed a fast, calling the people to humble themselves before You, that You would lead and protect them on the journey.

We often call to mind Your reluctant servant, Esther, but remind us that when she was faced with the annihilation of her people and heard Your call for personal sacrifice in the face of political uncertainty, she too urged prayer and fasting, and then placed all her dependence on Your provision.

So, O Lord, as we face times such as these, the ongoing war of atrocities in Ukraine, the tinderbox of terror that is Israel and Gaza, the divisive unrest in these very Chambers, may we in prayer rend our hearts and not our country. May we fast, abstaining from all that detracts us from our reliance on You. Then may we return to You, O Lord, appealing to You for Your guidance and protection, for You are gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Speak the word You would have us hear.

In Your sovereign name, we 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 gentleman from Illinois (Mr. BOST) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. BOST 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. 522]

### ANSWERED "PRESENT"—432

Adams	Bera	Budzinski
Aderholt	Bergman	Burchett
Aguilar	Beyer	Burgess
Alford	Bice	Burlison
Allen	Biggs	Bush
Allred	Bilirakis	Calvert
Amodei	Bishop (GA)	Cammack
Armstrong	Bishop (NC)	Caraveo
Arrington	Blumenauer	Carbajal
Auchincloss	Blunt Rochester	Cardenas
Babin	Boebert	Carey
Bacon	Bonamici	Carl
Baird	Bost	Carson
Balderson	Bowman	Carter (GA)
Balint	Boyle (PA)	Carter (LA)
Banks	Brecheen	Carter (TX)
Barr	Brown	Cartwright
Barragan	Brownley	Casar
Bean (FL)	Buchanan	Case
Beatty	Buck	Casten
Bentz	Bucshon	Castor (FL)
Castro (TX)		Castro (TX)
Chavez-DeRemer		Chavez-DeRemer
Cherfilus-McCormick		Cherfilus-McCormick
Chu		Chu
Ciscomani		Ciscomani
Clark (MA)		Clark (MA)
Clarke (NY)		Clarke (NY)
Cleaver		Cleaver
Cline		Cline
Cloud		Cloud
Clyburn		Clyburn
Clyde		Clyde
Cohen		Cohen
Cole		Cole
Collins		Collins
Comer		Comer
Connolly		Connolly
Correa		Correa
Costa		Costa
Courtney		Courtney
Craig		Craig
Crane		Crane
Crawford		Crawford
Crenshaw		Crenshaw
Crockett		Crockett
Crow		Crow
Cuellar		Cuellar
Curtis		Curtis
D'Esposito		D'Esposito
Davids (KS)		Davids (KS)
Davidson		Davidson
Davis (IL)		Davis (IL)
Davis (NC)		Davis (NC)
De La Cruz		De La Cruz
Dean (PA)		Dean (PA)
DeGette		DeGette
DeLauro		DeLauro
DelBene		DelBene
Deluzio		Deluzio
DeSaulnier		DeSaulnier
DesJarlais		DesJarlais
Diaz-Balart		Diaz-Balart
Dingell		Dingell
Doggett		Doggett
Donalds		Donalds
Duarte		Duarte
Duncan		Duncan
Dunn (FL)		Dunn (FL)
Edwards		Edwards
Ellzey		Ellzey
Emmer		Emmer
Escobar		Escobar
Eshoo		Eshoo
Espallat		Espallat
Estes		Estes
Evans		Evans
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Fallon		Fallon
Feenstra		Feenstra
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Flood		Flood
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Fox		Fox
Frankel, Lois		Frankel, Lois
Franklin, Scott		Franklin, Scott
Frost		Frost
Fry		Fry
Fulcher		Fulcher
Gaetz		Gaetz
Gallagher		Gallagher
Gallego		Gallego
Garamendi		Garamendi
Garbarino		Garbarino
Garcia (IL)		Garcia (IL)
Garcia (TX)		Garcia (TX)
Garcia, Mike		Garcia, Mike
Garcia, Robert		Garcia, Robert
Gimenez		Gimenez
Golden (ME)		Golden (ME)
Goldman (NY)		Goldman (NY)
Gomez		Gomez
Gonzales, Tony		Gonzales, Tony
Gonzalez		Gonzalez
Vicente		Vicente
Good (VA)		Good (VA)
Gooden (TX)		Gooden (TX)
Gosar		Gosar
Gottheimer		Gottheimer
Granger		Granger
Graves (LA)		Graves (LA)
Graves (MO)		Graves (MO)
Green (TN)		Green (TN)
Green, Al (TX)		Green, Al (TX)
Greene (GA)		Greene (GA)
Griffith		Griffith
Grijalva		Grijalva
Grothman		Grothman
Guest		Guest
Guthrie		Guthrie
Hageman		Hageman
Harder (CA)		Harder (CA)
Harris		Harris
Harshbarger		Harshbarger
Hayes		Hayes
Hern		Hern
Higgins (LA)		Higgins (LA)
Higgins (NY)		Higgins (NY)
Hill		Hill
Himes		Himes
Hinson		Hinson
Horsford		Horsford
Houchin		Houchin
Houlihan		Houlihan
Hoyer		Hoyer
Hoyle (OR)		Hoyle (OR)
Hudson		Hudson
Huffman		Huffman
Huizenga		Huizenga
Hunt		Hunt
Issa		Issa
Ivey		Ivey
Jackson (IL)		Jackson (IL)
Jackson (NC)		Jackson (NC)
Jackson (TX)		Jackson (TX)
Jackson Lee		Jackson Lee
Jacobs		Jacobs
James		James
Jayapal		Jayapal
Jeffries		Jeffries
Johnson (GA)		Johnson (GA)
Johnson (LA)		Johnson (LA)
Johnson (OH)		Johnson (OH)
Johnson (SD)		Johnson (SD)
Jordan		Jordan
Joyce (OH)		Joyce (OH)
Joyce (PA)		Joyce (PA)
Kamlager-Dove		Kamlager-Dove
Kaptur		Kaptur
Kean (NJ)		Kean (NJ)
Keating		Keating
Kelly (IL)		Kelly (IL)
Kelly (MS)		Kelly (MS)
Kelly (PA)		Kelly (PA)
Khanna		Khanna
Kiggans (VA)		Kiggans (VA)
Kildee		Kildee
Kiley		Kiley
Kilmer		Kilmer
Kim (CA)		Kim (CA)
Kim (NJ)		Kim (NJ)
Krishnamoorthi		Krishnamoorthi
Kuster		Kuster
Kustoff		Kustoff
LaHood		LaHood
LaLota		LaLota
LaMalfa		LaMalfa
Lamborn		Lamborn
Landsman		Landsman
Langworthy		Langworthy
Larsen (WA)		Larsen (WA)
Larson (CT)		Larson (CT)
Latta		Latta
LaTurner		LaTurner
Lawler		Lawler
Lee (CA)		Lee (CA)
Lee (FL)		Lee (FL)
Lee (NV)		Lee (NV)
Lee (PA)		Lee (PA)
Leger Fernandez		Leger Fernandez
Lesko		Lesko
Letlow		Letlow
Levin		Levin
Lieu		Lieu
Lofgren		Lofgren
Loudermill		Loudermill
Lucas		Lucas
Luetkemeyer		Luetkemeyer
Luna		Luna
Luttrell		Luttrell
Lynch		Lynch
Mace		Mace
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McCollum	Porter	Strickland
McCormick	Posey	Strong
McGarvey	Pressley	Swalwell
McGovern	Quigley	Sykes
McHenry	Ramirez	Takano
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Menendez	Reschenthaler	Thanedar
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Miller (IL)	Rose	Tiffany
Miller (OH)	Rosendale	Timmons
Miller (WV)	Ross	Titus
Miller-Meeks	Rouzer	Tlaib
Mills	Roy	Tokuda
Molinaro	Ruiz	Tonko
Moolenaar	Ruppersberger	Torres (CA)
Mooney	Rutherford	Torres (NY)
Moore (AL)	Ryan	Trahan
Moore (UT)	Salazar	Trone
Moore (WI)	Salinas	Turner
Moran	Sánchez	Underwood
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Neal	Schrier	Wagner
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Nehls	Scott (VA)	Waltz
Newhouse	Scott, Austin	Wasserman
Nickel	Scott, David	Schultz
Norcross	Self	Waters
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Nunn (IA)	Sewell	Weber (TX)
Oberholte	Sherman	Webster (FL)
Ocasio-Cortez	Sherrill	Wenstrup
Ogles	Simpson	Westerman
Omar	Slotkin	Wexton
Owens	Smith (MO)	Wild
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Pascrell	Sorensen	Wilson (SC)
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## NOT VOTING—1

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

A quorum is present.

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## ELECTION OF SPEAKER

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question now recurs upon the election of a Speaker. The tellers will please come forward and take their seats.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Oklahoma (Mr. COLE).

Mr. COLE. Mr. Speaker pro tempore, I rise for the purpose of placing in nomination the name of the Honorable JIM JORDAN for the position of Speaker of the House at the direction of the Republican Conference.

Mr. Speaker pro tempore, 2 weeks and 1 day ago, I was on this House floor and in this Chamber defending my very good friend and our former Speaker, Mr. MCCARTHY, from an effort to vacate the Chair.

In the course of that speech, I made the remark that those who did this, whether intentionally or unintention-

ally, were going to put the Congress in a state of chaos and the country into a state of uncertainty. I think the last 2 weeks have vindicated that observation. We have a chance today to end that chaos and to end that uncertainty.

When these races happen, there are always a lot of hard things said on both sides of the aisle. There is a lot of finger-pointing that goes on. I don't intend to be involved in any of that today. I think the decision in front of us is far, far too important for that.

I am very proud, very proud, to place in nomination the name of our good friend, my good friend, our Republican candidate for Speaker, the Honorable JIM JORDAN of Ohio.

I have had the privilege of knowing JIM JORDAN for a long time. I have been in Congress for a long time. For his entire period in the House, I have had the honor of serving with my friend.

My friend is not exactly a shrinking violet. You don't win national championships in college; you don't come to this floor with a sincere set of beliefs and a desire to make a change and be shy about it. My friend is not a shy person.

I have learned some things about him over the years. He is a person of absolute personal integrity. I have never once had to question something that he told me. He is an honorable man.

I also think we all know he is a pretty direct man, too. I don't think anybody in here on any issue of any substance would have to guess where JIM JORDAN is going to stand.

He doesn't deceive. He doesn't dissemble. He simply tells you straight up that this is what I believe; this is why I think it is the right thing to do for the country; and that is what I am going to try and accomplish, and I am going to work with you in any way that I can to do it.

The other thing I think we have found in the last couple of weeks is what it takes to be a Speaker. The one thing I know—never having been one and never having aspired to be one—is that it takes a spine of steel to do this job.

My friend has that kind of determination, has that kind of character, and has that kind of spine. I think the next Speaker is going to need that quality, and I know my friend has it in great abundance.

If you are a Republican, it ought to be a pretty easy decision, my friends. This is somebody who believes what we believe and has fought for and shown that over and over again.

When I first got to know him, a lot of his focus was on spending. That is exactly where the focus of this House ought to be.

Now, he has laid out a plan, not just a short-term plan, as to how we deal with the appropriations process. I am an appropriator. I think I know that that is not the root of the problem.

Unlike any other Speaker we have had, he has had the courage to talk about a long-term plan and to get at

the real drivers of debt, and we all know what they are. We all know it is Social Security. We all know it is Medicare. We all know it is Medicaid.

No President of either side has been willing to deal with this. No Speaker of either side has been willing to deal with this.

My friend, our former colleague John Delaney, and I offered a plan. I still file it every year—John is not here anymore—which is to go back to 1983 and do what we did then and address Social Security. We can never get any help.

This is a guy that wants to create a debt commission, a bipartisan debt commission, and get at the roots of our spending problem. That takes courage.

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Republicans ought to support somebody with that kind of courage. He is not only focused on one thing. I don't know anybody that has done more to highlight and talk about the border disaster that is underway right now as we speak.

I had the privilege of serving here when Jeh Johnson was Secretary of Homeland Security. I have a very high opinion for Jeh Johnson. I think he is one of the finest public servants that I ever met. He was asked on one occasion to define what was a crisis on the southern border.

He said: Any time that you have more than 1,000 illegal entries a day, you have a crisis.

We have 10 or 11 times that every single day. In that tide of humanity that is coming across, there is a boatload of fentanyl coming to kill tens of thousands of all of our constituents.

There are human traffickers who are taking advantage of young men and young women and, frankly, predators in our own country, and they are bringing them across, not by the 10s or 20s or the dozens, but by the hundreds and the thousands.

There are, amongst that flow of people, people that wish us ill. There are people who are not fleeing from oppression. There are people who are terrorists or criminals that are coming into our country for no good reason.

That is not an immigration problem. That is a border security problem. They are not the same thing. We can debate immigration. That is a worthy debate. We should never have to debate border security. Nobody has highlighted that issue like my friend JIM JORDAN. Nobody has done more as a committee chairman to move legislation that would meaningfully deal with this problem.

This, my friends on both sides of the aisle, but with all due respect, particularly this administration and my friends on the other side, need to look at this. You need to look at this seriously. Don't confuse it with immigration. You are not going to have immigration reform until we have border security. It cannot be done. He has been the number one champion of that. It is one of the number one issues that we have.