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## Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, October 23, 2023, at 12 p.m.

## House of Representatives

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2023

The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. MCHENRY).

### PRAYER

Reverend Ryan Coffey, First Baptist Church, Somerset, Kentucky, offered the following prayer:

To our most precious, gracious Heavenly Father. We humbly bow before You now, acknowledging You as Lord of all. We pray as David prayed, saying:

For everything in the heavens and Earth is Yours, O Lord, this is Your kingdom. We adore You as being in control of everything. Riches and honor come from You alone, and You are the ruler of all mankind. Your hand controls power and might and it is at Your discretion that men are made great and given strength.

So now, O Lord, I pray, make these servants great. Grant to them discernment to govern rightly, integrity beyond reproach, courage to fight for a bright and greater tomorrow, and a spirit of unity to move our Nation forward together.

Lord, in this hour, we need You. We need more of You. Lord, lead us and guide us and bless us according to Your will, and may Your name be glorified forever and ever.

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. 524]

### ANSWERED "PRESENT"—427

Adams	Balint	Bishop (NC)	Budzinski	Davis (IL)	Gimenez
Aderholt	Banks	Blumenauer	Burchett	Davis (NC)	Golden (ME)
Aguilar	Barr	Blunt Rochester	Burgess	De La Cruz	Goldman (NY)
Alford	Barragán	Boebert	Burlison	Dean (PA)	Gomez
Allen	Bean (FL)	Bonamici	Bush	DeGette	Gonzales, Tony
Allred	Beatty	Bost	Calvert	DeLauro	Good (VA)
Amodei	Bentz	Bowman	Cammack	DelBene	Gooden (TX)
Armstrong	Bera	Boyle (PA)	Caraveo	Deluzio	Gosar
Arrington	Bergman	Brecheen	Carbajal	DeSaulnier	Gottheimer
Auchincloss	Beyer	Brown	Cárdenas	DesJarlais	Granger
Babin	Bice	Brownley	Carey	Diaz-Balart	Graves (LA)
Bacon	Biggs	Buchanan	Carl	Dingell	Graves (MO)
Baird	Billirakis	Buck	Carson	Doggett	Green (TN)
Balderson	Bishop (GA)	Bucshon	Carter (GA)	Donalds	Green, Al (TX)
			Carter (LA)	Duarte	Greene (GA)
			Carter (TX)	Duncan	Griffith
			Cartwright	Dunn (FL)	Grijalva
			Casar	Edwards	Grothman
			Case	Ellzey	Guest
			Casten	Emmer	Guthrie
			Castor (FL)	Escobar	Hageman
			Castro (TX)	Eshoo	Harder (CA)
			Chavez-DeRemer	Españillat	Harris
			Cherfilus-	Estes	Harshbarger
			McCormick	Evans	Hayes
			Chu	Ezell	Hern
			Ciscomani	Fallon	Higgins (LA)
			Clark (MA)	Feenstra	Higgins (NY)
			Clarke (NY)	Ferguson	Hill
			Cleaver	Finstad	Himes
			Cline	Fischbach	Hinson
			Cloud	Fitzgerald	Horsford
			Clyburn	Fitzpatrick	Houchin
			Clyde	Fleischmann	Houlihan
			Cohen	Fletcher	Hoyer
			Cole	Flood	Hoyle (OR)
			Collins	Foster	Hudson
			Comer	Foushee	Huffman
			Connolly	Fox	Huizenga
			Correa	Frankel, Lois	Issa
			Costa	Franklin, Scott	Ivey
			Courtney	Frost	Jackson (IL)
			Craig	Fry	Jackson (NC)
			Crane	Fulcher	Jackson (TX)
			Crawford	Gaetz	Jackson Lee
			Crenshaw	Gallagher	Jacobs
			Crockett	Gallego	James
			Crow	Garamendi	Jayapal
			Cuellar	Garbarino	Jeffries
			Curtis	Garcia (IL)	Johnson (GA)
			D'Esposito	Garcia (TX)	Johnson (LA)
			Davidson	Garcia, Mike	Johnson (OH)
				Garcia, Robert	Johnson (SD)

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Joyce (OH)	Mooleenaar	Scott, Austin
Joyce (PA)	Mooney	Scott, David
Kamlager-Dove	Moore (AL)	Self
Kaptur	Moore (UT)	Sessions
Kean (NJ)	Moore (WI)	Sewell
Keating	Moran	Sherman
Kelly (IL)	Morelle	Sherrill
Kelly (MS)	Moskowitz	Simpson
Kelly (PA)	Moulton	Slotkin
Khanna	Mrvan	Smith (MO)
Kiggans (VA)	Mullin	Smith (NE)
Kildee	Murphy	Smith (NJ)
Kiley	Nadler	Smucker
Kilmer	Napolitano	Sorensen
Kim (CA)	Neal	Soto
Kim (NJ)	Neguse	Spanberger
Krishnamoorthi	Nehls	Spartz
Kuster	Newhouse	Stansbury
Kustoff	Nickel	Stanton
LaHood	Norcross	Stauber
LaLota	Norman	Steel
LaMalfa	Nunn (IA)	Stefanik
Lamborn	Obernolte	Steil
Landsman	Ocasio-Cortez	Steube
Langworthy	Ogles	Stevens
Larsen (WA)	Omar	Strickland
Larson (CT)	Owens	Strong
Latta	Pallone	Swalwell
LaTurner	Palmer	Sykes
Lawler	Panetta	Takano
Lee (CA)	Pappas	Tenney
Lee (FL)	Pascrell	Thaneadar
Lee (NV)	Pelosi	Thompson (CA)
Lee (PA)	Peltola	Thompson (MS)
Leger Fernandez	Pence	Thompson (PA)
Lesko	Perez	Tiffany
Letlow	Perry	Timmons
Levin	Peters	Titus
Lieu	Pettersen	Tlaib
Lofgren	Pfluger	Tokuda
Loudermilk	Phillips	Tonko
Lucas	Pingree	Torres (CA)
Luetkemeyer	Pocan	Torres (NY)
Luna	Porter	Trahan
Luttrell	Posey	Trone
Lynch	Pressley	Turner
Mace	Quigley	Underwood
Magaziner	Ramirez	Valadao
Malliotakis	Raskin	Van Drew
Mann	Reschenthaler	Van Duynne
Manning	Rodgers (WA)	Vargas
Massie	Rogers (AL)	Vasquez
Mast	Rogers (KY)	Veasey
Matsui	Rose	Velazquez
McBath	Rosendale	Wagner
McCarthy	Ross	Walberg
McCaul	Rouzer	Waltz
McClain	Roy	Wasserman
McClellan	Ruiz	Schultz
McClintock	Ruppersberger	Waters
McCollum	Rutherford	Watson Coleman
McCormick	Ryan	Weber (TX)
McGarvey	Salazar	Webster (FL)
McGovern	Salinas	Wenstrup
McHenry	Sánchez	Westerman
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## NOT VOTING—6

Gonzalez,	Payne	Wexton
Vicente	Smith (WA)	
Hunt	Van Orden	

□ 1045

The SPEAKER pro tempore. On this roll call, 427 Members have recorded their presence.

A quorum is present.

## ELECTION OF SPEAKER

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question now recurs upon the election of a Speaker. Will the tellers please come forward.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California (Mr. MCCARTHY).

Mr. MCCARTHY. Mr. Speaker pro tempore, I rise to nominate JIM JORDAN for the Speaker of the House.

I have listened to the speeches this week, and I can already tell you what my friends on the other side will say, using their poll-tested phrases, but let me correct the record. JIM JORDAN is an effective legislator.

To legislate is about more than the name on the bill. It is about reaching compromise and working long hours behind the scenes to get the job done.

When you are the chairman of a committee, you are responsible for dozens of bills passing the House and being signed into law.

Let me tell you a few facts that don't come out in the polls. As the leader of the Judiciary Committee, JIM has passed more bills through the House in just 3 years than the entire Democrat leadership team that has a collective 28 years in Congress.

Mr. AGUILAR has a whopping one whole bill signed into law; a post office in San Bernardino. I guess that is good enough to be Caucus chair.

JIM JORDAN, on the other hand, had a hand in drafting bills like the REINS Act to curb unaccountable bureaucrats. He helped negotiate and pass H.R. 2, the strongest border security bill this House has ever passed.

Many of you know because you were in the room watching JIM find compromise, watching JIM listen to your positions and finding a bill that can pass.

Let's put this in reality. We have had large majorities, but we never could pass a border security bill. That takes leadership.

They are going to get upset by it. Why? Because every single Democrat voted against securing our border. Democrats are attacking JIM because they don't want the American people to remember that they voted against securing and keeping a wide-open border.

They may not want the American public to know the number of people we catch on the terrorist watch list. They may not want people to know what the future holds for the security of our Nation based upon their policies.

Name me one bill Democrats passed that would secure our border. I am waiting. You can't because they haven't.

Mr. Speaker pro tempore, the truth is, if we measure lawmakers by how many bills have their names on it, we are using the wrong measuring stick.

Some of the Members I know with the most bills to their name are the most selfish. JIM JORDAN, on the other hand, is one of the most selfless Members I know.

I have known JIM a long time, and I wanted to do something different. I actually called the freshmen members on his committee and asked them: What do you think of your chairman?

Here are just a few examples of what they said: JIM empowers every member of the Judiciary Committee to pursue what interests them.

Here is another: He lets each of us take the lead on the issues that are important to us, even letting freshmen and junior members take important roles.

Here is another: He trusts our judgment on how we handle issues and witnesses and always seeks our input on key issues.

Here is another: As a freshman, he had me lead off a hearing that related to my subject matter expertise, and he goes out of his way to highlight members' successes.

He is straightforward, honest, and reliable. That is who JIM JORDAN is, and that is what being a Speaker is all about.

Now, some of you might not know this, but JIM and I have a long history. We take our jobs seriously.

I first met JIM as a candidate. I traveled to Ohio. I remember pulling up for breakfast at a Bob Evans in Ohio. There was JIM having a meeting, listening to constituents.

I traveled with him throughout the day from rotary to farm bureau, just listening to people that had concerns, and I watched then the same JIM JORDAN I see today. He was a leader, a listener, and a fighter.

We were actually elected to Congress that same year and became close friends. It was a small class. There were only 13 of us, one of the smallest Republican classes in modern history.

Over time, we took different routes. JIM actually ran against me for leader in 2018. It was a hard-fought battle, but I never once questioned his skills or commitment to this Conference or this country.

After the race, I became leader, and we had an opening for the ranking member of the House Committee on Oversight. JIM didn't even apply for the job. I walked into steering; didn't tell steering.

I walked into the other room, and I picked up the phone and I called JIM. I said: I know you are not running for the job, but I believe in what Jim Collins says in the book "Good to Great." You put the right people in the right seats on the bus.

JIM, you and I may have challenged one another, but you were the right person for that seat, and it was right when you took that job.

It was right again when I asked JIM to step up and join the Intel Committee when Democrats put politics over people and turned the Intel Committee into an impeachment committee.

It was right again when we asked JIM to step up and be the right person to lead the Judiciary Committee as chairman. JIM is the right person to take that seat behind me to be our next Speaker of the House.

Mr. Speaker pro tempore, we have an important job to do. The American people expect us to focus on the most pressing issues.

We have watched what a Democrat majority has done by bringing us inflation like we haven't seen since the 1970s.