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House of Representatives

The House met at 6:30 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker.

PRAYER

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

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is our Your name in all the Earth. You have set Your glory above the heavens. We pause to consider the work of your fingers, the Moon and the stars that You have established.

Let then Your divine favor and Your creative spirit be upon all those who have gathered in these Chambers, who recommit their time and energy in this new year in their service to You and to this Nation.

Let not one person here boast in their own wisdom. Let not the powerful boast in their power. Let not those who are rich in wealth or influence boast in their favor.

For You alone, in Your incorruptibility are the builder of this House. Let not our labor be in vain. But let us have reason to boast in our desire to understand and know You. You are the Lord who practices steadfast love, justice, and righteousness.

So by our commitment to these same virtues, may You find reason to delight in us. In Your mercy we offer our work to You.

And in your merciful name we pray.
Amen.

CALL OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER. A call of the House is ordered to ascertain the presence of a quorum.

Members will record their presence by electronic device.

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

[Roll No. 1]

ANSWERED "PRESENT"—334

Aguilar	Comer	Gomez	LaTurner	Obernalte	Smith (NJ)	
Allen	Connolly	Gonzales, Tony	Lawler	Ocasio-Cortez	Smucker	
Amo	Correa	Good (VA)	Lee (FL)	Ogles	Sorensen	
Amodei	Costa	Gooden (TX)	Lee (NV)	Omar	Soto	
Armstrong	Courtney	Gosar	Leger Fernandez	Owens	Spanberger	
Arrington	Craig	Gotthaimer	Lesko	Pallone	Spartz	
Auchincloss	Crane	Granger	Letlow	Panetta	Stansbury	
Babin	Crawford	Graves (LA)	Levin	Payne	Staubert	
Bacon	Crenshaw	Graves (MO)	Lieu	Pelosi	Steel	
Baird	Crow	Green (TN)	Lofgren	Peltola	Stefanik	
Balderson	Cuellar	Green, Al (TX)	Lucas	Pence	Steil	
Balint	Curtis	Greene (GA)	Luna	Perez	Steube	
Banks	D'Esposito	Griffith	Luttrell	Perry	Stevens	
Barr	Daids (KS)	Grothman	Mace	Peters	Strong	
Barragan	Davidson	Guthrie	Magaziner	Pettersen	Sykes	
Bera	Davis (IL)	Hageman	Malliotakis	Pocan	Takano	
Bergman	Davis (NC)	Harder (CA)	Maloy	Porter	Thanedar	
Beyer	De La Cruz	Harshbarger	Mann	Posey	Thompson (CA)	
Bice	Dean (PA)	Hayes	Manning	Pressley	Thompson (PA)	
Biggs	DeGette	Hern	Matsui	Quigley	Tiffany	
Bilirakis	DeLauro	Hill	McCaul	Ramirez	Timmons	
Bishop (NC)	DelBene	Himes	McClain	Raskin	Titus	
Bonamici	DeSaulnier	Hinson	McClellan	Reschenthaler	Titus	
Bost	Diaz-Balart	Houchin	McCollum	Rodgers (WA)	Tokuda	
Bowman	Dingell	Hoyer	McCormick	Rogers (KY)	Tonko	
Boyle (PA)	Doggett	Hoyle (OR)	McGarvey	Rose	Torres (CA)	
Brecheen	Duarte	Hudson	McGovern	Rosendale	Torres (NY)	
Brown	Duncan	Huizenga	Menendez	Ross	Trahan	
Brownley	Dunn (FL)	Hunt	Meng	Rouzer	Trone	
Buchanan	Edwards	Ivey	Meuser	Ruiz	Turner	
Buck	Ellzey	Jackson (IL)	Miller (IL)	Ruppersberger	Valadao	
Bucshon	Emmer	Jackson (NC)	Miller (OH)	Rutherford	Van Drew	
Budzinski	Escobar	Jackson (TX)	Miller (WV)	Ryan	Van Duyn	
Burchett	Eshoo	Jacobs	Mills	Salinas	Van Orden	
Burlison	Espailat	James	Molinaro	Sánchez	Vargas	
Bush	Estes	Jayapal	Moolenaar	Schakowsky	Vasquez	
Calvert	Evans	Johnson (LA)	Moore (UT)	Schiff	Velázquez	
Cammack	Ezell	Johnson (OH)	Morelle	Schneider	Wagner	
Caraveo	Fallon	Johnson (SD)	Moskowitz	Scholten	Walberg	
Carbal	Feenstra	Jordan	Mrvan	Schrier	Wasserman	
Carbal	Ferguson	Joyce (OH)	Mullin	Schweikert	Schultz	
Cárdenas	Finstad	Joyce (PA)	Murphy	Scott, Austin	Seif	
Carey	Fischbach	Kammlager-Dove	Nadler	Sessions	Sherman	
Carl	Fitzgerald	Kaptur	Napolitano	Sherman	Sherrill	
Carson	Fitzpatrick	Kean (NJ)	Neguse	Simpson	Simpson	
Carter (GA)	Fleischmann	Kelly (MS)	Nehls	Nickel	Slotkin	
Carter (TX)	Foster	Kelly (PA)	Newhouse	Norcross	Smith (MO)	
Cartwright	Foushee	Khanna	Nickel	Norman	Smith (NE)	
Case	Fox	Kiggans (VA)	Norcross		Zinke	
Casten	Fox	Kildee	NOT VOTING—99			
Castor (FL)	Franklin, Scott	Killey	Casar		Garcia (TX)	
Castro (TX)	Frost	Kilmer	Cherfilus-		Golden (ME)	
Chavez-DeRemer	Fry	Kim (CA)	McCormick		Gonzalez,	
Chu	Fulcher	Krishnamoorthi	Cleaver		Vicente	
Ciscomani	Gallagher	Kuster	Clyburn		Grijalva	
Clark (MA)	Galleo	Kustoff	Beatty		Guest	
Clarke (NY)	Garamendi	LaHood	Bentz		Harris	
Cline	Garbarino	LaLota	Bishop (GA)		Higgins (LA)	
Cloud	Garcia (IL)	Landsman	Blumenauer		Higgins (NY)	
Clyde	Garcia, Mike	Langworthy	Blunt Rochester		Horsford	
Cohen	Garcia, Robert	Larsen (WA)	Boebert		Flood	
Cole	Gimenez	Latta	Burgess		Frankel, Lois	
Collins	Goldman (NY)		Carter (LA)		Gaetz	Huffman
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Jackson Lee	Miller-Meeks	Scott, David
Jeffries	Mooney	Sewell
Johnson (GA)	Moore (AL)	Smith (WA)
Keating	Moore (WI)	Stanton
Kelly (IL)	Moran	Strickland
Kim (NJ)	Moulton	Swalwell
LaMalfa	Neal	Tenney
Lamborn	Nunn (IA)	Thompson (MS)
Larson (CT)	Palmer	Tlaib
Lee (CA)	Pappas	Underwood
Lee (PA)	Pascrell	Veasey
Loudermilk	Pfluger	Waltz
Luetkemeyer	Phillips	Waters
Lynch	Pingree	Weber (TX)
Massie	Rogers (AL)	Webster (FL)
Mast	Roy	Wexton
McBath	Salazar	Williams (GA)
McClintock	Sarbanes	Williams (TX)
McHenry	Scalise	Wilson (FL)
Meeks	Scanlon	Wilson (SC)
Mfume	Scott (VA)	

□ 1855

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia). On this roll call, 334 Members have recorded their presence.

A quorum is present.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the proceedings of January 5, 2024, 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 North Carolina (Mr. DAVIS) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina 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.

PROVIDING FOR A COMMITTEE TO NOTIFY THE PRESIDENT OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. MOORE of Utah. Madam Speaker, I send to the desk a privileged resolution and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 948

Resolved, that a committee of two Members be appointed by the Speaker on the part of the House of Representatives to notify the President of the United States that a quorum of the House has assembled and that the House is ready to receive any communication that he may be pleased to make.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

TO INFORM THE SENATE THAT A QUORUM OF THE HOUSE HAS ASSEMBLED

Mr. MOORE of Utah. Madam Speaker, I send to the desk a privileged resolution and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 949

Resolved, that the Clerk of the House inform the Senate that a quorum of the House is present and that the House is ready to proceed with business.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

APPOINTMENT AS MEMBERS OF COMMITTEE TO NOTIFY THE PRESIDENT, PURSUANT TO HOUSE RESOLUTION 948

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 948, the Chair appoints the following Members to the committee to notify the President of the United States that a quorum of the House has assembled and that the House is ready to receive any communication that he may be pleased to make:

the gentleman from Louisiana (Mr. SCALISE) and
the gentleman from New York (Mr. JEFFRIES).

PROVIDING FOR THE HOUR OF MEETING OF THE HOUSE

Mr. MOORE of Utah. Madam Speaker, I send to the desk a privileged resolution and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 950

Resolved, that unless otherwise ordered, the hour of daily meeting of the House shall be 2 p.m. on Mondays; noon on Tuesdays (or 2 p.m. if no legislative business was conducted on the preceding Monday); noon on Wednesdays and Thursdays; and 9 a.m. on all other days of the week.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

MAKING IN ORDER MORNING-HOUR DEBATE

Mr. MOORE of Utah. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the order of the House of January 9, 2023, providing for morning-hour debate be extended for the remainder of the 118th Congress, except that House Resolution 950 shall supplant House Resolution 6.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Utah?

There was no objection.

RESIGNATION FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following resignation from the House of Representatives:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, January 2, 2024.

Hon. MIKE JOHNSON,
Speaker, U.S. House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR SPEAKER JOHNSON, I hereby submit my resignation, effective at the end of the

day, January 21, 2024, as United States Representative of Ohio's 6th Congressional District. It has been an honor and privilege serving the people of Eastern and South-eastern Ohio in the U.S. House for the last 13-plus years.

The hardworking men and women who call the 6th District, old and new, home—from Youngstown to Portsmouth, from St. Clairsville to Zanesville—are proud and patriotic. But they are too often disregarded by America's elites, be they political, media, corporate and/or academic. These blue-collar communities, like countless others in "flyover country", were critical in building our great nation and will play a pivotal role in America's future. I am extremely humbled to have been repeatedly elected to serve them.

Sincerely,

BILL JOHNSON,
Member of Congress.

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, January 2, 2024.

Hon. MIKE DEWINE
Governor, State of Ohio,
Columbus, OH.

DEAR GOVERNOR DEWINE, I write to inform you that I will be resigning my 6th Congressional District seat in the U.S. House of Representatives on January 21, 2024, at the end of the day. It has been an honor and privilege serving the people of Eastern and South-eastern Ohio in the U.S. House for the last 13-plus years.

As you well know, the hardworking men and women who call the 6th District, old and new, home—from Youngstown to Portsmouth, from St. Clairsville to Zanesville—are proud and patriotic. But they are too often disregarded by America's elites, be they political, media, corporate and/or academic. These blue-collar communities, like countless others in "flyover country", were critical in building our great nation and will play a pivotal role in America's future. I am extremely humbled to have been repeatedly elected to serve them.

Sincerely,

BILL JOHNSON,
Member of Congress.

RESIGNATION AS MEMBER OF COMMITTEE ON THE BUDGET

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following resignation as a member of the Committee on the Budget:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, January 5, 2024.

Hon. MIKE JOHNSON,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR SPEAKER JOHNSON, I write to respectfully tender my resignation as a member of the Budget Committee, effective today. It has been an honor to serve in this capacity.

Sincerely,

STEPHANIE BICE,
Member of Congress.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the resignation is accepted.
There was no objection.

MOMENT OF SILENCE IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF UNITED STATES CAPITOL POLICE OFFICERS BRIAN D. SICKNICK AND HOWARD LIEBENGOOD

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair would ask that all Members and