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## House of Representatives

This being the day fixed by the 20th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, for the meeting of the 119th Congress of the United States, the Representatives-elect met in their Hall, and at noon were called to order by the Clerk of the House of Representatives, Hon. Kevin F. McCumber.

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

Gather us together, sovereign God, from the North and South, from the East and West, from the right and the left, and in Your mercy, consecrate the work You have called us to do in this 119th Congress.

As we convene to establish and uphold the laws of this Nation, may we devote our hearts anew to You and stretch out our hands to receive Your instruction.

With our spirits oriented toward You, may we be willing to put away all selfish motives, any rancorous thought that we may harbor within us, and the sin that we too often cling to, and allow no evil or wickedness to gain a foothold in or penetrate this tent of governance.

On this day and the days and months and years ahead, may we be found to be free of fault and true of faith and allegiance when we lift up our faces to You. May we, without fear or reservation, nor purpose of evasion, stand blameless before You and the people we serve.

We ask this and pray Your blessing on this Congress and on these United States.

In the strength of Your divine name, we pray.  
Amen.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The CLERK. The Representatives-elect and their guests will please remain standing and join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Clerk led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Repub-

lic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

The CLERK. As directed by law, the Clerk of the House has prepared the official roll of the Representatives-elect.

Certificates of election covering 435 seats in the One Hundred Nineteenth Congress have been received by the Clerk of the House. The names of those persons whose credentials show that they were regularly elected as Representatives in accord with the laws of their respective States or of the United States will be called.

The Representatives-elect will record their presence by electronic device and their names will be reported in alphabetical order by State, beginning with the State of Alabama, to determine whether a quorum is present.

Representatives-elect will record their presence by electronic device.

Representatives-elect who have not obtained their voting ID cards may do so now in the Speaker's lobby.

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

### [Roll Call 1]

Answered Present—433

#### ALABAMA

Aderholt Palmer Strong  
Figures Rogers (AL)  
Moore (AL) Sewell

#### ALASKA

Begich

#### ARIZONA

Ansari Crane Hamadeh (AZ)  
Biggs (AZ) Gosar Schweikert  
Ciscomani Grijalva Stanton

#### ARKANSAS

Crawford Westerman  
Hill (AR) Womack

#### CALIFORNIA

Aguilar Cisneros Garcia (CA)  
Barragán Correa Gomez  
Bera Costa Gray  
Brownley DeSaunier Harder (CA)  
Calvert Fong Huffman  
Carbajal Friedman Issa  
Chu Garamendi Jacobs

Kamlager-Dove McClintock Sherman  
Khanna Min Simon  
Kiley (CA) Mullin Swalwell  
Kim Obernolte Takano  
LaMalfa Panetta Thompson (CA)  
Levin Pelosi Torres (CA)  
Liccardo Peters Tran  
Lieu Rivas Vargas  
Lofgren Ruiz Waters  
Matsui Sánchez Whitesides

#### COLORADO

Boebert DeGette Nuguse  
Crank Evans (CO) Pettersen  
Crow Hurd (CO)

#### CONNECTICUT

Courtney Hayes Larson (CT)  
DeLauro Himes

#### DELAWARE

McBride

#### FLORIDA

Bean (FL) Frankel, Lois Rutherford  
Bilirakis Franklin, Scott Salazar  
Buchanan Frost Soto  
Cammack Gimenez Steube  
Castor (FL) Haridopolos Waltz  
Cherfilus-Lee (FL) Wasserman  
McCormick Luna Schultz  
Diaz-Balart Mast Webster (FL)  
Donalds Mills Wilson (FL)  
Dunn (FL) Moskowit

#### GEORGIA

Allen Greene (GA) Scott, Austin  
Bishop Jack Scott, David  
Carter (GA) Loudermilk Williams (GA)  
Clyde McBath  
Collins McCormick

#### HAWAII

Case Tokuda

#### IDAHO

Fulcher Simpson

#### ILLINOIS

Bost Jackson (IL) Ramirez  
Budzinski Kelly (IL) Schakowsky  
Casten Krishnamoorthi Schneider  
Davis (IL) LaHood Sorensen  
Foster Miller (IL) Underwood  
Garcia (IL) Quigley

#### INDIANA

Baird Messmer Spartz  
Carson Mrvan Stutzman  
Houchin Schreve Yakym

□ This symbol represents the time of day during the House proceedings, e.g., □ 1407 is 2:07 p.m.

Matter set in this typeface indicates words inserted or appended, rather than spoken, by a Member of the House on the floor.



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	IOWA		Joyce (OH)	Latta	Sykes
Feenstra	Miller-Meeks		Kaptur	Miller (OH)	Taylor
Hinson	Nunn (IA)		Landsman	Rulli	Turner (OH)
	KANSAS			OKLAHOMA	
Estes	Schmidt		Bice	Cole	Lucas
Mann	Dauids (KS)		Brecheen	Hern (OK)	
	KENTUCKY			OREGON	
Barr	Guthrie	McGarvey	Bentz	Bynum	Hoyle (OR)
Comer	Massie	Rogers (KY)	Bonamici	Dexter	Salinas
	LOUISIANA			PENNSYLVANIA	
Carter (LA)	Higgins (LA)	Letlow	Boyle (PA)	Houlahan	Perry
Fields	Johnson (LA)	Scalise	Bresnahan	Joyce (PA)	Reschenthaler
	MAINE		Dean (PA)	Kelly (PA)	Scanlon
Golden (ME)	Pingree		Deluzio	Lee (PA)	Smucker
	MARYLAND		Evans (PA)	Mackenzie	Thompson (PA)
Elfreth	Ivey	Olszewski	Fitzpatrick	Meuser	
Harris (MD)	McClain Delaney	Raskin		RHODE ISLAND	
Hoyer	Mfume		Amo	Magaziner	
	MASSACHUSETTS			SOUTH CAROLINA	
Auchincloss	Clark (MA)		Biggs (SC)	Mace	Wilson (SC)
	MINNESOTA		Clyburn	Norman	
Craig	Fischbach	Omar	Fry	Timmons	
Emmer	McCollum	Stauber		SOUTH DAKOTA	
Finstad	Morrison			Johnson (SD)	
	MISSISSIPPI			TENNESSEE	
Ezell	Kelly (MS)		Burchett	Fleischmann	Kustoff
Guest	Thompson (MS)		Cohen	Green (TN)	Ogles
	MISSOURI		DesJarlais	Harshbarger	Rose
Alford	Cleaver	Smith (MO)		TEXAS	
Bell	Graves	Wagner	Arrington	Fallon	McCaul
Burlison	Onder		Babin	Fletcher	Moran
	MONTANA		Carter (TX)	Garcia (TX)	Nehls
Downing	Zinke		Casar	Gill (TX)	Pfluger
	NEBRASKA		Castro (TX)	Goldman (TX)	Roy
Bacon	Flood	Smith (NE)	Cloud	Gonzales, Tony	Self
	NEVADA		Crenshaw	Gonzalez, V.	Sessions
Amodei (NV)	Lee (NV)		Crockett	Gooden	Turner (TX)
Horsford	Titus		Cuellar	Green, Al (TX)	Van Duyne
	NEW HAMPSHIRE		De La Cruz	Hunt	Veasey
Goodlander	McGovern	Pressley	Doggett	Jackson (TX)	Weber (TX)
Keating	Moulton	Trahan	Ellzey	Johnson (TX)	Williams (TX)
Lynch	Neal		Escobar	Luttrell	
	MICHIGAN			UTAH	
Barrett	McClain	Thanedar	Kennedy (UT)	Moore (UT)	Owens
Bergman	McDonald Rivet	Tlaib	Maloy	VERMONT	
Dingell	Moolenaar	Walberg		Balint	
Huizenga	Scholten	Pappas		VIRGINIA	
James	Stevens		Beyer	Kiggans (VA)	Subramanyam
	NEW JERSEY		Cline	McClellan	Vindman
Conaway	Menendez	Sherrill	Connolly	McGuire	Wittman
Gottheimer	Norcross	Smith (NJ)	Griffith	Scott (VA)	
Kean	Pallone	Van Drew		WASHINGTON	
McIver	Pou	Watson Coleman	Baumgartner	Newhouse	Smith (WA)
	NEW MEXICO		DelBene	Perez	Strickland
Leger Fernandez	Stansbury	Vasquez	Jayapal	Randall	
	NEW YORK		Larsen (WA)	Schrier	
Clarke (NY)	Latimer	Riley (NY)		WEST VIRGINIA	
Espallat	Lawler	Ryan	Miller (WV)	Moore (WV)	
Garbarino	Malliotakis	Stefanik		WISCONSIN	
Gillen	Mannion	Souzzi	Fitzgerald	Pocan	Van Orden
Goldman (NY)	Meeks	Tenney	Grothman	Steil	Wied
Jeffries	Meng	Tonko	Moore (WI)	Tiffany	
Kennedy (NY)	Morelle	Torres (NY)		WYOMING	
LaLota	Nadler	Velázquez		Hageman	
Langworthy	Ocasio-Cortez			□ 1233	
	NORTH CAROLINA			The CLERK. Four hundred thirty-three Representatives-elect have recorded their presence. A quorum is present.	
Adams	Harrigan	Moore (NC)		ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE CLERK	
Davis (NC)	Harris (NC)	Murphy		The CLERK. Credentials, regular in form, have been received showing the election of:	
Edwards	Hudson	Ross		The Honorable PABLO JOSE HER-	
Foushee	Knott	Rouzer		NANDEZ RIVERA as Resident Commis-	
Foxx	McDowell			sioner from the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico for a term of 4 years beginning January 3, 2025;	
	NORTH DAKOTA			The Honorable ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON as Delegate from the District of Columbia;	
	OHIO			The Honorable JAMES C. MOYLAN as Delegate from Guam;	
Balderson	Brown	Davidson		The Honorable STACEY E. PLASKETT as Delegate from the Virgin Islands;	
Beatty	Carey	Jordan		The Honorable AUMUA AMATA COLEMAN RADEWAGEN as Delegate from American Samoa; and	

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The Honorable STACEY E. PLASKETT as Delegate from the Virgin Islands;

The Honorable AUMUA AMATA COLEMAN RADEWAGEN as Delegate from American Samoa; and

The Honorable KIMBERLYN KING-HINDS as Delegate from the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The Clerk is in receipt of a letter from the Honorable Matt Gaetz from the State of Florida indicating that he will not serve in the House in the 119th Congress.

Without objection, the letters relating to his resignation will be printed in the RECORD.

There was no objection.

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Washington, DC, November 13, 2024.

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

MR. SPEAKER: I hereby resign, as United States Representative for Florida's First Congressional District, effective immediately, and I do not intend to take the oath of office for the same office in the 119th Congress, to pursue the position of Attorney General in the Trump Administration.

Enclosed please find the letter I have transmitted to Florida Governor Ron DeSantis.

Respectfully,

MATT GAETZ,  
Member of Congress.

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, November 13, 2024.

Governor RON DESANTIS,  
State of Florida,  
Tallahassee, FL.

DEAR GOVERNOR DESANTIS: I hereby resign, as United States Representative for Florida's First Congressional District, effective immediately, and I do not intend to take the oath of office for the same office in the 119th Congress, to pursue the position of Attorney General in the Trump Administration.

Respectfully,

MATT GAETZ,  
Member of Congress.

### ELECTION OF SPEAKER

The CLERK. Pursuant to law and precedent, the next order of business is the election of the Speaker of the House of Representatives for the 119th Congress.

Nominations are now in order.

The Clerk recognizes the gentlewoman from Michigan (Mrs. McCLAIN).

Mrs. McCLAIN. Mr. Clerk, as chair of the Republican Conference, I am directed by the vote of that Conference to present for election to the Office of Speaker of the House of Representatives for the 119th Congress the name