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

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
January 6, 2025.

I hereby appoint the Honorable THOMAS P. TIFFANY to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

MIKE JOHNSON,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

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

Holy and eternal God, we pray Your presence among us on this day. Shine again Your light in the darkness, that we would be aware of Your abiding favor and sure of Your divine guidance. May we faithfully follow in the way You lead, O Lord, that You will show mercy on us and on the day's work ahead.

Reveal to us Your gracious and eternal perspective. Give us the insight You would have us gain when we turn our eyes to You and away from the futile paths that vie for our attention and distract us from appreciating that Your grace plan alone determines our life's work.

Guide us in the way we should go, and protect us from any adversarial attitudes that threaten us from within or without, the inimical intrusions that seek to undermine the divine work You desire us to do.

Grant us Your peace, and may Your grace bless us with abundance so that, in all things, at all times, we will realize that we have all that we need to succeed in every good work You have ordained us to complete.

For Your presence, Your perspective, Your protection, and Your peace, we are forever grateful. Lord, in Your perfect 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 Ohio (Mr. TAYLOR) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. TAYLOR 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.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

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

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, January 6, 2025.

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

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on January 6, 2025, at 11:09 a.m.:

That the Senate agreed to S. Res. 2.
That the Senate agreed to S. Res. 5.
That the Senate agreed to S. Res. 10.
That the Senate agreed to S. Res. 13.
With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

KEVIN F. MCCUMBER,
Clerk.

APPOINTMENT OF TELLERS ON THE PART OF THE HOUSE TO COUNT ELECTORAL VOTES

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to Senate Concurrent Resolution 2, and the order of the House of January 3, 2025, the Chair announces the Speaker's appointment of two Members as tellers on the part of the House to count the electoral votes.

The gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. STEIL), and

The gentleman from New York (Mr. MORELLE).

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until approximately 12:55 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 4 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker at 12 o'clock and 56 minutes p.m.

COUNTING ELECTORAL VOTES—JOINT SESSION OF THE HOUSE AND SENATE HELD PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 2

At 12:56 p.m., the Sergeant at Arms, William McFarland, announced the Vice President and the Senate of the United States.

The Senate entered the Hall of the House of Representatives, headed by the Vice President and the Secretary of the Senate, the Members and officers of the House rising to receive them.

The Vice President took her seat as the Presiding Officer of the joint convention of the two Houses, the Speaker of the House occupying the chair on her

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left. Senators took seats to the right of the rostrum as prescribed by law.

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The joint session was called to order by the Vice President.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Mr. Speaker and Members of Congress, pursuant to the Constitution and laws of the United States, the Senate and House of Representatives are meeting in joint session to verify the certificates and count the votes of the electors of the several States for President and Vice President of the United States.

After ascertainment has been had that the certificates are authentic and correct in form, the tellers will count and make a list of the votes cast by the electors of the several States.

The tellers on the part of the two Houses will take their places at the Clerk's desk.

The tellers, Senator FISCHER and Senator KLOBUCHAR on the part of the Senate, and Mr. STEIL and Mr. MORELLE on the part of the House, took their places at the desk.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Without objection, the tellers will dispense with reading formal portions of the certificates.

There was no objection.

The VICE PRESIDENT. After ascertaining that certificates are regular in form and authentic, the tellers will announce the votes cast by the electors for each State, beginning with Alabama.

Senator FISCHER. Madam President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the State of Alabama seems to be regular in form and authentic, and it appears therefrom that Donald J. Trump of the State of Florida received 9 votes for President and J.D. VANCE of the State of Ohio received 9 votes for Vice President.

Mr. STEIL. Madam President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the State of Alaska seems to be regular in form and authentic, and it appears therefrom that Donald J. Trump of the State of Florida received 3 votes for President and J.D. VANCE of the State of Ohio received 3 votes for Vice President.

Senator KLOBUCHAR. Madam President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the State of Arizona seems to be regular in form and authentic, and it appears therefrom that Donald J. Trump of the State of Florida received 11 votes for President and J.D. VANCE of the State of Ohio received 11 votes for Vice President.

Mr. MORELLE. Madam President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the State of Arkansas seems to be regular in form and authentic, and it appears therefrom that Donald J. Trump of the State of Florida received 6 votes for President and J.D. VANCE of the State of Ohio received 6 votes for Vice President.

Senator FISCHER. Madam President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the State of California seems to be reg-

ular in form and authentic, and it appears therefrom that KAMALA D. HARRIS of the State of California received 54 votes for President and Tim Walz of the State of Minnesota received 54 votes for Vice President.

Mr. STEIL. Madam President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the State of Colorado seems to be regular in form and authentic, and it appears therefrom that KAMALA D. HARRIS of the State of California received 10 votes for President and Tim Walz of the State of Minnesota received 10 votes for Vice President.

Senator KLOBUCHAR. Madam President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the State of Connecticut seems to be regular in form and authentic, and it appears therefrom that KAMALA D. HARRIS of the State of California received 7 votes for President and Tim Walz of the State of Minnesota received 7 votes for Vice President.

Mr. MORELLE. Madam President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the State of Delaware seems to be regular in form and authentic, and it appears therefrom that KAMALA D. HARRIS of the State of California received 3 votes for President and Tim Walz of the State of Minnesota received 3 votes for Vice President.

Senator FISCHER. Madam President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the District of Columbia seems to be regular in form and authentic, and it appears therefrom that KAMALA D. HARRIS of the State of California received 3 votes for President and Tim Walz of the State of Minnesota received 3 votes for Vice President.

Mr. STEIL. Madam President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the State of Florida seems to be regular in form and authentic, and it appears therefrom that Donald J. Trump of the State of Florida received 30 votes for President and J.D. VANCE of the State of Ohio received 30 votes for Vice President.

Senator KLOBUCHAR. Madam President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the State of Georgia seems to be regular in form and authentic, and it appears therefrom that Donald J. Trump of the State of Florida received 16 votes for President and J.D. VANCE of the State of Ohio received 16 votes for Vice President.

Mr. MORELLE. Madam President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the State of Hawaii seems to be regular in form and authentic, and it appears therefrom that KAMALA D. HARRIS of the State of California received 4 votes for President and Tim Walz of the State of Minnesota received 4 votes for Vice President.

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Senator FISCHER. Madam President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the State of Idaho seems to be regular in form and authentic, and it appears therefrom that Donald J. Trump of the State of Florida received 4 votes for President and J.D. VANCE of the State

of Ohio received 4 votes for Vice President.

Mr. STEIL. Madam President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the State of Illinois seems to be regular in form and authentic, and it appears therefrom that KAMALA D. HARRIS of the State of California received 19 votes for President and Tim Walz of the State of Minnesota received 19 votes for Vice President.

Senator KLOBUCHAR. Madam President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the State of Indiana seems to be regular in form and authentic, and it appears therefrom that Donald J. Trump of the State of Florida received 11 votes for President and J.D. VANCE of the State of Ohio received 11 votes for Vice President.

Mr. MORELLE. Madam President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the State of Iowa seems to be regular in form and authentic, and it appears therefrom that Donald J. Trump of the State of Florida received 6 votes for President and J.D. VANCE of the State of Ohio received 6 votes for Vice President.

Senator FISCHER. Madam President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the State of Kansas seems to be regular in form and authentic, and it appears therefrom that Donald J. Trump of the State of Florida received 6 votes for President and J.D. VANCE of the State of Ohio received 6 votes for Vice President.

Mr. STEIL. Madam President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the Commonwealth of Kentucky seems to be regular in form and authentic, and it appears therefrom that Donald J. Trump of the State of Florida received 8 votes for President and J.D. VANCE of the State of Ohio received 8 votes for Vice President.

Senator KLOBUCHAR. Madam President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the State of Louisiana seems to be regular in form and authentic, and it appears therefrom that Donald J. Trump of the State of Florida received 8 votes for President and J.D. VANCE of the State of Ohio received 8 votes for Vice President.

Mr. MORELLE. Madam President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the State of Maine seems to be regular in form and authentic, and it appears therefrom that KAMALA D. HARRIS of the State of California received 3 votes for President and Donald J. Trump of the State of Florida received 1 vote for President and Tim Walz of the State of Minnesota received 3 votes for Vice President and J.D. VANCE of the State of Ohio received 1 vote for Vice President.

Senator FISCHER. Madam President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the State of Maryland seems to be regular in form and authentic, and it appears therefrom that KAMALA D. HARRIS of the State of California received 10 votes for President and Tim Walz of the State of Minnesota received 10 votes for Vice President.

KAMALA D. HARRIS of the State of California received 13 votes for President and Tim Walz of the State of Minnesota received 13 votes for Vice President.

Mr. MORELLE. Madam President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the State of Washington seems to be regular in form and authentic, and it appears therefrom that KAMALA D. HARRIS of the State of California received 12 votes for President and Tim Walz of the State of Minnesota received 12 votes for Vice President.

Senator FISCHER. Madam President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the State of West Virginia seems to be regular in form and authentic, and it appears therefrom that Donald J. Trump of the State of Florida received 4 votes for President and J.D. VANCE of the State of Ohio received 4 votes for Vice President.

Mr. STEIL. Madam President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the great State of Wisconsin seems to be regular in form and authentic, and it appears therefrom that Donald J. Trump of the State of Florida received 10 votes for President and J.D. VANCE of the State of Ohio received 10 votes for Vice President.

Senator FISCHER. Madam President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the State of Wyoming seems to be regular in form and authentic, and it appears therefrom that Donald J. Trump of the State of Florida received 3 votes for President and J.D. VANCE of the State of Ohio received 3 votes for Vice President.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Members of Congress, the certificates having been read, the tellers will ascertain and deliver the result to the President of the Senate.

Senator FISCHER. Madam President, the undersigned, Debra Fischer and AMY KLOBUCHAR, tellers on the part of the Senate, BRYAN STEIL and JOSEPH MORELLE, tellers on the part of the House of Representatives, report the following as the result of the ascertainment and counting of the electoral vote for President and Vice President of the United States for the term beginning on the 20th day of January, 2025.

The tellers delivered to the President of the Senate the following statement of results:

JOINT SESSION OF CONGRESS FOR THE COUNTING OF THE ELECTORAL VOTES FOR PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES—OFFICIAL TALLY

The undersigned, DEBRA FISCHER and AMY KLOBUCHAR, tellers on the part of the Senate, BRYAN STEIL and JOSEPH MORELLE, tellers on the part of the House of Representatives, report the following as the result of the ascertainment and counting of the electoral vote for President and Vice President of the United States for the term beginning on the twentieth day of January, two thousand and twenty-five.

Electoral votes of each State	For President		For Vice President	
	Donald J. Trump	Kamala D. Harris	JD Vance	Tim Walz
Alabama—9	9		9	
Alaska—3	3		3	
Arizona—11	11		11	
Arkansas—6	6		6	
California—54		54		54
Colorado—10		10		10
Connecticut—7		7		7
Delaware—3		3		3
District of Columbia—3		3		3
Florida—30	30		30	
Georgia—16	16		16	
Hawaii—4		4		4
Idaho—4	4		4	
Illinois—19		19		19
Indiana—11	11		11	
Iowa—6	6		6	
Kansas—6	6		6	
Kentucky—8	8		8	
Louisiana—8	8		8	
Maine—4	1	3	1	3
Maryland—10		10		10
Massachusetts—11		11		11
Michigan—15	15		15	
Minnesota—10		10		10
Mississippi—6	6		6	
Missouri—10	10		10	
Montana—4	4		4	
Nebraska—5	4	1	4	1
Nevada—6	6		6	
New Hampshire—4		4		4
New Jersey—14		14		14
New Mexico—5		5		5
New York—28		28		28
North Carolina—16	16		16	
North Dakota—3	3		3	
Ohio—17	17		17	
Oklahoma—7	7		7	
Oregon—8		8		8
Pennsylvania—19	19		19	
Rhode Island—4		4		4
South Carolina—9	9		9	
South Dakota—3	3		3	
Tennessee—11	11		11	
Texas—40	40		40	
Utah—6	6		6	
Vermont—3		3		3
Virginia—13		13		13
Washington—12		12		12
West Virginia—4	4		4	
Wisconsin—10	10		10	
Wyoming—3	3		3	
Total—538	312	226	312	226

DEBRA FISCHER,
AMY KLOBUCHAR,
*Tellers on the part of
the Senate.*

BRYAN STEIL,
JOSEPH D. MORELLE,
*Tellers on the part of
the House of Representatives.*

The VICE PRESIDENT. The state of the vote for President of the United States, as delivered to the President of the Senate, is as follows:

The whole number of the electors appointed to vote for President of the United States is 538. Within that whole number, a majority is 270.

The votes for President of the United States are as follows:

Donald J. Trump of the State of Florida has received 312 votes.

KAMALA D. HARRIS of the State of California has received 226 votes.

The whole number of electors appointed to vote for Vice President of the United States is 538. Within that whole number, a majority is 270.

The votes for Vice President of the United States are as follows:

J.D. VANCE of the State of Ohio has received 312 votes.

Tim Walz of the State of Minnesota has received 226 votes.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE VICE PRESIDENT

The VICE PRESIDENT. This announcement of the state of the vote by the President of the Senate shall be deemed a sufficient declaration of the persons elected President and Vice President of the United States, each

for the term beginning on the 20th day of January, 2025, and shall be entered, together with the list of the votes, on the Journals of the Senate and House of Representatives.

The purpose of the joint session having concluded, pursuant to Senate Concurrent Resolution 2, 119th Congress, the Chair declares the joint session dissolved.

(Thereupon, at 1 o'clock and 36 minutes p.m., the joint session of the two Houses of Congress dissolved.)

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to Senate Concurrent Resolution 2, 119th Congress, the electoral vote will be spread at large upon the Journal.

ELECTING MEMBERS TO CERTAIN STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mrs. McCLAIN. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Republican Conference, I send to the desk a privileged resolution and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 13

Resolved, That the following named Members be, and are hereby, elected to the following standing committees of the House of Representatives:

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE: Mr. Thompson of Pennsylvania, Chair.

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS: Mr. Cole, Chair.

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES: Mr. Rogers of Alabama, Chair.

COMMITTEE ON THE BUDGET: Mr. Arrington, Chair.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE: Mr. Walberg, Chair.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND COMMERCE: Mr. Guthrie, Chair.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCIAL SERVICES: Mr. Hill of Arkansas, Chair.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS: Mr. Mast, Chair.

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY: Mr. Green of Tennessee, Chair.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY: Mr. Jordan, Chair.

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES: Mr. Westerman, Chair.

COMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT AND GOVERNMENT REFORM: Mr. Comer, Chair.

COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE, SPACE, AND TECHNOLOGY: Mr. Babin, Chair.

COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS: Mr. Williams of Texas, Chair.

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE: Mr. Graves, Chair.

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS: Mr. Bost, Chair.

COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS: Mr. Smith of Missouri, Chair.

Mrs. McCLAIN (during the reading). Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be considered as read and printed in the RECORD.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. NEWHOUSE). Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from Michigan?

There was no objection.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.