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House of Representatives

This being the day fixed pursuant to the 20th Amendment to the Constitution for the meeting of the Second Session of the 119th Congress, the House met at noon and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. SMITH of New Jersey).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC.
January 3, 2026.

I hereby appoint the Honorable CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH 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:

Almighty God, sanctify this moment, laden as it is with our expectations and intentions for the coming year. With all its promise and all its pressure,

take the beginning of this second half of the 119th Congress and gather it into Your divine design. Prepare us for the way You would have us go.

Raise the valleys that would pull us down into incivility and discord. Make low the mountains that inspire us toward prerogative and privilege. Make level the rough ground that is inherent to the democratic process. Make plain the rugged moments of confusion when so much is at stake in the decisions that will be made here.

Then reveal Your desire for this body and for this country in this time. May all strive to see it together and work as one body to effect Your divine will.

In Your sovereign name we pray.
Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The SPEAKER pro tempore 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.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

Pursuant to section 8 of House Resolution 936, no organizational or legislative business will be conducted on this day.

Messages requiring action will be laid before the House on a subsequent day.

Bills and resolutions introduced today will receive a number but will not be referred to committee or noted in the RECORD until a subsequent day. Executive communications, memorials, and petitions likewise will be referred and numbered on a subsequent day.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 13 of rule I, the House stands adjourned until 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 6, 2026.

Thereupon (at 12 o'clock and 3 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Tuesday, January 6, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.

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

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