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## House of Representatives

The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. BROWN of Maryland).

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,  
October 1, 2019.

I hereby appoint the Honorable ANTHONY G. BROWN to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

### PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer: Gracious and merciful God, we give You thanks for giving us another day.

In this Chamber, where the people's House gathers, we pause to offer You gratitude for the gift of this good land on which we live and for this great Nation which You have inspired in developing over so many years.

In these historic days, may all Members and their constituents be engaged in serious consideration of the constitutional issues facing our Nation. May a sincere love for and dedication to our form of government prevail over partisan arguments, that our experiment in Republican democracy might endure into a hopeful future.

Give to us and all people a vivid sense of Your presence, that we may learn to understand each other, to respect each other, and to work with each other, so shall we make our Nation great in goodness and good in its greatness.

May all that is done this day be for Your greater honor and glory.  
Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 5(a) of House Resolution 577, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

### 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.

### 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, September 27, 2019.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,  
*The Speaker, House of Representatives,*  
Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM 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 September 27, 2019, at 1:31 p.m.:

That the Senate passed S. 737.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely,

CHERYL L. JOHNSON.

### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 4 of rule I, the following enrolled joint resolution was signed by the Speaker on Friday, September 27, 2019:

S.J. Res. 54, relating to a national emergency declared by the President on February 15, 2019.

### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 4 of rule I, the following enrolled bill was signed by Speaker pro tempore BROWN of Maryland on Friday, September 27, 2019:

H.R. 4285, to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend and modify certain authorities and requirements relating to the Department of Veterans Affairs.

### 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, September 30, 2019.

MS. NANCY PELOSI,  
*Speaker, House of Representatives,*  
Washington, DC.

DEAR SPEAKER PELOSI: I hereby submit my resignation effective immediately, September 30, 2019, as United States Representative of the 27th District of New York. Attached is the letter I submitted to The Secretary of New York State.

Sincerely,

CHRIS COLLINS.

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, September 30, 2019.  
Hon. ROSSANA ROSADO,  
*Secretary of State, New York Department of State, Albany, NY.*

DEAR SECRETARY ROSADO: I hereby submit my resignation effective immediately, September 30, 2019, as United States Representative of the 27th District of New York. Attached is the letter I submitted to Speaker of the United States House of Representatives.

Sincerely,

CHRIS COLLINS.

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

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