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## Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, February 17, 2020, at 1:45 p.m.

## House of Representatives

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2020

The House met at 11 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. CLAY).

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, February 14, 2020.

I hereby appoint the Honorable WM. LACY CLAY 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: Eternal God, we give You thanks for giving us another day. As the House lies silent, bless all Members as they encounter constituents in their home districts.

Bless the people of this great Nation with wisdom, knowledge, and understanding that they might responsibly participate in our American democracy by making their interests known to their representatives. Please keep all who work for the people's House in good health that they may faithfully fulfill the great responsibility given them in their service to the work of the Capitol.

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

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 4(a) of House Resolution

844, 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, February 13, 2020.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,  
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 February 13, 2020, at 5:04 p.m.:

That the Senate agreed to S.J. Res. 68.  
That the Senate passed S. 490.  
That the Senate passed with an amendment H.R. 1365.

With best wishes, I am  
Sincerely,

ROBERT F. REEVES,  
Deputy Clerk.

### SENATE BILL REFERRED

A bill of the Senate of the following title was taken from the Speaker's

table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. 490. An act to designate a mountain ridge in the State of Montana as "B-47 Ridge"; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

### ENROLLED BILL AND JOINT RESOLUTION SIGNED

Robert F. Reeves, Deputy Clerk of the House, reported and found truly enrolled a bill and a joint resolution of the House of the following titles, which were thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 504. An act to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to require the Department of Homeland Security to develop an engagement strategy with fusion centers, and for other purposes.

H.J. Res. 80. Joint resolution approving the request of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for a waiver under section 1703E(f) of title 38, United States Code.

### SENATE ENROLLED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS SIGNED

The Speaker announced her signature to enrolled bills and joint resolutions of the Senate of the following titles:

S. 375. An act to improve efforts to identify and reduce Governmentwide improper payments, and for other purposes.

S. 394. An act to amend the Presidential Transition Act of 1963 to improve the orderly transfer of the executive power during Presidential transitions.

S. 2107. An act to increase the number of CBP Agriculture Specialists and support

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