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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 118th Congress, the House met at noon and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Ms. FOXX).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
January 3, 2024.

I hereby appoint the Honorable VIRGINIA FOXX 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:

Eternal Lord, from everlasting to everlasting, You are God. Many are the plans of our hearts, but Yours is the eternal purpose that prevails.

Receive then our earnest and most heartfelt prayers as we enter into this Second Session of the 118th Congress. You have set eternity in our hearts, and we yearn to find meaning and purpose in the work of our hands.

Receive our labors and sanctify our intentions. May all that we set forth to do prove worthy of Your gracious and eternal plan.

Scripture warns that some trust in chariots and some in horses. All too often we trust in the perishable and corruptible, but this year, in all that lies ahead, may we place our trust only in the name of the Lord our God.

It is in Your sovereign name that we are bold to 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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 3 of House Resolution 922, 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 section 3(z) of House Resolution 5, the House stands adjourned until 10 a.m. on Friday, January 5, 2024.

Thereupon (at 12 o'clock and 3 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Friday, January 5, 2024, at 10 a.m.

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

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