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The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker.

PRAYER

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

Loving God, I come to You this day in prayer for each and every person who labors in this place, for their heartfelt dedication to their tasks, for the commitments they have made to serve their country as Members, as staffers, interns, service providers, and security officers, and the whole range of duties and responsibilities represented in this workforce.

None of the men and women do so without significant cost to themselves and to their families. I lift up to You the burdens they carry: personal illness and afflictions; the health and welfare of family members; the anxiety and discouragement felt when efforts are disregarded or unappreciated; tragedy and loss.

Their names and situations are known to You, O Lord, but especially this day we pray for those who grieve the loss of Representative RON WRIGHT. We are grateful that in his living he showed us a principled life, the importance of integrity, and the gift of thoughtfulness to those around him.

May the example of his fortitude in the face of life's adversities serve as a testimony to the hope we have in Your eternal care.

We pray in the strength of Your holy name.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to section 5(a)(1)(A) of House Resolution 8, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

The SPEAKER 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 SERGEANT AT ARMS

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following communication from the Sergeant at Arms of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE SERGEANT AT ARMS,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, February 8, 2021.

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

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: Pursuant to section 3(s) of House Resolution 8, following consultation with the Office of Attending Physician, I write to provide you further notification that the public health emergency due to the novel coronavirus SARS-CoV-2 remains in effect.

Sincerely,

TIMOTHY P. BLODGETT,
Acting Sergeant at Arms.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair announces the extension, pursuant to section 3 of House Resolution 8, and effective February 19, 2021, of the "covered period" designated on January 4, 2021.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER 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 9, 2021.

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 Representa-

tives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on February 9, 2021, at 3:11 p.m.:

That the Senate agreed to S. Res. 47.

With best wishes, I am,
Sincerely,

GLORIA J. LETT,
Deputy Clerk.

ELECTING MEMBERS TO CERTAIN STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the Chair lays before the House the resolution (H. Res. 111) electing Members to certain standing committees of the House of Representatives.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

There was no objection.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

H. RES. 111

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

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND LABOR: Mr. Mfume.

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES: Ms. Matsui, Mrs. Trahan.

COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE, SPACE, AND TECHNOLOGY: Ms. Moore of Wisconsin, Mr. Kildee, Ms. Wild, Mrs. Fletcher.

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS: Ms. Kaptur, Mr. Ruiz, Mr. Gallego.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

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

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

Matter set in this typeface indicates words inserted or appended, rather than spoken, by a Member of the House on the floor.



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OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, February 9, 2021.

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

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: I have the honor to transmit herewith a copy of a letter received from Mr. Robert A. Brehm and Mr. Todd D. Valentine, Co-Executive Directors, New York Board of Elections, indicating that, according to the Certificate of Election for the Election held November 3, 2020, the Honorable Claudia Tenney was elected Representative to Congress for the Twenty-Second Congressional District, State of New York.

With best wishes, I am,
Sincerely,

ROBERT F. REEVES.

NEW YORK STATE,
BOARD OF ELECTIONS,
Albany, NY, February 8, 2021.

Hon. CHERYL L. JOHNSON,
Clerk, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR CLERK JOHNSON: Enclosed herewith is the group Certificate of Election signifying those persons elected to the 117th Congress from the State of New York at the General Election held in this State on November 3, 2020.

Also enclosed is a copy of the vote as certified by the State Board of Canvassers on February 8, 2021.

Very truly yours,

ROBERT A. BREHM,
Co-Executive Director.
TODD D. VALENTINE,
Co-Executive Director.

STATE OF NEW YORK
CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION

We, the State Board of Elections, constituting the State Board of Canvassers, having canvassed the whole number of votes given for the office of REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS in the several congressional districts as enumerated at the General Election held in said State on the third day of November, 2020, according to the certified statements of the said votes received by the State Board of Elections, in the manner directed by law, do hereby determine, declare and certify that for the First Congressional District, Lee M. Zeldin; Second Congressional District, Andrew R. Garbarino; Third Congressional District, Thomas R. Suozzi; Fourth Congressional District, Kathleen M. Rice; Fifth Congressional District, Gregory W. Meeks; Sixth Congressional District, Grace Meng; Seventh Congressional District, Nydia M. Velázquez; Eighth Congressional District, Hakeem S. Jeffries; Ninth Congressional District, Yvette D. Clarke; Tenth Congressional District, Jerrold L. Nadler; Eleventh Congressional District, Nicole Malliotakis; Twelfth Congressional District, Carolyn B. Maloney; Thirteenth Congressional District, Adriano Espaillat; Fourteenth Congressional District, Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez; Fifteenth Congressional District, Ritchie Torres; Sixteenth Congressional District, Jamaal Bowman; Seventeenth Congressional District, Mondaire Jones; Eighteenth Congressional District, Sean Patrick Maloney; Nineteenth Congressional District, Antonio Delgado; Twentieth Congressional District, Paul D. Tonko; Twenty-First Congressional District, Elise M. Stefanik; Twenty-Second Congressional District, **Claudia Tenney***; Twenty-Third Congressional District, Tom Reed; Twenty-Fourth Congressional District, John M. Katko; Twenty-Fifth Congressional District, Joseph D. Morelle; Twenty-Sixth Congressional District, Brian Higgins; Twenty-Seventh Congressional District, Chris Jacobs.

was, by the greatest number of votes given at said election, duly elected REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS.

***Litigation pending**

Given under our hands, this 8th day of February in the year two thousand twenty one. Douglas A. Kellner, Commissioner. Peter S. Kosinski, Commissioner. Andrew J. Spano, Commissioner. Anthony J. Casale, Commissioner. We certify that we have compared the foregoing with the original certificate filed in this office, and that the same is a correct transcript therefrom and of the whole of such original.

Given under our hands and seal of office of the State Board of Elections, at the city of Albany, this 8th day of February, 2021.

ROBERT A. BREHM,
Co-Executive Director.
TODD D. VALENTINE,
Co-Executive Director.

NOTE: Names bolded and italicized were not previously certified by the Board of Canvassers at a meeting that was held on December 3, 2020.

[State Seal Affixed]

SWEARING IN OF THE HONORABLE
CLAUDIA TENNEY, OF NEW
YORK, AS A MEMBER OF THE
HOUSE

The SPEAKER. The Chair will now administer the oath of office to the Member-elect from New York (Ms. Tenney).

Will the gentlewoman from New York present herself in the well.

The gentlewoman from New York will please raise her right hand.

Ms. Tenney appeared at the bar of the House and took the oath of office, as follows:

Do you solemnly swear that you will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that you will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that you take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that you will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which you are about to enter, so help you God.

The SPEAKER. Congratulations, you are now a Member of the 117th Congress.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to clause 5(d) of rule XX, the Chair announces to the House that, in light of the administration of the oath to the gentlewoman from New York (Ms. Tenney), the whole number of the House is now 432.

PUBLICATION OF COMMITTEE
RULES

RULES OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE BUDGET FOR
THE 117TH CONGRESS

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON THE BUDGET,

Washington, DC, February 11, 2021.

MADAM SPEAKER: Pursuant to clause 2(a) of House Rule XI, I submit the rules for the Committee on the Budget for the 117th Congress for publication in the Congressional Record. The Committee adopted these rules by a voice vote, with a quorum being present, at our organizational meeting on Tuesday, February 9, 2021.

JOHN YARMUTH.

GENERAL APPLICABILITY

Rule 1—Applicability of House Rules

(a) Except as otherwise specified herein, the Rules of the House of Representatives are the rules of the Committee so far as applicable, except that a motion to recess from day to day, or a motion to recess subject to the call of the Chair (within 24 hours), or a motion to dispense with the first reading (in full) of a bill or resolution, if printed copies are available, is a non-debatable motion of privilege in the Committee. A proposed investigative or oversight report shall be considered as read if it has been available to the members of the Committee for at least 24 hours (excluding Saturdays, Sundays, or legal holidays except when the House is in session on such day).

(b) The Committee's rules shall be publicly available in electronic form and published in the Congressional Record not later than 60 days after the Chair of the Committee is elected in each odd-numbered year.

(c) The Chair, in consultation with the Ranking minority member, may establish such other procedures and take such actions as may be necessary to carry out these rules or facilitate the effective operation of the Committee.

Rule 2—Vice Chair

The Chair of the Committee shall designate a member of the majority party to serve as Vice Chair of the Committee in accordance with clause 2(d) of Rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives. The Vice Chair shall preside at any meeting or hearing during the temporary absence of the Chair.

MEETINGS

Rule 3—Regular Meetings

(a) The regular meeting day of the Committee shall be the second Wednesday of each month at 11 a.m., while the House is in session, if notice is given pursuant to paragraph (c) and paragraph (g)(3) of clause 2(g)(3) of Rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives.

(b) Regular meetings shall be canceled when they conflict with meetings of either party's caucus or conference.

(c) The Chair shall give written notice of the date, place, and subject matter of any Committee meeting, which may not commence earlier than the third calendar day (excluding Saturdays, Sundays, or legal holidays except when the House is in session on such day) on which members have notice thereof, unless the Chair, with the concurrence of the Ranking minority member, or the Committee by majority vote with a quorum present for the transaction of business, determines there is good cause to begin the meeting sooner, in which case the Chair shall make the announcement at the earliest possible date. An announcement shall be published promptly in the Daily Digest and made publicly available in electronic form.

Rule 4—Additional and Special Meetings

(a) The Chair may call and convene additional meetings of the Committee as the Chair considers necessary or special meetings at the request of a majority of the members of the Committee in accordance with clause 2(c) of Rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives.

(b) In the absence of exceptional circumstances, the Chair shall provide public electronic notice of additional meetings to the office of each member at least 24 hours in advance while Congress is in session, and at least three days in advance when Congress is not in session.

Rule 5—Open Business Meetings

(a) Meetings and hearings of the Committee shall be called to order and presided