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## Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Friday, January 6, 2023, at 1:05 p.m.

## House of Representatives

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4, 2023

The House met at noon, and was called to order by the Clerk.

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

Holy God, in these days of uncertainty and change, we turn to You who are the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow. Regardless of the circumstance, Lord, You are not just present but provisioning, supplying us all that we need to forge into and navigate the unknown ahead.

Give us reason, then, to cling to faith and to trust Your guiding hand in this liminal period of our Chamber's leadership. Offer us the gift of perspective. Bring to our minds the upheaval taking place in countries like Ukraine. In the face of chaos, they yet remain resolute, ever committed to the defense of their country and the strength of their government, bound together and upheld by their faith that You will sustain them.

How can we possibly succumb to our own disquiet and frustration when we reflect on the challenges governments around the world struggle to resolve in the name of democracy?

Even as we seek to establish this new Congress, remind us that we have a building not constructed by human hands. In our momentary distress, may we never lose sight of Your divine hand that guides our own Nation.

Call us to live this day in faith, if not by sight, and seek always to make it our goal to please You as we serve the Nation You have entrusted to us.

We lean on You, our rock, and pray in the name of our sure redeemer.

Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The CLERK. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House the approval thereof.

Representatives-elect are invited to join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The CLERK. The Representatives-elect and their guests will please remain standing and join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The CLERK 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.

### POINT OF ORDER

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Clerk, I have a point of order that a quorum is not present.

The CLERK. The gentlewoman makes a point of order that a quorum is not present. The Chair will count for quorum. The Chair counts 351 Members. There is a quorum present.

The question recurs upon the election of a Speaker. The tellers will please come forward to take their seats.

□ 1215

The CLERK. The Clerk recognizes the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. GALLAGHER).

Mr. GALLAGHER. Madam Clerk, I rise to nominate the gentleman from California, Mr. KEVIN MCCARTHY, for Speaker of the House.

Mr. GALLAGHER. Let's all take a second, take a look around. I know

people are getting frustrated. Take a look at this Chamber and realize how lucky we are to serve this country in Congress, how lucky we all are, Democrats and Republicans, to be citizens of the greatest country in the history of the world.

I say that because I know last night people were frustrated, wanted to go to parties, take pictures with their families. Honestly, we find ourselves here in this Chamber for the second day. We know we have got work to do. But in some ways, there is no place I would rather be—with the possible exception of Lambeau Field on Sunday—no place I would rather be.

But maybe, with the excitement, some of you haven't had an opportunity to check what is happening online. Let me fill you in on what is happening on Twitter, what the press is writing about. In some ways, they are salivating. There are headlines about the chaos, this and that. Yesterday, our colleagues on the other side of the aisle were tweeting their bags of popcorn that they had out. They love it. They are shouting for it. It is palpable.

But I think my friends on the Democrat side misunderstand what is happening here. Sure, it looks messy, but democracy is messy. Democracy is messy by design. That is a feature, not a bug, of our system. We air it all out in the open for the American people to see. Because at the end of the day, the President is not in charge, the Supreme Court is not in charge, the Speaker of the House is not even in charge. The American people are in charge.

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I am proud to be part of a party that welcomes debate, that invites different views, that isn't afraid of that.

Now, I listened to some of my colleagues yesterday. Mr. ROY from Texas, my good friend, knows I respect his views. I have been his partner in anti-proxy voting crusades, pro-regular order crusades. I understand. I know that his intentions are pure. I know a lot of people are just frustrated with the way Congress works. He knows I believe that in my bones.

But nobody has done more to lay out a plan for how we restore the basic functioning of this institution than KEVIN MCCARTHY. Nobody has done that.

Now, you may not have gotten everything you wanted. There are things I want that I know it is not possible to get done in this Congress. But Mr. MCCARTHY has gone above and beyond in terms of listening to people with concerns and laying out a plan for how we restore the basic functioning of the House of Representatives. Furthermore, I believe no one has done more to bring us into the majority than KEVIN MCCARTHY.

Listen, I wish we had a bigger majority. I wish we could do everything over the next 2 years. But the American people gave us an opportunity. They gave us, Republicans, an opportunity to inject some basic common sense into the Federal Government, to pull the emergency brake on a lot of the crazy we have seen in the last few years. They are asking us to do a job, and nobody has laid out a plan, a proactive policy agenda for the direction we want to take this country in more detail than KEVIN MCCARTHY. You all had an opportunity to provide input into that plan.

The irony of this current moment and this debate we are having is that on the big stuff we all agree; right? We want to secure the border. We don't want the executive branch to do everything through a pen and a phone.

We want to work with our Democratic colleagues when it comes to standing up to our enemies abroad, right?

There are basic things we know we need to do. It is time to get to work.

So you might tweet out some more popcorn emojis. I get it. You might write your headlines. But what I see right now is energy, a tremendous amount of energy in this Republican Conference who want to do the work of the people.

Mr. MCCARTHY is not asking you to endorse business as usual in the House. He has laid out a plan to renew the House of Representatives, and, once again, make it an institution where we can credibly look ourselves in the mirror and say we are working in the people's House.

For that and many other reasons, I nominate KEVIN MCCARTHY for Speaker of the House.

The CLERK. The Clerk now recognizes the gentleman from California (Mr. AGUILAR).

Mr. AGUILAR. Madam Clerk, I rise to nominate HAKEEM JEFFRIES as Speaker of the House.

Madam Clerk, make no mistake, there is no frustration on our side. We are focused on serving the American people. In order to do that, we have to unite behind a Speaker.

Democrats are united behind a Member who will prioritize putting better-paying jobs in industries of the future. Growing up in a working-class family, he knows that a good-paying job and a good education are key to economic mobility. He knows that to tackle the affordability crisis in this country, we need to make sure that everybody gets paid enough to live and work in any ZIP Code. He knows that by creating these jobs, we can once again make it in America.

Madam Clerk, as chair of the Democratic Caucus, I am directed by vote of that Caucus to present for election to the 118th Congress the Honorable HAKEEM JEFFRIES, Representative-elect for the State of New York, for the office of Speaker.

The CLERK. The Clerk now recognizes the gentleman from Texas (Mr. ROY).

Mr. ROY. Madam Clerk, yesterday, my first vote for Speaker of the House was for BYRON DONALDS. Today, I am rising to nominate BYRON DONALDS for Speaker of the House of Representatives.

BYRON is a dear friend, a solid conservative, but most importantly, a family man who loves dearly his wife, Erika, his three children, has a proven track record as a businessman, public service in the Florida legislature, and now as a Member of the United States Congress.

Now, here we are, and for the first time in history, there have been two Black Americans placed into the nomination for Speaker of the House. However, we do not seek to judge people by the color of their skin but rather the content of their character.

BYRON DONALDS is a good man raised by a single mom who moved past adversity, became a Christian man at the age of 21, and has devoted his life to advancing the cause for his family and for this country. He has done it admirably.

But there is an important reason for nominating BYRON, and that is that this country needs a change. This country needs leadership that does not reflect this city, this town that is badly broken.

The House of Representatives is the people's House. It represents the entirety of our country, and we each represent some 750,000 people. We come here, and here we sit in a room filled with those Representatives. My friend, Mr. GALLAGHER—and he is my friend, and I agree with him on many things, and I agree with almost everything that he was talking about. But we should be in here having this kind of a conversation with this many people in the room about Ukraine, and we should

debate the merits and we should debate the ups and downs being involved. We should debate the \$45 billion. We should debate whether it should be more or less. We should debate whether it should be paid for. We should debate what result we should demand. The only way you are going to get that is if you change the rules and have the leadership to advance the rules to make sure we can do that.

Now, we have had a conversation for 2 months to try to advance the ball, and we have had success in doing that, but we are not there. We are not at the place where we need to be to guarantee that we are going to be able to stand up in the face of the swamp that continues to step over the American people on a daily basis and spend money we don't have and continues to leave our borders open and continues to fund bureaucrats that are stepping over the freedoms of the American people. BYRON will stand up and do that. BYRON has a track record of doing that.

Importantly, when we are sitting here today and we continue this debate and we then have a vote, I just ask my friends on this side of the aisle, do you think that the American people support the status quo? Yes or no.

Do you think that the American people want us to continue down the road of what we have been doing, with the leadership that is currently in place, has been in place? Do you think they want us to continue down that path?

The argument that I would make is that they want a new face, new vision, new leadership, and I believe that face, vision, and new leadership is BYRON DONALDS. I am proud to put his name into nomination.

The CLERK. The Reading Clerk will now call the roll.

The tellers having taken their places, the House proceeded to vote for the Speaker.

The following is the result of the vote:

[Roll No. 5]  
JEFFRIES—212

Adams	Cherfilus-	Espallat
Aguilar	McCormick	Evans
Allred	Chu	Fletcher
Auchincloss	Cicilline	Foster
Balint	Clark (MA)	Foushee
Barragán	Clarke (NY)	Frankel, Lois
Beatty	Cleaver	Frost
Bera	Clyburn	Gallego
Beyer	Cohen	Garamendi
Bishop (GA)	Connolly	García (IL)
Blumenauer	Correa	García (TX)
Blunt Rochester	Costa	García, Robert
Bonamici	Courtney	Golden (ME)
Bowman	Craig	Goldman (NY)
Boyle (PA)	Crockett	Gomez
Brown	Crow	Gonzalez,
Brownley	Cuellar	Vicente
Budzinski	Dauids (KS)	Gottheimer
Bush	Davis (IL)	Green (TX)
Caraveo	Davis (NC)	Grijalva
Carbajal	Dean (PA)	Harder (CA)
Cárdenas	DeGette	Hayes
Carson	DeLauro	Higgins (NY)
Carter (LA)	DelBene	Himes
Cartwright	Deluzio	Horsford
Casar	DeSaulnier	Houlihan
Case	Dingell	Hoyer
Casten	Doggett	Hoyle (OR)
Castor (FL)	Escobar	Huffman
Castro (TX)	Eshoo	Ivey

Jackson (IL) Moulton  
 Jackson (NC) Mrvan  
 Jackson Lee Mullin  
 Jacobs Nadler  
 Jayapal Napolitano  
 Jeffries Neal  
 Johnson (GA) Neguse  
 Kamlager-Dove Nickel  
 Kaptur Norcross  
 Keating Ocasio-Cortez  
 Kelly (IL) Omar  
 Khanna Pallone  
 Kildee Panetta  
 Kilmer Pappas  
 Kim (NJ) Pascarell  
 Krishnamoorthi Payne  
 Kuster Pelosi  
 Landsman Peltola  
 Larsen (WA) Perez  
 Larsen (CT) Peters  
 Lee (CA) Pettersen  
 Lee (NV) Phillips  
 Lee (PA) Pingree  
 Leger Fernandez Pocan  
 Levin Porter  
 Lieu Pressley  
 Lofgren Quigley  
 Lynch Ramirez  
 Magaziner Raskin  
 Manning Ross  
 Matsui Ruiz  
 McBath Ruppersberger  
 McCollum Ryan  
 McGarvey Salinas  
 McGovern Sánchez  
 Meeks Sarbanes  
 Menendez Scanlon  
 Meng Schakowsky  
 Mfume Schiff  
 Moore (WI) Schneider  
 Morelle Scholten  
 Moskowitz Schrier

## MCCARTHY—201

Aderholt Finstad  
 Alford Fischbach  
 Allen Fitzgerald  
 Amodei Fitzpatrick  
 Armstrong Fleischmann  
 Arrington Flood  
 Babin Foxx  
 Bacon Franklin, C.  
 Baird Scott  
 Balderson Fry  
 Banks Fulcher  
 Barr Gallagher  
 Bean (FL) Garbarino  
 Bentz Garcia, Mike  
 Bergman Gimenez  
 Bice Gonzales, Tony  
 Bilirakis Gooden (TX)  
 Bost Granger  
 Buchanan Graves (LA)  
 Buck Graves (MO)  
 Bucshon Green (TN)  
 Burchett Greene (GA)  
 Burgess Griffith  
 Burlison Grothman  
 Calvert Guest  
 Cammack Guthrie  
 Carey Hageman  
 Carl Harshbarger  
 Carter (GA) Hern  
 Carter (TX) Higgins (LA)  
 Chavez-DeRemer Hill  
 Ciscomani Hinson  
 Cline Houchin  
 Cole Hudson  
 Collins Huizenga  
 Comer Hunt  
 Crawford Issa  
 Crenshaw Jackson (TX)  
 Curtis James  
 D'Esposito Johnson (LA)  
 Davidson Johnson (OH)  
 De La Cruz Johnson (SD)  
 DesJarlais Jordan  
 Diaz-Balart Joyce (OH)  
 Duarte Joyce (PA)  
 Duncan Kean (NJ)  
 Dunn (FL) Kelly (MS)  
 Edwards Kelly (PA)  
 Ellzey Kiggans (VA)  
 Emmer Kiley  
 Estes Kim (CA)  
 Ezell Kustoff  
 Fallon LaHood  
 Feenstra LaLota  
 Ferguson LaMalfa

Scott (VA) Scott, David  
 Scott, David Sewell  
 Sherman  
 Sherrill  
 Slotkin  
 Smith (WA) Smith (WA)  
 Sorensen Sorensen  
 Soto  
 Spanberger  
 Stansbury  
 Stanton  
 Stevens  
 Strickland  
 Swalwell  
 Sykes  
 Takano  
 Thanedar  
 Thompson (CA)  
 Thompson (MS)  
 Titus  
 Tlaib  
 Tokuda  
 Tonko  
 Torres (CA)  
 Torres (NY)  
 Trahan  
 Trone  
 Underwood  
 Vargas  
 Vasquez  
 Veasey  
 Velázquez  
 Wasserman  
 Schultz  
 Waters  
 Watson Coleman  
 Wexton  
 Wild  
 Williams (GA)  
 Wilson (FL)

Scott, Austin  
 Sessions  
 Simpson  
 Smith (MO)  
 Smith (NE)  
 Smith (NJ)  
 Smucker  
 Stauber  
 Steel  
 Stefanik  
 Steil  
 Steube  
 Stewart

Biggs  
 Bishop (NC)  
 Boebert  
 Brecheen  
 Cloud  
 Clyde  
 Crane

## ANSWERED “PRESENT”—1

Spartz

## NOT VOTING—0

□ 1340

The CLERK. The tellers agree in their tallies that the total number of votes cast is 433, of which the Honorable HAKEEM JEFFRIES of the State of New York has received 212, the Honorable KEVIN MCCARTHY of the State of California has received 201, the Honorable BYRON DONALDS of the State of Florida has received 20, with 1 Member-elect recorded as present.

No Member-elect having received a majority of the whole number of votes cast, a Speaker has not been elected.

The Clerk recognizes the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. DAVIDSON).

Mr. DAVIDSON. Madam Clerk, I rise to nominate KEVIN MCCARTHY as Speaker of the House.

Madam Clerk, now why would I as a conservative, as an Army Ranger, a businessman, the first guy that the House Freedom Caucus backed in a congressional race, nominate KEVIN MCCARTHY to become the next Speaker of the House? Why would JIM JORDAN? Why would other conservatives like THOMAS MASSIE, JIM BANKS, KEVIN HERN, and others support KEVIN MCCARTHY as Speaker of the House?

Something in our nature as humans causes us to dehumanize others when we engage in conflict. Dehumanizing others makes it easier to ascribe bad motives and to engage in the fight, but it also makes it harder to understand one another. As actions push further disagreement, arguments tend to escalate rather than resolve. We are on the precipice of such a destructive argument today.

I plead with all—all—of my Republican colleagues: Let cooler, more rational heads prevail. Let us unite as Republicans to elect the next Speaker of the House.

Unlike Democrats, nearly every Republican at least campaigns on some form of smaller, more accountable government. Once we get here, the bipartisan consensus keeps growing a bigger, less accountable government.

The American people know that the status quo is broken, that we have become less free, less safe, and more burdened by debt. The American people

are sick and tired of it, and they keep sending us reinforcements—reinforcements that today help make up our small majority. But a majority is only a majority if we actually work together.

Now, lots of people back home don't trust anyone in this town. Perhaps we would be wise to listen to them and some wisdom from Ronald Reagan: Trust but verify.

Trust is a fragile condition and easily broken. As I have listened to my friends, 20 of whom have opposed KEVIN MCCARTHY as Speaker of the House, and others, the root issue is this: They do not trust KEVIN MCCARTHY.

What can heal that divide? Right now, there are a lot of colleagues that don't trust 20 or more of my fellow Republicans. Right now, though we remain divided, a majority, an actual majority, of House Freedom Caucus members do support KEVIN MCCARTHY.

This summer, a unified House Freedom Caucus started the negotiations with a proposal for new rules, a different way to govern that empowers committees and regular Members. We proposed that a set of tools could be structured to make trust more verifiable and allow recourse if that trust is ever broken.

□ 1345

Following the election, KEVIN MCCARTHY engaged in that negotiation. He led the Conference to adopt substantive reforms that will make our majority more effective.

Let me list some of them:

ANDREW CLYDE's proposal to restore public access to the Capitol;

LAUREN BOEBERT's proposal to reduce the linkage between the NRCC and the Steering Committee process;

GARY PALMER's proposal to cap spending on suspension bills;

RALPH NORMAN's proposal to limit leadership reports and make conference more about engaging all Members;

CHIP ROY's proposal to provide a 5-day notice for suspension votes;

DAN BISHOP's proposal in privileged resolutions;

SCOTT PERRY's proposal for additional Conference meetings ahead of key votes;

BOB GOOD's proposal on standalone appropriations bills;

ANDY BIGGS' proposal limiting suspension waivers from committees;

CHIP ROY's proposal to make cosponsored amendments in order;

A firm 72-hour publication of bills before calling for a recorded vote;

An end to proxy voting;

An end to remote participation in committee work by Members of Congress;

The Holman rule;

An end to the Gephardt rule;

CutGo instead of paygo;

An end to en bloc suspension votes;

A major reform worked out with MORGAN GRIFFITH, what we hope to call the Griffith rule, on single-subject bills

subject to germaneness, points of order, and amendment;

Diverse viewpoints on every committee;

Lastly, a Church-style commission added to the Judiciary Committee focused on the abuses our own Big Government has unjustly collaborated with Big Business and Big Tech to silence, persecute, or even prosecute our fellow citizens.

As THOMAS MASSIE pointed out, Elon Musk bought a crime scene.

Now that we know, and the public knows, the question is: What in the hell are we going to do about it? Well, the select committee answers that question, with oversight and leadership by our most effective Member, my friend and colleague, the future chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, Congressman JIM JORDAN.

We as Republicans are a big and diverse Conference. The real question goes back to strategy. Can we accept incremental progress? Can we work for a victory one first down at a time, or can we only accept the high-risk trick plays?

Can we set about the hard work of winning debates with our colleagues, as we have done through this process? Can we take a win every now and then and give hope to the forgotten men and women of America who no longer believe this place, this people's House, cares about them?

Or, having achieved nearly every concession that we have asked for, including a motion to vacate the Chair with one privileged resolution, does it really boil down to this: 20 or more of my colleagues will never trust KEVIN MCCARTHY as Speaker?

I feel at this time we risk a worse outcome if we cannot unite behind the man that has helped us achieve these substantive reforms, reforms that offer all of us, this whole body, hope for change in the broken status quo; reforms that our voters have demanded; reforms that we have worked hard together to achieve; and, finally, reforms that we risk forfeiting if we do not work together as Republicans to elect the next Speaker of the House.

Now is the time for deeds, not words. I nominate KEVIN MCCARTHY for Speaker of the House. I humbly ask for your support.

The CLERK. The gentleman from California (Mr. AGUILAR) is recognized.

Mr. AGUILAR. Madam Clerk, I rise to nominate HAKEEM JEFFRIES as Speaker of the House.

Madam Clerk, the lead vote-getter in the last four tallies, Democrats are united behind a Speaker who will work to codify the right to seek an abortion into law.

Like all of us, HAKEEM has spoken about consistently the disastrous Dobbs decision; he has spoken time and time again that it is well past time to codify Roe v. Wade into law; and he knows that young women should not grow up in a world with fewer rights than their parents and grandparents.

He will ensure that reproductive freedom is enshrined into law.

That is why, Madam Clerk, as chair of the Democratic Caucus, I am directed by the Caucus to present for election HAKEEM JEFFRIES, Representative-elect from New York, as our next Speaker.

The CLERK. The gentlewoman from Colorado (Mrs. BOEBERT) is recognized.

Mrs. BOEBERT. Madam Clerk, I rise to nominate Congressman BYRON DONALDS, my friend, an amazing man of Florida, an amazing leader, someone who almost even took leadership here in our Republican Party and came very close in doing so. It was a very brave run that he took.

He is a man who understands what tough times look like and has come out of those tough times even stronger, more liberated, and as a leader.

We just heard from my respected colleague from Ohio, and he stated some amazing rules that we have been able to get an agreement on, I think.

We were threatened pretty heavily in Conference, saying if we don't do as we ought, then some of those rules may just go away.

But even naming the germaneness rule, which is really fantastic, after MORGAN GRIFFITH, well, that was our idea, too.

My question is, why didn't the supposed leader of the Republican Party present these rules? Why were we fought so hard on these rules?

The barrier that still stands in the way of these rules is the structure that prevents us from rolling over.

As my friend, CHIP ROY, stated, we need the tools and the leadership to do our job correctly, and I believe that BYRON DONALDS is the man to lead us to that path of getting America on track and uniting the Republican Party.

My colleagues and I have worked tirelessly for months to build consensus, to negotiate in good faith, to help unify our party on border security, energy security, debt reduction, term limits, and earmarks, among other many commonsense policies. But too often, our efforts have fallen on deaf ears. Our border is wide open. Inflation is out of control. The Senate just passed \$1.7 trillion without our input.

So, let me be clear: Our job is not to coordinate the biggest fundraiser or rubberstamp the status quo or keep on going along to get along. It is to use our votes to elect a Speaker who will enable us to get our country back on track.

Getting the job done is what we were elected to do, and that starts with having a leader who supports Republican principles, builds consensus, and has a proven track record of success.

BYRON DONALDS is that leader. Republicans, including many moderates, have been impressed by BYRON DONALDS. They are impressed by his ability to work together. They respect his leadership. We see him as someone

who can communicate what we are all wanting to do in this House to Americans.

He represents so much more than just his district in Florida. Many millions of Americans all over this Nation praise the work and the leadership of BYRON DONALDS.

So, let's work together. Let's stop with the campaign smears and tactics to get people to turn against us, even having my favorite President call us and tell us we need to knock this off.

I think it actually needs to be reversed. The former President needs to tell KEVIN MCCARTHY that, sir, you do not have the votes, and it is time to withdraw.

The CLERK. The Reading Clerk will now call the roll.

The tellers having taken their places, the House proceeded to vote for the Speaker.

The following is the result of the vote:

[Roll No. 6]

JEFFRIES—212

Adams	Foushee	Mfume
Aguilar	Frankel, Lois	Moore (WI)
Allred	Frost	Morelle
Auchincloss	Galleo	Moskowitz
Balint	Garamendi	Moulton
Barragán	Garcia (IL)	Mrvan
Beatty	Garcia (TX)	Mullin
Bera	Garcia, Robert	Nadler
Beyer	Golden (ME)	Napolitano
Bishop (GA)	Goldman (NY)	Neal
Blumenauer	Gomez	Neguse
Blunt Rochester	Gonzalez,	Nickel
Bonamici	Vicente	Norcross
Bowman	Gottheimer	Ocasio-Cortez
Boyle (PA)	Green (TX)	Omar
Brown	Grijalva	Pallone
Brownley	Harder (CA)	Panetta
Budzinski	Hayes	Pappas
Bush	Higgins (NY)	Pascarell
Caraveo	Himes	Payne
Carbajal	Horsford	Pelosi
Cárdenas	Houlahan	Peltola
Carson	Hoyer	Perez
Carter (LA)	Hoyle (OR)	Peters
Cartwright	Huffman	Pettersen
Casar	Ivey	Phillips
Case	Jackson (IL)	Pingree
Casten	Jackson (NC)	Pocan
Castor (FL)	Jackson Lee	Porter
Castro (TX)	Jacobs	Pressley
Cherfilus-	Jayapal	Quigley
McCormick	Jeffries	Ramirez
Chu	Johnson (GA)	Raskin
Cicilline	Kamlager-Dove	Ross
Clark (MA)	Kaptur	Ruiz
Clarke (NY)	Keating	Ruppersberger
Cleaver	Kelly (IL)	Ryan
Clyburn	Khanna	Salinas
Cohen	Kildee	Sánchez
Connolly	Kilmer	Sarbanes
Correa	Kim (NJ)	Scanlon
Costa	Krishnamoorthi	Schakowsky
Courtney	Kuster	Schiff
Craig	Landsman	Schneider
Crockett	Larsen (WA)	Scholten
Crow	Larson (CT)	Schrier
Cuellar	Lee (CA)	Scott (VA)
David (KS)	Lee (NV)	Scott, David
Davis (IL)	Lee (PA)	Sewell
Davis (NC)	Leger Fernandez	Sherman
Dean (PA)	Levin	Sherrill
DeGette	Lieu	Slotkin
DeLauro	Lofgren	Smith (WA)
DelBene	Lynch	Sorensen
Deluzio	Magaziner	Soto
DeSaulnier	Manning	Spanberger
Dingell	Matsui	Stansbury
Doggett	McBath	Stanton
Escobar	McCollum	Stevens
Eshoo	McGarvey	Strickland
Espallat	McGovern	Swalwell
Evans	Meeks	Sykes
Fletcher	Menendez	Takano
Foster	Meng	Thanedar

Thompson (CA)	Trahan	Wasserman
Thompson (MS)	Trone	Schultz
Titus	Underwood	Waters
Tlaib	Vargas	Watson Coleman
Tokuda	Vasquez	Wexton
Tonko	Veasey	Wild
Torres (CA)	Velázquez	Williams (GA)
Torres (NY)		Wilson (FL)

## MCCARTHY—201

Aderholt	Garcia, Mike	Miller-Meeks
Alford	Jimenez	Mills
Allen	Gonzales, Tony	Molinaro
Amodei	Gooden (TX)	Moolenaar
Armstrong	Granger	Mooney
Arrington	Graves (LA)	Moore (AL)
Babin	Graves (MO)	Moore (UT)
Bacon	Green (TN)	Moran
Baird	Greene (GA)	Murphy
Balderson	Griffith	Nehls
Banks	Grothman	Newhouse
Barr	Guest	Nunn (IA)
Bean (FL)	Guthrie	Obernolte
Bentz	Hageman	Owens
Bergman	Harshbarger	Palmer
Bice	Hern	Pence
Bilirakis	Higgins (LA)	Pfuger
Bost	Hill	Posey
Buchanan	Hinson	Reschenthaler
Buck	Houchin	Rodgers (WA)
Bucshon	Hudson	Rogers (AL)
Burchett	Huizenga	Rogers (KY)
Burgess	Hunt	Rose
Burlison	Issa	Rouzer
Calvert	Jackson (TX)	Rutherford
Cammack	James	Salazar
Carey	Johnson (LA)	Santos
Carl	Johnson (OH)	Scalise
Carter (GA)	Johnson (SD)	Schweikert
Carter (TX)	Jordan	Scott, Austin
Chavez-DeRemer	Joyce (OH)	Sessions
Ciscomani	Joyce (PA)	Simpson
Cline	Kean (NJ)	Smith (MO)
Cole	Kelly (MS)	Smith (NE)
Collins	Kelly (PA)	Smith (NJ)
Comer	Kiggans (VA)	Smucker
Crawford	Kiley	Stauber
Crenshaw	Kim (CA)	Steel
Curtis	Kustoff	Stefanik
D'Esposito	LaHood	Steil
Davidson	LaLota	Steube
De La Cruz	LaMalfa	Stewart
DesJarlais	Lamborn	Strong
Diaz-Balart	Langworthy	Tenney
Duarte	Latta	Thompson (PA)
Duncan	LaTurner	Tiffany
Dunn (FL)	Lawler	Timmons
Edwards	Lee (FL)	Turner
Ellzey	Lesko	Valadao
Emmer	Letlow	Van Drew
Estes	Loudermilk	Van Dуйne
Ezell	Lucas	Van Orden
Fallon	Luetkemeyer	Wagner
Feenstra	Luttrell	Walberg
Ferguson	Mace	Waltz
Finstad	Malliotakis	Weber (TX)
Fischbach	Mann	Webster (FL)
Fitzgerald	Massie	Wenstrup
Fitzpatrick	Mast	Westerman
Fleischmann	McCarthy	Williams (NY)
Flood	McCaull	Williams (TX)
Foxx	McClain	Wilson (SC)
Franklin, C.	McClintock	Wittman
Scott	McCormick	Womack
Fry	McHenry	Yakym
Fulcher	Meuser	Zinke
Gallagher	Miller (OH)	
Garbarino	Miller (WV)	

## DONALDS—20

Biggs	Donalds	Norman
Bishop (NC)	Gaetz	Ogles
Boebert	Good (VA)	Perry
Brecheen	Gosar	Rosendale
Cloud	Harris	Roy
Clyde	Luna	Self
Crane	Miller (IL)	

## ANSWERED "PRESENT"—1

Spartz

## NOT VOTING—0

□ 1513

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New York has received 212 votes, the Honorable KEVIN MCCARTHY of the State of California has received 201 votes, and the Honorable BYRON DONALDS of the State of Florida has received 20 votes, with 1 voting present.

No Member-elect having received a majority of the votes cast, a Speaker has not been elected.

□ 1515

The Clerk recognizes the gentlewoman from Florida (Mrs. CAMMACK).

Mrs. CAMMACK. Madam Clerk, I rise today to nominate KEVIN MCCARTHY as Speaker of the people's House.

Madam Clerk, well, it is Groundhog Day again. If it is all right with you, I would like to address not my colleagues, but the American people because, quite frankly, they are our boss, and we work for them.

Yesterday, as we were here on the House floor, our constituents from all around the country made their voices heard. Today, the calls, the text messages, emails, they all continue. People are letting their voices be heard. That is a very, very good thing because that is what we are, after all, a constitutional republic that serves all Americans, not just a select few.

To all Americans watching right now, I would tell you that we hear you. We hear you, and we will get this right. No matter how messy this process is, we will emerge better for having been through this because nothing great ever comes easy.

For the last several months, negotiations have gone back and forth over a rules package to make this Chamber, your Chamber, a better place, to deliver better results for you, the American people.

And I remind everyone watching, listening, here in this Chamber, that this Chamber and this body, our country, we are bigger than a single person or a single moment in time. We are a Nation collectively of great people, great patriots, and great moments of courage.

The rules package that has been highlighted by so many of my colleagues dictates how this Chamber functions, how bills come to the floor, how much time we get to read these bills, whether or not we will get single-issue bills, and whether or not we can vote proxy.

As you have witnessed from events yesterday, so many people have asked:

What are the next steps?

What will we accomplish if we continue down this current path?

Will we wake up tomorrow and be in this exact same place?

The people calling my office have said over and over and over again: It is time to get to work. Anything less is unacceptable.

As we stood on this House floor yesterday and again today, over 200 people were poisoned from fentanyl; fentanyl that came from an open border because of the Biden open border policy. Over 5,000 people were encountered at the

border because of Biden's open border policies.

These are the issues that people care about. They don't sit around their kitchen tables at night saying, I wonder who is going to be Speaker. No, they elect people to come here to do the things that matter, the issues that impact them every single day.

In an era of uncertainty, the last thing they need is uncertainty within this Chamber. We were elected to be the voice of our constituents. We are their voice in this Chamber, and they didn't send us to be perpetual critics. They sent us to get things done. As we all know—because after all, we are in politics—the line of critics is always long. But the list of those that are actually rolling up their sleeves and doing the difficult job of leading, of uniting, of delivering results, especially in a Chamber like this, well, that list is very short.

KEVIN MCCARTHY has proven that he can get things done. He has proven that he is willing to stand up in the face of critics and not only prove them wrong but work with them.

The only thing sovereign in this Republic are its people. They have deemed it right to place a check on the Biden administration and put our party, the Republican Party, in control of this Chamber.

Now is the time that we take control. I understand a lack of trust amongst some of our colleagues. I do. But what I am asking is that we all trust the American people who sent our colleagues here. This House is the only part of the Federal Government that stands for election every 2 years. Therefore, this Chamber is an instrument of the people's will, and the people have overwhelmingly voted for KEVIN MCCARTHY. If we continue down this road, if we continue with the actions of yesterday and today, we stifle the will of the American people.

The changes to the rules of this place and how it functions have been overwhelmingly positive in the last few weeks. Legislation stands ready. It is time to unite, roll up our sleeves, and get to work doing the people's business.

The gentleman from California (Mr. MCCARTHY), my friend, has done more than anyone in this Chamber to secure a Republican majority. Many of the people who are Members here today are, quite frankly, here because of his leadership, because they have trusted him, and he has gone out of his way to make sure that every single one of us has had a voice at the table.

Furthermore, every single returning Republican in this Chamber who cast a vote 2 years ago in the last Congress voted for KEVIN MCCARTHY as our leader. We were united then and we must unify now. That is the only way to start the people's business—the very reason that we are all here—is to unify and get to work because we must commit to unity instead of division.

We owe it to the American people who sent us here. We must choose to

lead in the face of a liberal Senate and Obama's JV team in the White House. We owe it to the American people. The American people sent a conservative majority to govern this body, but we cannot even begin to govern because, heck, we can't even be sworn in as Members of Congress.

I have traveled the country for the last 2 years as the youngest Republican woman in the 117th Congress helping to secure a majority of Members who are on both sides of today's Republican vote.

Diversity of thought is a good thing. It is one of the things that sets us apart from our friends on the other side of the aisle. Yes, diversity of thought is a good thing, but they want us divided. They want us to fight each other. That much has been made clear by the popcorn and blankets and alcohol that has come out over there.

The CLERK. The Clerk will ask all Members-elect to abide by the established decorum of the House while making nominations.

Mrs. CAMMACK. As evidenced by my colleagues' actions.

Today, I am asking my friends and colleagues: Are we the party of Reagan Republicans? Reagan who said, someone who is with me 80 percent of the time is a loyal and good friend not a 20 percent traitor.

Are we the party of Reagan? That is the question that I ask you to answer as we embark on this next ballot. It is upon us to remain a Nation of equal opportunity not equal outcome. That is what is on the line here today and that is why I am nominating KEVIN MCCARTHY, and I humbly ask for your support.

The CLERK. The Clerk recognizes the gentleman from California (Mr. AGUILAR).

Mr. AGUILAR. Madam Clerk, I rise to nominate HAKEEM JEFFRIES as Speaker of the House, the lead vote-getter in the final and last five rounds.

Democrats are united behind a Speaker who will build safer communities. He is a leader in gun violence prevention. He has worked to make our criminal justice system more fair, more equitable, and more effective, and has done it working with both sides of the aisle. A leader who has a track record in actually getting things done, and he understands that public safety, public health, and economic opportunity must go hand in hand.

That is why at the direction of the Democratic Caucus, I advance the name of HAKEEM JEFFRIES from Brooklyn, New York, as our next Speaker for the 118th Congress.

The CLERK. The Clerk recognizes the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. PERRY).

Mr. PERRY. Madam Clerk, I rise to nominate the gentleman from Florida (Mr. DONALDS).

Madam Clerk, ladies and gentlemen, no matter what side of the aisle you are on, no matter your political persuasion, one thing is universally recog-

nized across this country: Washington is broken. Washington is completely broken.

Whether it is a wide open border, millions of people streaming across—terrorists, criminals—fentanyl coming right to your community, not at the border but into your community; overdoses happening in your towns, funerals happening in your towns because the border is open because this place is broken.

Twelve days ago, in the middle of the night, 4,000 pages showed up here: \$1.7 trillion in spending, 7,200 earmarks, 24-hour time to read it, like a Christmas tree right before Christmas that nobody outside of this town wanted.

If you have been here for 1 year, you voted on that once. If you have been here for 3 years, you have voted on the same thing 3 times. If you have been here for 10 years, you have voted on it 10 times.

Washington is broken. You have crime running across the streets, no matter what community you are in because now, this town has decided that somehow the criminals aren't understood, and we have abandoned the victims.

This is what people in our country are dealing with.

We are funding wars in other countries while we are destroying our own military because this town is broken.

We have an administration that has contempt for the American people and is using these big corporations to spy on Americans and using the instruments of Federal power to persecute and prosecute them because this town is broken. This place is literally broken. There hasn't been an amendment on the floor for 6 years in this town. So if you are not on the committee of jurisdiction but it affects your citizens, well too bad for you. You just vote "yes" or you just vote "no."

That is not how this place was designed to be. We vote on bills that have all kinds of things that have nothing to do with the bill itself. Everybody came here because they said to their constituents: This town is broken, and I want to fix it.

Well, how are you going to fix it if you come to this town and just stepped right in line and keep doing the same things that everybody has done before you? It is not going to fix it, and the American people know it.

I would say this: I think the person that has done the most to make this fabulous, this wonderful Republican majority is Speaker PELOSI and her policies. That is what has achieved this majority over here because the American people are sick and tired of it and they have had enough of it.

□ 1530

It is not about personalities. It is about the policies that come out of here. This is not about personalities on this side of the aisle or that side of the aisle.

We believe, and we want to believe, that every person that comes here—

left, right, center—has the best intentions for our country.

It is not about the personalities in this contest. It is not personal for us. But because we all acknowledge and all know that Washington is broken, we must take a new path.

There must be a new vision so that Congress works for the American people because the American people are watching what is happening here. They have watched what has happened here, and they are sure in their hearts, and they can prove it, that this town works for this town. That is who this town is working for.

Ladies and gentlemen, we are making history today. We are making history in this process, and we are showing the American people that this process works.

Yes, it has been about 100 years. It has been about 100 years since this happened before, but we have said that we are not going to take any more of Washington being broken. We are going to do something for the American people, and we are going to fix it.

Is it going to be painful, and is it going to be difficult? Yes, it probably is. That is why it took 100 years. It probably is, but we are going to do it.

We can also make history today by electing the first Black Republican Speaker of the House.

Yes. Thank you.

Now, as my colleagues probably know, the first Black Members of Congress to serve in this body were Republicans. As a matter of fact, you probably also know that Frederick Douglass, who went and worked with Abraham Lincoln to emancipate the people of color in this country, said he would never be anything but a Republican.

I am here to nominate BYRON DONALDS because he has accomplished many things. He is a man of faith; he is a family man; he is a businessman; and he is a man of community service.

He has come from the school of hard knocks because not all outcomes in life are equal, but America is the place where we can each do great things regardless of our humble beginnings—each one of us.

Now, BYRON is the product of a single-parent family where it is not easy, but he has succeeded in America, and that is a testament to what we have created here and what we are trying to save.

He has a record of accomplishing things. He has a record of being on the right side. He is respected. He is trusted. He is capable. He achieves results.

Now, BYRON has a big mind, and he is big in stature, as well. He is very nice, but I will tell you this: In a negotiation with CHUCK SCHUMER, I sure wouldn't want to be on the other side of BYRON DONALDS.

He knows who he is. He knows what his foundation is. He knows that Washington is broken and what CHUCK SCHUMER sends over here isn't going to work out for the American people.

Ladies and gentlemen, Washington is broken. BYRON DONALDS will inspire us

and restore our citizens' faith that this institution actually works for them.

It is my highest honor to nominate the gentleman from Florida, BYRON DONALDS, to be the next Speaker of the House.

The CLERK. The Reading Clerk will now call the roll.

The tellers having taken their places, the House proceeded to vote for the Speaker.

The following is the result of the vote:

[Roll No. 7]

#### JEFFRIES—212

Adams	Garcia (IL)	Neguse
Aguilar	Garcia (TX)	Nickel
Allred	Garcia, Robert	Norcross
Auchincloss	Golden (ME)	Ocasio-Cortez
Balint	Goldman (NY)	Omar
Barragán	Gomez	Pallone
Beatty	Gonzalez,	Panetta
Bera	Vicente	Pappas
Beyer	Gottheimer	Pascarell
Bishop (GA)	Green (TX)	Payne
Blumenauer	Grijalva	Pelosi
Blunt Rochester	Harder (CA)	Peltola
Bonamici	Hayes	Perez
Bowman	Higgins (NY)	Peters
Boyle (PA)	Himes	Pettersen
Brown	Horsford	Phillips
Brownley	Houlahan	Pingree
Budzinski	Hoyer	Pocan
Bush	Hoyle (OR)	Porter
Caraveo	Huffman	Pressley
Carbajal	Ivey	Quigley
Cárdenas	Jackson (IL)	Ramirez
Carson	Jackson (NC)	Raskin
Carter (LA)	Jackson Lee	Ross
Cartwright	Jacobs	Ruiz
Casar	Jayapal	Ruppersberger
Case	Jeffries	Ryan
Casten	Johnson (GA)	Salinas
Castor (FL)	Kamlager-Dove	Sánchez
Castro (TX)	Kaptur	Sarbanes
Cherfilus-	Keating	Scanlon
McCormick	Kelly (IL)	Schakowsky
Chu	Khanna	Schiff
Cicilline	Kildee	Schneider
Clark (MA)	Kilmer	Scholten
Clarke (NY)	Kim (NJ)	Schrier
Cleaver	Krishnamoorthi	Scott (VA)
Clyburn	Kuster	Scott, David
Cohen	Landsman	Sewell
Connolly	Larsen (WA)	Sherman
Correa	Larson (CT)	Sherrill
Costa	Lee (CA)	Slotkin
Courtney	Lee (NV)	Smith (WA)
Craig	Lee (PA)	Sorensen
Crockett	Leger Fernandez	Soto
Crow	Levin	Spanberger
Cuellar	Lieu	Stansbury
Davids (KS)	Lofgren	Stanton
Davis (IL)	Lynch	Stevens
Davis (NC)	Magaziner	Strickland
Dean (PA)	Manning	Swalwell
DeGette	Matsui	Sykes
DeLauro	McBath	Takano
DelBene	McCollum	Thanedar
Deluzio	McGarvey	Thompson (CA)
DeSaulnier	McGovern	Thompson (MS)
Dingell	Meeks	Titus
Doggett	Menendez	Tlaib
Escobar	Meng	Tokuda
Eshoo	Mfume	Tonko
Espallat	Moore (WI)	Torres (CA)
Evans	Morelle	Torres (NY)
Fletcher	Moskowitz	Trahan
Foster	Moulton	Trone
Foushee	Mrvan	Underwood
Frankel, Lois	Mullin	Vargas
Frost	Nadler	Vasquez
Galleo	Napolitano	Veasey
Garamendi	Neal	Velázquez

Wasserman  
Schultz  
Waters

Aderholt  
Alford  
Allen  
Amodei  
Armstrong  
Arrington  
Babin  
Bacon  
Baird  
Balderson  
Banks  
Barr  
Bean (FL)  
Bentz  
Bergman  
Bice  
Bilirakis  
Bost  
Buchanan  
Buck  
Bucshon  
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Emmer  
Estes  
Ezell  
Fallon  
Feenstra  
Ferguson  
Finstad  
Fischbach  
Fitzgerald  
Fitzpatrick  
Fleischmann  
Flood  
Foxy  
Franklin, C.  
Scott  
Fry  
Fulcher  
Gallagher  
Garbarino

Watson Coleman  
Wexton  
Wild

#### MCCARTHY—201

Garcia, Mike  
Gimenez  
Gonzales, Tony  
Gooden (TX)  
Granger  
Graves (LA)  
Graves (MO)  
Green (TN)  
Greene (GA)  
Griffith  
Grothman  
Guest  
Guthrie  
Hageman  
Harshbarger  
Hern  
Higgins (LA)  
Hill  
Hinson  
Houchin  
Hudson  
Huizenga  
Hunt  
Issa  
Jackson (TX)  
James  
Johnson (LA)  
Johnson (OH)  
Johnson (SD)  
Jordan  
Joyce (OH)  
Joyce (PA)  
Kean (NJ)  
Kelly (MS)  
Kelly (PA)  
Kiggans (VA)  
Kiley  
Kim (CA)  
Kustoff  
LaHood  
LaLota  
LaMalfa  
Lamborn  
Langworthy  
Latta  
LaTurner  
Lawler  
Lee (FL)  
Lesko  
Letlow  
Loudermilk  
Lucas  
Luetkemeyer  
Luttrell  
Mace  
Malliotakis  
Mann  
Massie  
Mast  
McCarthy  
McCaul  
McClain  
McClintock  
McCormick  
McHenry  
Meuser  
Miller (OH)  
Miller (WV)

Williams (GA)  
Wilson (FL)

NOT VOTING—0

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#### OMISSION FROM THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD OF FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2022 AT PAGE H10536

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, December 2022.

Governor ROY COOPER,  
State of North Carolina,  
Raleigh, North Carolina.

DEAR GOVERNOR COOPER: Please be advised that I will resign from the United States House of Representatives effective December 30, 2022. It has been my high honor and privilege to represent the people of the First Congressional District for more than eighteen years. And I thank you for your friendship and leadership.

Thank you very much.

Very truly yours,

G. K. BUTTERFIELD,  
Member of Congress.

#### OMISSION FROM THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD OF TUESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2023 AT PAGE H10549

CONGRESSMAN MIKE DOYLE,  
EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT,  
Pennsylvania, December 16, 2022.

Governor TOM WOLF,  
Harrisburg, PA.

DEAR GOVERNOR WOLF: This letter is to inform you of my intention to resign my seat in Congress effective December 31, 2022.

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve the good people of the 18th Congressional District of Pennsylvania and to work with you and your administration to benefit our constituents.

Best wishes to you and your family in all your future endeavors.

Sincerely,

MIKE DOYLE,  
Pennsylvania, 18th District.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Mr. COLE. Madam Clerk, I move that the House do now adjourn until 8 o'clock this evening.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 4 o'clock and 32 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until today, Wednesday, January 4, 2023, at 8 p.m.

ANSWERED "PRESENT"—1

Spartz

Biggs  
Bishop (NC)  
Boebert  
Brecheen  
Cloud  
Clyde  
Crane

#### DONALDS—20

Donalds  
Gaetz  
Good (VA)  
Gosar  
Harris  
Luna  
Miller (IL)

Norman  
Ogles  
Perry  
Rosendale  
Roy  
Self