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# *House of Representatives*

The House met at 10:30 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. EVANS).

## DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
*March 29, 2021.*

I hereby appoint the Honorable DWIGHT EVANS to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

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

## PRAYER

Reverend Alisa Lasater Wailoo, Capitol Hill United Methodist Church, Washington, D.C., offered the following prayer:

Listening Lord, what a privilege it is to carry everything, everything to You in prayer.

Oh, how easy it is to allow these prayers to feel pro forma. In the stillness, help us hear You call us by name, not first as Member, staffer, clerk, lobbyist, unpaid activist, or any earthly title, but rather, as Your beloved child.

Share with us, God, both about our own hopes, dreams, trials or tribulations, and the work You have for us today. Speak to any trauma, be that from individual pains or the insurrection through which this whole House suffered together. Empower us to be trustworthy companions to anyone struggling, those in our own office, in our home, around our district, and across the aisle.

In this pro forma prayer, open us to real conversation with You, both now and throughout this congressional session so that we, like You, on that first Passover, might hear the cries of Your people, and like Jesus at the cross, may bear one another's burdens.

Amen and amen.

## THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 11(a) of House Resolution 188, 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.

## 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 Connolly on Friday, March 26, 2021:

H.R. 1651, to amend the CARES Act to extend the sunset for the definition of a small business debtor, and for other purposes.

## HOUSE BILLS APPROVED BY THE PRESIDENT

The President notified the Clerk of the House that on the following dates he had approved and signed bills of the following titles:

January 22, 2021:

H.R. 335. An Act to provide for an exception to a limitation against appointment of persons as Secretary of Defense within seven years of relief from active duty as a regular commissioned officer of the Armed Forces.

March 11, 2021:

H.R. 1319. An Act to provide for reconciliation pursuant to title II of S. Con. Res. 5.

March 24, 2021:

H.R. 1276. An Act to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to furnish COVID–19 vaccines to certain individuals, and for other purposes.

## SENATE BILL APPROVED BY THE PRESIDENT

The President notified the Clerk of the House that on the following date he had approved and signed a bill of the Senate of the following title:

March 23, 2021:

S. 579. An Act to make a technical correction to the ALS Disability Insurance Access Act of 2019.

## ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Cheryl L. Johnson, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly enrolled a bill of the House of the following title, which was thereupon signed by the Speaker pro tempore, Mr. CONNOLLY, on Friday, March 26, 2021:

H.R. 1651. An act to amend the CARES Act to extend the sunset for the definition of a small business debtor, and for other purposes.

## ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 11(b) of House Resolution 188, the House stands adjourned until 9 a.m. on Thursday, April 1, 2021.

Thereupon (at 10 o'clock and 33 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Thursday, April 1, 2021, at 9 a.m.

## PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions of the following titles were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

*[Omitted from the Record of March 26, 2021]*

By Mr. STEUBE (for himself, Mr. GOODEN of Texas, Mr. DIAZ-BALART, Mr. BABIN, Mr. BAIRD, Ms. HERRELL, and Mr. HICE of Georgia:

H.R. 2273. A bill to direct the President, in consultation with the Secretary of the



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