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WASHINGTON, D.C.-The 118th Congress convened in Washington, D.C. this week and as anticipated House Democrats unanimously elected New York congressman Hakeem Jeffries, 52, House Minority Leader, making him the first Black American to lead a party in Congress.

All 212 House Democrats, including all four from Ohio of Rep Shontel Brown, Mary Kaptur Joyce Beatty and new Congresswoman Emilia Sykes, supported the nomination of Jeffries, a former state representative and corporate lawyer who has been a member of Congress representing New York's 57th congressional district since 2012.

Jeffries was pushed for the post by Nancy Pelosi, 82, his mentor and the former who led the House in the previous Congress as speaker and announced late last year that she was stepping aside so that younger lawmakers can lead. He is the first person to lead House Democrats to be born after the end of World War II.

A former minority leader of the house and the first woman to lead a major party in Congress, Pelosi served as the 52nd speaker from 2007 to 2011 and again from 2019 to 2023.

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