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

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,  
October 6, 2005.

I hereby appoint the Honorable MIKE PENCE to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

J. DENNIS HASTERT,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

### PRAYER

The Reverend David Kassos, Pastor, First United Methodist Church, Prescott, Arkansas, offered the following prayer:

Heavenly Creator, we thank thee for the grace You provide us this day.

Give us Your wisdom so our minds will reflect Your thoughts.

Give us Your righteousness so our motivations will reflect Your heart.

Empower us so our actions will reflect Your will on Earth.

Give a special blessing to our families whose love and support strengthen us to faithfully represent our people. Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Texas (Mr. POE) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. POE 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.

### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Ms. Curtis, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed bills of the following titles in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 392. An act to authorize the President to award a gold medal on behalf of Congress, collectively, to the Tuskegee Airmen in recognition of their unique military record, which inspired revolutionary reform in the Armed Forces.

S. 1197. An act to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act of 1994.

The message also announced that pursuant to Public Law 106-398, as amended by Public Law 108-7, in accordance with the qualifications specified under section 1238(b)(3)(E) of Public Law 106-398, the Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, and upon the recommendation of the Democratic Leader, in consultation with the chairmen of the Senate Committee on Armed Services and the Senate Committee on Finance, reappoints the following individuals to the United States-China Economic Security and Review Commission:

C. Richard D'Amato of Maryland for a term beginning January 1, 2006 and expiring December 31, 2007.

William A. Reinsch of Maryland for a term beginning January 1, 2006 and expiring December 31, 2007.

### WELCOMING THE REVEREND DAVID KASSOS

(Mr. ROSS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. ROSS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I welcome my home-

town pastor from the First United Methodist Church in Prescott, Arkansas to the United States House of Representatives, the Reverend David Kassos, and his wife, Donna.

Each and every week I travel to our Nation's capital to represent the people of Arkansas's Fourth Congressional District and this great country. Each and every weekend I travel home to Prescott, a small town of about 3,600 people, and worship with my family at the Methodist church I have called home for much of my life.

It is this church, where my father grew up and where my children are being raised, that keeps me grounded and instills in me the small town values I was raised on and still believe in. It is the lessons that I learn from this church that help guide me in the decisions I make in the United States Congress. My faith is profoundly important to me, and Reverend Kassos is not only my spiritual advisor, he is my friend and he is my fishing buddy. It is a tremendous honor to have him serve as our chaplain today in the United States House of Representatives.

### BORDER CRIME

(Mr. POE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. POE. Mr. Speaker, in the Mexican border town of Nuevo Laredo, across the border from Laredo, Texas, crime has skyrocketed as disciplined drug cartels have turned up their battle for total territory control over this chief entry point into the U.S. Our open border policy encourages drug dealers to lead organized efforts to infiltrate the United States in their fighting over this territory.

So far this year more than 135 people have died, seven police officers have been killed and 44 American citizens

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