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The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mrs. Dahlkemper).

DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

Washington, DC, June 15, 2010.

I hereby appoint the Honorable KATHLEEN A. DAHLKEMPER to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

Nancy Pelosi, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

MORNING-HOUR DEBATE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of January 6, 2009, the Chair would now recognize Members from lists submitted by the majority and minority leaders for morning-hour debate.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until 10 a.m. today.

Accordingly (at 9 o'clock and 1 minute a.m.), the House stood in recess until 10 a.m.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker protempore (Mr. CLYBURN) at 10 a.m.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer:

This world was created by You, Almighty God. In You and through You,

humanity has been freed and brought to a liberty that is powerful enough to enable us to learn from mistakes and resolve with firm determination to live with compassion for others and bring greater and equal justice to all peoples.

Help this Nation live up to its calling in these historic times. May all those who are committed to love others and pursue justice, work together, without illusion or deceit, and build a world of true and lasting peace.

This we ask calling upon Your Holy Name, with lasting faith. 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. 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.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

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

S. 1660. An act to amend the Toxic Substance Control Act to reduce the emissions of formaldehyde from composite wood products, and for other purposes.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of Thurs-

day, June 10, 2010, the House will stand in recess subject to the call of the Chair to receive the former Members of Congress.

Accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 4 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

RECEPTION OF FORMER MEMBERS OF CONGRESS

The Speaker pro tempore presided.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. On behalf of the House, I consider it a high honor and a distinct personal privilege to have the opportunity of welcoming so many of our former Members and colleagues as may be present here for this occasion. We all pause to welcome them.

The Chair now calls on the Honorable John J. Rhodes, president of the association, to take the chair.

Mr. RHODES (presiding). It is my pleasure at this point in time to yield the floor to the vice president of the association and my great friend, the gentleman from Michigan, Mr. Hertel, for the purpose of making a presentation.

Mr. HERTEL. I thank the gentleman from Arizona.

It is always a distinct privilege to be back in this revered Chamber, and we appreciate the opportunity to present today the annual report of the U.S. Association of Former Members of Congress.

Our association's president, Jay Rhodes of Arizona, along with some of our colleagues, will report on the activities and projects of our organization. Before we get to this report, however, it is my distinct honor and pleasure to present our 2010 Distinguished Service Award to William H. Gray of the great State of Pennsylvania.

Bestowing our association's highest award on Bill Gray was an easy decision and one that was long overdue. The reward recognizes distinguished

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