The House met at 11 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. LATOURETTE).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE
The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:
WASHINGTON, DC,
December 9, 2011.
I hereby appoint the Honorable STEVEN C. LATOURETTE to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.
JOHN A. BOEHNER,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER
The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer:
Loving and gracious God, we give
You thanks for giving us another day.
Bless the Members of this assembly
as they set upon the work of these hours, of these days.
Help them to
make wise decisions in a good manner
and to carry their responsibilities
steadily, with high hopes for a better future for our great Nation.
Deepen their faith; widen their sym-
pathies; heighten their aspirations; and
give them the strength to do what ought to be done for this country. Give them the wisdom and perseverance to
work together constructively to address the pressing issues facing our Nation.
May Your blessing, O God, be with
them and with us all this day and every
day to come, and may all we do be done
for Your greater honor and glory.
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 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.

ADJOURNMENT
The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the House stands adjourned until noon on Monday next for morning-hour debate.
There was no objection.
Accordingly (at 11 o’clock and 3 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Monday, December 12, 2011, at noon.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.
Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker’s table and referred as follows:

4236. A letter from the Acting Administrator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department’s final rule — Nec-
tarines and Fresh Peaches Grown in Cali-
ifornia; Termination of Marketing Order 916 and the Peach Provision of Marketing Order 917 [Doc. No.: AMS-FV-11-0018; FV11-916/917-4 FR] received November 17, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.
4237. A letter from the Acting Administrator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department’s final rule — Cotton Board Rules and Regulations: Adjusting Supplemental Assessment on Imports; Correc-
tions [Doc. No.: AMS-CN-11-00267; CN-11-002] received November 17, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.
4238. A letter from the Acting Administrator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department’s final rule — Christ-
mas Tree Promotion, Research, and Informa-
tion Order; Referendum Procedures [Docu-
ment No.: AMS-FV-10-0008-FR] (RIN: 0581-
AD00) received November 17, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.
4239. A letter from the Program Manager, Department of Health and Human Services, transmi-
ting the Department’s final rule — Per-
manent Certification Program for Health Information Technology; Revisions to ONC-
Approved Accreditor Processes [RIN: 0991-
4240. A letter from the Director, Regu-
ulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agen-
cy’s final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Mary-
land; Adhesives and Sealants Rule [EPA-03-
OAR-2011-0491; EPA-R03-OAR-2011-0570; FRL-