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 days, of these hours, of these minutes. 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 sympathies; 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 California; Termination of Marketing Order 916 and the Peach Provision of Marketing Order 917 [Doc. No.: AMS-FV-11-6018; 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; Corrections [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 — Christmas Tree Promotion, Research, and Information Ord: Referendum Procedures [Document 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, transmitting the Department’s final rule — Permanent Certification Program for Health Information Technology; Revisions to ONC-Approved Accreditors Processes [RIN: 0991-A577] received November 23, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.