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The House met at 2 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mrs. BIGGERT).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
November 27, 2001.

I hereby appoint the Honorable JUDY BIGGERT to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

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

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer: Gracious and living God, we praise You and bless You for faith, family, and friends. We are blessed to be part of this Nation which annually turns to You on Thanksgiving to acknowledge Your history of blessings on these United States.

We have been blessed again this year to have celebrated this feast with table companions who are dear to us, and whom we count as one of Your blessings.

Now that Members have returned to the work of this 107th Congress, we ask You to guide them in their delibera-

tions. May the gracious attitude of the recent holiday descend upon this House so that everyone may be a blessing to one another in spoken wisdom and listening and in friendship.

In gratitude to You for serving the people of this Nation all find a commonality that supersedes differences. Make all the Members of Congress grateful for Your calling them to serve here, now and forever. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

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

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentlewoman from Florida (Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN 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.

LET THE PEOPLE INTO THE WHITE HOUSE AND THEIR U.S. CAPITOL

(Ms. NORTON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, I want to welcome my colleagues back after the Thanksgiving recession. While they were gone, Christmas almost got canceled; but this morning, there is a reversal of the Secret Service decision to close the National Christmas Tree lighting to the public, I believe because the White House intervened. I very much appreciate it, if that is what happened.

With a little more thought, the White House could reverse the decision to deny access to the beautiful Christmas tree decorations in the White House itself. For example, if people were to leave their Social Security numbers ahead of time, as visitors do now, we could give at least some access.

The House needs to follow suit and begin tours of the Capitol again. This, too, is not rocket science. It is particularly inappropriate for the people's House to continue to deny access. Let us resume the Christmas spirit that has always been a part of the Nation's Capitol, and especially of the people's House. Let the people into this House and into this Capitol.

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