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

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

THE SPEAKER'S ROOMS,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, March 2, 2005.

I hereby appoint the Honorable RAY LAHOOD to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

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

### PRAYER

The Reverend James T. Akers, National Chaplain, The American Legion, offered the following prayer:

Our Heavenly Father, in this moment of petition, when our minds and hearts are silent before You, may the prayers of Thy servants in this Chamber be heard.

In the midst of great activity today, make this moment sacred, a moment when answers come and guidance is given. Create in us the grace of thankful hearts, the grace of boldness in standing for what is right, the grace to treat others as we would be treated, and, finally, the grace to be thankful for all that we have and enjoy.

Grant us now a vivid sense of Your being by our side and make us Your partners in seeking wisdom for all matters of State. Give to these leaders of our Nation the inspired plans that shall lead this country in making the American Dream come true for all our citizens.

All of this we lift up to Your Holy Will and ask it in Your Holy Name. 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. CUELLAR) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. CUELLAR 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.

### INTRODUCTION OF THE REVEREND JAMES T. AKERS AS GUEST CHAPLAIN

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

Mr. MORAN of Kansas. Mr. Speaker, I am honored today to introduce to my colleagues here in the House the Reverend James T. Akers of Madison, Kansas. Reverend Akers currently serves as the chaplain of the American Legion, and is an ordained priest with the Anglican Orthodox Church in Madison.

Reverend Akers answered the call to the Lord's service when he left public school administration and entered the clergy. He has served his church and has focused his efforts on his colleagues, his comrades, and the American Legion as he tries to meet the spiritual needs of veterans and their families. Since 1992 this chaplain has been the chaplain at Ball-McComb American Legion post in Emporia, Kansas, and has been the American Legion district chaplain twice and for the past 7 years has been the Department of Kansas chaplain. We are honored in

Kansas to have him now as the National American Legion chaplain. He is a U.S. Army veteran himself, who fought in the Korean War, and Reverend Akers is not only involved in the American Legion and service to other veterans, but he is also a member of the Disabled American Veterans, the Reserve Officers Association of the United States, and is a Companion of the Military Order of World Wars.

I have known Reverend Akers for a long time now. We often meet people in life who make a tremendous difference just on meeting them. He is a warm and caring and compassionate person who loves his fellow man, and it is a real honor to have him today as our guest chaplain in the United States House of Representatives.

### THE REAL "SURVIVORS" OF PALAU

(Mr. PITTS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PITTS. Mr. Speaker, Reality TV is very popular these days. "Survivor" was the first of these shows to really break through. This season "Survivor" is being filmed on the island of Palau.

A reader, Major Jerry Wiffler, pointed out to nationalreview.com that this island was also the site of an important battle in 1944. On September 15, 1944, the 1st Marine Division landed on the beaches of Palau in order to protect MacArthur's right flank as he tried to recapture the Philippines. The battle was ferocious, as were most of these island engagements in the South Pacific. Ten thousand and five hundred Japanese troops fought for nearly a month before the Marines were able to secure the island, and during this battle, Major Wiffler recalls, eight Marines earned the Medal of honor for their actions.

Today the island is best known as the setting for a "reality" TV show that

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