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

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,  
April 26, 2007.

I hereby appoint the Honorable LINCOLN DAVIS to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

### PRAYER

The Monsignor George Coyne, Saint Joseph Roman Catholic Church, Tiltonsville, Ohio, offered the following prayer:

We gather in this special place this morning, aware of our dependence upon our Creator for the spiritual gifts needed to conduct the affairs of this great Nation. Elected officials are called by God through the voice of the people to work for peace and justice.

Almighty God, empower these men and women of the Congress with knowledge and wisdom so that they will lead and govern Your people in the right way. Be with them today in the deliberations and the decisions they will make. Guide them so that they will always keep the common good as their first priority. Help them always to be aware of Your presence in their lives.

Creator God, we ask Your special blessing on all world leaders. May they work together to end terrorism. May they be instruments for peace in our world.

We ask Your blessing on our President. Bless our Senators. Bless the men and women of this Congress. Bless all who assist in the operation of our gov-

ernment. Bless the people of our great Nation. Keep each of us today and every day in Your loving care and protection.

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 Pennsylvania (Mr. TIM MURPHY) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. TIM MURPHY of Pennsylvania 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 MONSIGNOR GEORGE COYNE

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

Mr. WILSON of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I welcome my good friend, Monsignor George Coyne, to the Congress this morning.

I have known Monsignor Coyne since I was a young boy and he was a student in the seminary. At that time, he was also working for my grandfather in our family business. My entire family came to know him well. Monsignor Coyne set such a good example that his brothers, Jerry and Tim, followed him as employees of our family business.

Even back then, Monsignor carried a deep faith and a commitment to serving others in our community, which he has all of his life as a priest. All of

these years later, his faith and commitment are more evident than ever. Today, Monsignor Coyne serves the parishioners at two churches in eastern Ohio: Saint Joseph Church in Tiltonsville, and Saint Lucy Church in Yorkville.

Just as I have, parishioners at Saint Joseph and Saint Lucy have witnessed Monsignor Coyne's passion firsthand. Today the Congress and the viewers across the Nation have had their chance to see what makes Monsignor Coyne such a special person. For that I am deeply grateful.

In closing, I would like to thank Monsignor Coyne for joining us here today and for his years of dedicated service to the people of eastern Ohio.

### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain up to 5 one-minute speeches on each side.

### SMALL BUSINESS LENDING IMPROVEMENTS ACT OF 2007

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

Mrs. BOYDA of Kansas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the Small Business Lending Improvements Act of 2007, passed yesterday by this House by an overwhelming margin.

Small businesses are critical to the Kansas and American economies. They create jobs, they keep wealth in our local communities, and they spur innovation. But in order to succeed, small businesses need ready access to startup capital and financial services.

The Small Business Association's 7(a) loans have helped tremendously. Last year alone, 757 Kansas businesses received \$104 million through the 7(a) program.

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