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

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
January 20, 2009.

I hereby appoint the Honorable JERRY F. COSTELLO to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer:

Lord God and Father of us all, divine Providence has led this Nation in the past and guides all human affairs to this very day. As a Nation, we are in need of wisdom to make right decisions, perseverance to build upon the hopes of Your people, and patience, because the times bear an urgency. So, today, the American people join Congress as we call upon Your holy name and pray in silence for a moment for JOSEPH BIDEN to be Vice President and on behalf of Your servant Barack Obama, our incoming 44th President of the United States of America.

May Your Holy Spirit descend upon him that he may see things as You see things. May he be strengthened in his work and grow in understanding as he proves ever attentive to the people. May he respond to the Nation's deepest needs and lift up all of us to higher standards of equal justice, true goodness and peaceful union. Grant him health and protection, sincere collaboration and renewed faith. Lord, may the people of this Nation and the people around the world stand with him to face any challenge, endure any dif-

ficulty without fear, learn how to accept every success and every failure with grace, and support him with encouragement and prayer, both 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 his approval thereof.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. HARE) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. HARE 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.

RESIGNATION AS MEMBER OF COMMITTEES ON TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following resignation as a member of the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure and Veterans' Affairs:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
Washington, DC, January 16, 2009.

DEAR SPEAKER PELOSI AND REPUBLICAN LEADER BOEHNER: With my recent election to the Committee and Energy and Commerce, I resign, effective immediately, from the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. It has been an honor serving with my colleagues on these valued Committees, and I look forward to working for the citizens of Louisiana's First Congressional District on the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

Sincerely,

STEVE SCALISE.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the resignation is accepted. There was no objection.

RESIGNATION AS MEMBER OF COMMITTEE ON THE BUDGET

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following resignation as a member of the Committee on the Budget:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
Washington, DC, January 16, 2009.

Speaker NANCY PELOSI,
United States Capitol,
Washington, DC.
Republican Leader JOHN BOEHNER,
United States Capitol,
Washington, DC.

DEAR SPEAKER PELOSI AND REPUBLICAN LEADER BOEHNER: With my appointment as ranking member on the Committee on House Administration, I resign, effective immediately, from the Committee on the Budget. It has truly been an honor to serve on this committee for the last four years representing the people of California and our great Nation.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

DANIEL E. LUNGREN,
Member of Congress.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the resignation is accepted. There was no objection.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces that in order to be seated on the platform, sitting Members of the 111th Congress must have an official pin, which they will be given as they leave the Chamber.

Members are advised there are no extra seats available on the platform. Therefore, only sitting Members will be seated on the platform. Under no circumstances will former Members, former House officers, spouses or children be able to join the procession or be seated on the platform.

□ This symbol represents the time of day during the House proceedings, e.g., □ 1407 is 2:07 p.m.

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The Sergeant-at-Arms will precede the procession bearing the mace.

Members will be escorted to the west terrace in order of seniority. At this time, Members, the Resident Commissioner and Delegates should congregate in the well by class.

Pursuant to House Resolution 61, upon completion of the ceremony, the House will stand adjourned until noon tomorrow.

Pursuant to House Resolution 23, Members will now proceed to the west front to attend the inaugural ceremonies for the President and Vice President of the United States.

Thereupon, at 10 o'clock and 7 minutes a.m., the Members of the House, preceded by the Sergeant-at-Arms and the Speaker, proceeded to the west front of the Capitol.

ADJOURNMENT

At the conclusion of the inaugural ceremonies (at 12 o'clock and 47 minutes p.m.), the House, without returning to its Chamber, adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, January 21, 2009, at noon.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 8 of rule XII, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

169. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Installations and Environment, Depart-

ment of the Navy, transmitting the results of a public-private competition, in accordance with 10 U.S.C. 2462(a); to the Committee on Armed Services.

170. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Services, Department of Education, transmitting the Department's final rule — National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research—Disability and Rehabilitation Research Projects and Centers Program—Disability Rehabilitation Research Projects (DRRPs) — received January 7, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and Labor.

171. A letter from the Safety Engineer, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Clarification Safety and Health Administration [Docket No. OSHA-2008-0031] (RIN 1218-AC42) received January 7, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and Labor.

172. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy and Mgmt. Staff, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule — Uniform Compliance Date for Food Labeling Regulations [Docket No.: FDA-2000-N-0011] (formerly Docket No. 2000N-1596) received January 7, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

173. A letter from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — In the Matter of Amendment of Section 73.622(i), Final DTV Table of Allotments, Television Broadcast Stations. (Huntsville, Alabama) [MB Docket No.: 08-194] received January 7, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

174. A letter from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final

rule — In the Matter of Amendment of Section 73.622(i) Final DTV Table of Allotments, Television Broadcast Stations. (Hayes Center, Nebraska) [MB Docket No.: 08-193] received January 7, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

175. A letter from the Under Secretary for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's intent to sign a Project Arrangement among the Australia, Canada, Denmark, Italy, Norway, the United Kingdom, and the United States, concerning Co-Operative Software and Systems Upgrade Requirements Management: C-130j Blocks 9 & 10, Transmittal No. 20-08, pursuant to Section 27(f) of the Arms Export Control Act and Section 1(f) of Executive Order 11958; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

176. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting as required by section 401(c) of the National Emergencies Act, 50 U.S.C. 1641(c), and section 204(c) of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, 50 U.S.C. 1703(c), and pursuant to Executive Order 13313 of July 31, 2003, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to the risk of nuclear proliferation created by the accumulation of weapons-usable fissile material in the territory of the Russian Federation that was declared in Executive Order 13159 of June 21, 2000; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

Under clause 7 of rule XII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions as follows:

H.R. 21: Ms. SCHAKOWSKY.