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

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
May 12, 2010.

I hereby appoint the Honorable JOSÉ E. SERRANO to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

Reverend Dr. Timothy Goble, Grace Evangelical Free Church, Colville, Washington, offered the following prayer:

Most gracious Lord God, we are continually encouraged as we sense Your guardianship as You powerfully determine the destiny of this Republic. We acknowledge that the future of all of our political institutions are staked upon the capacity of each of us here to govern, control, and to sustain ourselves in accordance with the Word of God.

Today, we acknowledge our departure from Your Word and ask for Your forgiveness. May Your Word once again become the guiding light for our homes, our schools, our courtrooms, and workplaces. Lay upon the hearts of all those who serve in this great historical room the need to establish a personal relationship with You that will grow them into servant leaders, who make their constituents the beneficiary of every decision from Your divine perspective. May they walk humbly with each other, acknowledging their mutual duty of loving forbearance. All this we ask in the name of Jesus. 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. POE) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. POE of Texas 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.

WELCOMING REVEREND DR. TIMOTHY GOBLE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the gentlewoman from Washington (Mrs. MCMORRIS RODGERS) is recognized for 1 minute.

There was no objection.

Mrs. MCMORRIS RODGERS. Mr. Speaker, it is my great honor and pleasure to welcome Pastor Tim Goble, who gave the opening prayer to Congress this morning. He's the Pastor of Grace Evangelical Free Church in Colville, Washington, where he and his family have been faithfully serving our Lord in ministry to the people of that area for the past 23 years. He's been my pastor. Over the years, I've become friends with his wife, Jane, and their three sons, Nathan, Stephen, and Daniel.

His first job after seminary was serving as a youth pastor in northern Indiana from 1976 to 1986. He then moved across the country to Washington State in 1987, to become pastor of a new church plant of 35 people. Since then, the church has grown steadily, making a tremendous difference in the

lives of all who have walked through its doors, including me and my family.

I admire Pastor Tim and his family and appreciate their leadership, service, commitment to our community, and their example to all of us. Thank you for coming to the United States Congress to lead us in prayer today.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain up to 15 further requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

MOVE TO RENEWABLE ENERGY

(Mr. HALL of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HALL of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to say: It will not be the U.S. taxpayer who is stuck with the bill for the tragic oil spill that is still spewing hundreds of thousands of barrels of oil into the Gulf of Mexico. British Petroleum had \$6 billion in profit last quarter alone. That's profit, not earnings. And that's the first place we should be looking to pay for this oil spill. We all know how much money Halliburton socked away, thanks to the last administration. Their deep pockets also need to be tapped to pay for their negligence.

For years, we've heard from the oil industry that offshore drilling is safer than ever, cleaner than ever. Not true. Meanwhile, oil companies like BP spent years making billions while gouging consumers. We in the House are going to make sure that they pay for cleaning up this unprecedented catastrophe. It's time to truly move beyond petroleum into renewable energy and energy efficiency.

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