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

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
December 8, 2010.

I hereby appoint the Honorable ED PASTOR to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

Lieutenant Christilene Whalen, Chaplain Corps, United States Navy, Patuxent River, Maryland, offered the following prayer:

Almighty and Everlasting God, we are reminded to acknowledge You in all that we do, and then You will direct us and You will guide us.

So God, as we recognize Your power and Your presence in the details of today's activities, discussions, and resolutions, we ask that You empower this body of men and women with wisdom that is grounded in compassion for Your people; enlighten them, O God, with thoughtful insight as they struggle with the effects and the consequences of life-changing decisions; Lord, encourage them with words of honesty, truth, and integrity spoken by collegiate Members of this United States Congress.

We thank You, God, for the diligence of each Representative, and the labor of every staff member and the faithfulness of every professional and participant today. Continue to bless them as they do the work of Your great Nation.

Now, God, shower each one of us with a double portion of Your grace and mercy. Let Your warm and abundant blessings flow in such a way that this

111th session of Congress may experience the sweetness of Your joy.

To God be the glory. 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 Wisconsin (Mr. KAGEN) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. KAGEN 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.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Ms. Curtis, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed without amendment bills of the House of the following titles:

H.R. 2480. An act to improve the accuracy of fur product labeling, and for other purposes; H.R. 6184. An act to amend the Water Resources Development Act of 2000 to extend and modify the program allowing the Secretary of the Army to accept and expend funds contributed by non-Federal public entities to expedite the evaluation of permits, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the Senate has passed bills of the following titles in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 3199. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act regarding early detection, diagnosis, and treatment of hearing loss; S. 3984. An act to amend and extend the Museum and Library Services Act, and for other purposes.

WELCOMING LIEUTENANT CHRISTILENE WHALEN, CHC, USN

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. HOYER) is recognized for 1 minute.

There was no objection.

Mr. HOYER. I welcome Christilene Whalen, a member of the United States Navy Chaplain Corps. She led us in prayer today. She serves at the Naval Air Station in Patuxent River in Maryland, where she ministers to sailors, military families, and, I might add, the greater community in which I have the privilege of living.

She is a native of the county in which I live, St. Mary's County. She went to school at Great Mills High School and went to study at Harvard Divinity School. After serving in the ministry for two decades, she joined the Navy as a chaplain 2 years ago. Today, she is proud to serve so closely to the community where she grew up.

We thank her, as Members of the House of Representatives, not only for gracing us today with our opening prayer, but also for her service to her country and to her community. We thank her for the guidance she provides to our men and women in uniform. And we thank her for her words of inspiration to the House today.

Lieutenant, we appreciate your being with us.

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.

OLIVIA CAROLYN SHOEMAKER—NEW TEXAN

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

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