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The House met at 11 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. SENSENBRENNER).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
December 16, 2013.

I hereby appoint the Honorable F. JAMES SENSENBRENNER, JR. to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

JOHN A. BOEHNER,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Reverend Patrick Riffle, St. Peter's Catholic Church, Washington, D.C., offered the following prayer:

Heavenly Father, during this festive time of year we as Your people pause and reflect on Your abundant blessings. We thank You for family and friends. We thank You for the gift of this great Nation and for the gift of our liberty.

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CHARLES E. SCHUMER, *Chairman.*

And while we reflect on our many blessings, we also remember those among us who are in need, especially the poor and marginalized of our society.

We remember those who are separated from family and friends, espe-

cially the men and women of our Armed Forces. May they know of our untiring support for them and their families, for the sacrifices they make for us each day.

Father, we ask You in a particular way to show Your love upon these our

brothers and sisters, that our love and concern for them may be an act of gratitude for the blessings You have bestowed upon us.

We ask this all in Your most holy name.

Amen.

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