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

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
December 19, 2013.

I hereby appoint the Honorable ANDY HARRIS to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

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

PRAYER

Reverend Andrew Walton, Capitol Hill Presbyterian Church, Washington, D.C., offered the following prayer:

In the name, spirit, and way of all faith traditions of our Nation and world, we pray that the light, peace, hope, compassion, and joy of the season may be ours today.

As the Members and staff of this Congress complete their work at hand and return to communities and families for rest, respite, and celebration, may their lives be enriched and renewed. May those who stay behind to keep the embers of government aglow also be

blessed with slower pace and lighter workload.

May the many people of our land for whom holidays are not so merry or bright be comforted in loss, healed in sickness, and sustained in their needs through the compassion, generosity, and love of fellow brothers and sisters guided by divine spirit.

May grace and blessings be upon our Nation and the entire planet as we celebrate this season of peace and seek to serve and live that same peace each and every day.

Amen.

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CHARLES E. SCHUMER, *Chairman*.

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