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

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
July 27, 2005.

I hereby appoint the Honorable HENRY BONILLA to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

J. DENNIS HASTERT,
House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Reverend Lawrence Hargrave, Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School, Rochester, New York, offered the following prayer:

God, we thank You for this new day before us, the gift of the days past, and the grace that has brought us thus far. We in this place are blessed beyond measure. We who have been created in Your image have the charge to love You and love our neighbors. You have given us the ability to end hunger, eradicate disease, eliminate poverty, and emulate peace.

God, we pray for the will to do so. Help us to remember the least, the lost, and the left out. Please give us the courage to stand for justice for all. God, please let our love for one another be our witness to who You are. God, let justice roll down like water and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream. You have told us to "do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with our God." Let us begin again with You today. 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 Florida (Mr. WELDON) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. WELDON of Florida 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.

RECOGNIZING AND WELCOMING THE REVEREND LAWRENCE HARGRAVE

(Ms. SLAUGHTER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, it is my great pleasure to recognize and welcome Reverend Lawrence Hargrave, one of my constituents but, moreover, a friend and a mentor to be the guest chaplain in the House of Representatives today.

I am extremely proud of Reverend Hargrave, not only for his heartfelt prayer service this morning, but for his continued commitment to the Rochester community.

Lawrence Hargrave completed his degree in sociology from SUNY Buffalo in 1969. Remarkably, after working for almost 30 years in the private sector, he answered the call for service and completed a Master's of Divinity from Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School. Reverend Hargrave is currently the acting dean of Black Church Studies at the school and is the associate minister at Mt. Olivet Baptist Church in Rochester.

As a dedicated community servant, Reverend Hargrave is committed to

interfaith discussion and dialogue. Specifically, he serves on the Rochester Interfaith Jail Ministry Board of Directors and is a member of the Commissions on Christian-Muslim and Christian-Jewish Relations.

On behalf of the House of Representatives, I thank Reverend Hargrave for being here with us this morning, and I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Reverend Hargrave for his years of faithful service to the people of New York and to his God.

URGING SUPPORT FOR THE EMPLOYER VERIFICATION ACCOUNTABILITY ACT

(Mrs. BLACKBURN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. Speaker, I am rising this morning to talk about a piece of legislation that I have recently introduced. It is H.R. 3262; and it is called EVAA, the Employer Verification Accountability Act.

Mr. Speaker, one of the things we are hearing in our district that is such a problem is illegal immigration, the impact that illegal immigration has on jobs, on the economy, on our district. And this is one of those pieces of legislation that is designed to help us have another tool to fight illegal immigration.

Very simply, what it does is this: The 1986 Immigration Enforcement Act puts in place fines for employers who knowingly and willingly hire illegal immigrants to work in their businesses. This act would prohibit them from negotiating those fines down and require them to pay the \$10,000 fine per violation.

I would like to commend this legislation to the body and invite the Members to join me cosponsoring H.R. 3262.

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