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

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,

April 12, 2000.

I hereby appoint the Honorable STEVEN C. LATOURETTE to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

J. DENNIS HASTERT,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Reverend Chip Lingle, Faith Lutheran Church, Savannah, Georgia, offered the following prayer:

Heavenly Father, from the endless bounty of Your love for Your creation, You provide all that we need. As Your people, we confess our trust in You, believing that You care for our welfare.

"In God we trust" we proclaim on our currency. Yet the people of this Nation also put their trust in these elected representatives. We trust that they will do Your will and provide justice to ensure a quality of life that You provide.

Protect these honorable representatives, give them Your wisdom so that their decisions may reflect Your desire for Your people. Give them a quiet assurance and guide them in the difficult times. May Your will be reflected through them and may Your people be blessed by their leadership. 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 New York (Mr. MCNULTY) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. MCNULTY 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 CHIP LINGLE TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I introduce the chaplain of today, the Reverend Chip Lingle.

Chip comes to us from Faith Lutheran Church in Savannah, the mother city of Georgia, founded in 1733. He has been there with his wife, Ruth, for 5 years.

Reverend Lingle grew up in North Carolina and did his undergraduate studies at the University of North Carolina in Raleigh. He received his master's from the Lutheran Theological Seminary of the South in Columbia, South Carolina and has served in churches in North Carolina, South Carolina, and in Georgia.

I have gotten to know the Lingle family over the past years and have become great friends with his son Ben, who also served as a page here. Ben goes to Jenkins High School and is a member of the National Honor Society. He is a member of the marching band and concert band. He is on the Mock Trial team and has been very active in Boy Scouts and church activities and plays in a rock and roll band called Sweet Pig.

Ben is also here with us today; and so is Reverend Lingle's mother, Isetta Lingle, who is with us in the gallery.

So please join me in welcoming Reverend Chip Lingle.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain 10 one-minute requests from each side of the aisle.

Members are reminded to refrain from references to those spectators in the gallery.

WAR AGAINST METHAMPHETAMINE ACT OF 2000

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

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, it is no secret that methamphetamine has reached epidemic proportions in our Nation. Last year alone, we saw almost 6,000 lab seizures affecting nearly every State in the Nation.

It is time we declare war against meth. This deadly drug has thousands of innocent victims. Ordinary families find their property ruined or health at risk by the deadly chemicals used to make meth. These chemicals destroy soil and plants, contaminate drinking water, and poison the air we breathe.

We know we have reached a crisis situation with meth. The statistics are there. Forty-four States reported nearly 6,000 meth lab seizures in 1999 alone. And most disturbing, over 1,200 children were found during these lab seizures.

We must face the problem head on. My legislation does just that. The War Against Meth Act ensures that we stop meth production but punish those who would put innocent victims and the environment in danger. Today we introduce this bipartisan legislation with over 60 cosponsors.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to finally thank all the law enforcement men and women that are fighting this battle on

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