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

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
December 13, 2007.

I hereby appoint the Honorable ELLEN O. TAUSCHER to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer: Lord God, Isaiah the prophet tells us: "The way of the just is smooth; the path of the just is made level by You. Yes, for Your way and Your judgments, O Lord, we look to You. Your name and Your guidance are the desire of our souls."

Since the making of just laws and the shaping of policy that is good for Your people, Lord, is the work of Congress, we pray that the same spirit that moved Isaiah may stir the hearts of the Representatives so they may seek Your

presence and desire Your help with greater intensity these days.

May their souls yearn for You in the night and be watchful for Your coming with inspiration, clarity of speech, and willful collaboration.

Then when Your judgment dawns upon the Earth, may Your people have justice. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the

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ROBERT A. BRADY, *Chairman*.

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