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

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,  
April 30, 2008.

I hereby appoint the Honorable MICHAEL R. McNULTY to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

### PRAYER

Rev. Nathan Meador, Zion Lutheran Church, Staunton, Illinois, offered the following prayer:

Almighty Father, Wisdom Incarnate and Eternal Spirit of Truth and Life, You bid Your people seek Your will, Your wisdom and Your gifts. At this time in history, our Nation is faced with many challenges and presented with many great opportunities for serving You and our neighbors. Grant the Members of this House Your strength, wisdom and guidance as they seek to serve You in leading this great Nation in the way of Truth and Life. Bestow Your blessing upon all the people of this great Nation whom this august assembly serves. Strengthen us as we face those challenges and encourage us as we seize the divinely given opportunities to make this world a better place. At Your direction and in Your peace, may we dwell in safety and live for You and the service of our neighbors. We pray in the risen name of our Lord Jesus Christ. 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 Illinois (Mr. SHIMKUS) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. SHIMKUS 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.

### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Ms. Curtis, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed with an amendment in which the concurrence of the House is requested, a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 4040. An act to establish consumer product safety standards and other safety requirements for children's products and to reauthorize and modernize the Consumer Product Safety Commission.

The message also announced that the Senate insists upon its amendment to the bill (H.R. 4040) "An Act to establish consumer product safety standards and other safety requirements for children's products and to reauthorize and modernize the Consumer Product Safety Commission," requests a conference with the House on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and appoints Mr. INOUE, Mr. PRYOR, Mrs. BOXER, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. STEVENS, Mrs. HUTCHISON, and Mr. SUNUNU, to be the conferees on the part of the Senate.

### WELCOMING REV. NATHAN MEADOR

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the gentleman from Illinois

(Mr. SHIMKUS) is recognized for 1 minute.

There was no objection.

Mr. SHIMKUS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I want to welcome Rev. Nathan Meador to the Chamber today. Pastor Meador is the pastor of Zion Lutheran Church in Staunton, Illinois. He has served in this capacity since August of 2003. He currently serves as a vicarage supervisor and resident field education adviser to several students from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. Elected in 2006, he is also a member of the Southern Illinois District of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod's Board for Congregational Support.

In Staunton, Rev. Meador is proud to serve as the chaplain for the Staunton Volunteer Fire Department, treasurer of the Staunton Area Clergy Association and chairman of the Board of Trustees for the Staunton Education Foundation.

Born January 29, 1970, in Highland, Illinois, Rev. Meador spent his entire childhood as a resident of Edwardsville, Illinois. He is a 1988 graduate of Metro-East Lutheran High School in Edwardsville, Illinois, and my former student. He continued his education at Concordia University Wisconsin, earning a bachelor of arts with a double major in pre-seminary studies and theological languages. A master of divinity degree was earned from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri, in 1996.

His first call was to serve a dual parish in Sheldon and Gilman, Wisconsin. There he served Trinity and Zion as pastor for 2 years. In 1998 he accepted the call to serve as pastor of Zion Lutheran Church in rural Wausau, Wisconsin. He served in this capacity until August 2003 when he accepted the call to serve in Staunton, Illinois.

Rev. Meador is married to Jill Jaeger and has been married for 15 years. They have three children: Joseph, 11; Beth, 8; and Andrew, 4.

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