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House of Representatives

This being the day fixed pursuant to the 20th amendment to the Constitution by Public Law 111-121 for the meeting of the second session of the 111th Congress, the House met at noon and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Ms. EDWARDS of Maryland).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
January 5, 2010.

I hereby appoint the Honorable DONNA F. EDWARDS to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

Reverend Clete Kiley, Faith and Politics Institute, Washington, D.C., offered the following prayer:

Loving God, by whose grace our land has been blessed with such bounty, and by whose guidance our Nation has been formed, be with us even now as we open this second session of the 111th Congress. Grant us a fuller share in the gift of Your Spirit which is strong, loving and wise.

Give us strength to face the challenges before this Congress with courage and patience. Give us a loving Spirit so that compassion for our fellow citizens and for their deepest concerns may find a first place in our deliberations. Give us wisdom, discernment and good judgment so that we may serve what is to the best interest and common good of the Nation and to the general welfare of all people.

Do bless us now as we begin the important work ahead of us. And may You who begin this good work in us bring it to fulfillment. We ask in Your Holy Name. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The SPEAKER pro tempore 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.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, December 24, 2009.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
The Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on December 24, 2009, at 8:14 a.m.:

That the Senate passed with an amendment H.R. 730.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 3819.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 4314.

With best wishes, I am
Sincerely,

LORRAINE C. MILLER,
Clerk of the House.

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DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on December 24, 2009, at 10:31 a.m.:

That the Senate passed without amendment H. Con. Res. 223.

With best wishes, I am
Sincerely,

LORRAINE C. MILLER,
Clerk of the House.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, December 29, 2009.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
The Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on December 29, 2009, at 10:56 a.m.:

That the Senate passed with amendments H.R. 3590.

With best wishes, I am
Sincerely,

LORRAINE C. MILLER,
Clerk of the House.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 4 of rule I, the following enrolled bill was signed by Speaker pro tempore VAN HOLLEN on Wednesday, December 23, 2009:

H.R. 4284, to extend the Generalized System of Preferences and the Andean

□ This symbol represents the time of day during the House proceedings, e.g., □ 1407 is 2:07 p.m.

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