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The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. SALAZAR).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC.
November 9, 2007.

I hereby appoint the Honorable JOHN T. SALAZAR 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, as veteran to all our stories of heroes and as eternal witness to the human depths of their truths, You have asked the ultimate sacrifice of only some. They, more than any others, have followed in the way of Your self-giving and unconditional love.

Others have been called to serve their brothers and sisters of this Nation, living through the years and beyond in the military. The wearing of the uniform alone bears the respect and honor of our people because of their loyalty to their pledge and faithfulness in caring for each other.

In so doing, sometimes their lives have been abruptly altered, always significantly changed because they have lived and served so closely with each other, to accomplish the task at hand, while always upholding the best values held by these United States.

So this weekend, Lord, we stand with, we march alongside, and we pray for, all the veterans who have served this country. As we thank them and their families for their sacrifices, we solemnly ask that You give us a share in the spirit that has guided and upheld

them. May we be so committed, unified, and self-giving in our service, now and forever. 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.

Mr. McDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to clause 1, rule I, I demand a vote on agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. McDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8, rule XX, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentlewoman from Illinois (Ms. SCHAKOWSKY) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY 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.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain five 1-minute speeches per side.

SAVE AMERICAN DEMOCRACY

(Mr. KUCINICH asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I want to speak directly to my colleagues on both sides of the aisle. The defense authorization conference report today has a section which I think Members need to look at. All of us who are familiar with the 1878, I think it is, Posse Comitatus Act know there was a reason to exclude the military from being involved in civil law enforcement.

I want you to listen to a section that is in this bill today, section 1615. I am going to read part of it. Section 1615 "Requires the Secretary to: (1) determine the military-unique capabilities needed to be provided by DOD to support civil authorities in an incident of national significance."

I want people to think about this. We have an administration that has repeatedly violated the Constitution, that has taken this country into war based on lies, that is putting us in hock to China to pay for the wars, and that suborns torture and rendition. And now this. We have to be careful, America. We're losing our democracy. It's time for us to save it.

HONORING JUDGE H. SAMUEL STILWELL

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, long-time friend, Judge Sam Stilwell, a true Southern gentleman, recently retired from the South Carolina Court of Appeals after 11 years on the bench. Judge Stilwell's personal integrity and professionalism have earned him a well-deserved reputation as a fine judge and attorney.

Judge Stilwell graduated from the University of South Carolina Law

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