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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,
January 14, 2009.

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

Rev. Dr. Silvester S. Beaman, Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, Wilmington, Delaware, offered the following prayer:

Almighty God, the focus of our adoration, the hope of our salvation and the source of our strength.

In this immense Hall for which the reverberating echoes of great men and women have raised their voices for the cause of justice, liberty and equality, we pause to surrender to Your sovereign authority.

We invoke Your presence. We petition You for wisdom. We await Your effectual power.

A Nation and world look to this deliberative body to be a voice for the voiceless, help for the hurting, and inspiration for the weary. Give us courage for our times. In the season of celebration, help us to see the transformative light of faith that inspired Mahatma Gandhi, Malcolm X, and Martin Luther King, that transcends the things that divide and help us to hold fast to those universal principles that unite.

God, may our motives, words, actions, and love define us in these, our

defining moments, by Your grace and according to Your will.
Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House her approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Texas (Mr. POE) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. POE of Texas 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 a bill of the following title in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 60. An act to prohibit the sale and counterfeiting of Presidential inaugural tickets.

WELCOMING REV. DR. SILVESTER S. BEAMAN

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the gentleman from Delaware, Congressman CASTLE, is recognized for 1 minute.

There was no objection.

Mr. CASTLE. Madam Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to recognize and to thank Rev. Silvester Beaman, pastor of the Bethel African Methodist

Episcopal Church in my hometown of Wilmington, Delaware, for leading the House in prayer this morning.

Pastor Beaman's prayer, asking this body to be a voice for the voiceless, to help the hurting and to inspire the weary is a message for all of us which we should carry forward each and every day.

Pastor Beaman is widely known for his passionate and uplifting sermons. When I visit his congregation, I am welcomed with open arms by an enthusiastic group of individuals. He has worked to grow his church to more than 2,000 members, and he oversees a youth mentoring program, a senior citizens ministry and an AIDS task force. His compassion has no limits, and his enthusiasm cannot be contained. It is for these reasons that I have asked him to come before us today and to lead us in prayer.

I would be remiss if I did not recognize Pastor Beaman's wife and childhood sweetheart, Renee, and daughter, Asaiah, who are also with us today.

Pastor Beaman, thank you for being here and for sharing your blessing with the U.S. House of Representatives.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO SELECT COMMITTEE ON ENERGY INDEPENDENCE AND GLOBAL WARMING

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 4(a) of House Resolution 5, 111th Congress, and the order of the House of January 6, 2009, the Chair announces the Speaker's appointment of the following Members of the House to the Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming:

Mr. MARKEY, Massachusetts, Chairman.

Mr. SENSENBRENNER, Wisconsin.

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