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

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,  
March 6, 2009.

I hereby appoint the Honorable DIANA DEGETTE 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 our God, by Your inspiration You draw all toward the light. By Your penetrating grace You sustain us and encourage us to the end.

A common religious practice is to join others in a pilgrimage. Moving together to a common destination may uncover many a pilgrim story. An historic reenactment or a visit to a shrine brings to life again the powerful memory of that first epic journey.

Being on a pilgrimage combines the diversity of motivations into a single purpose. Focused on a common goal, discoveries are made all along the route and a sense of community lifts everyone with the final energy to attain the ascent.

Lord, human life itself is a pilgrimage. As a mental paradigm, pilgrimage can transform weeks of a season, or an academic semester, even a session of Congress, as long as all participants fix their eyes on the prize and help each other give You the glory every step of the way until the final goal is reached. 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.

Mr. SENSENBRENNER. Madam 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 noes appeared to have it.

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

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

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Pledge of Allegiance will be led by the gentleman from Louisiana (Mr. FLEMING).

Mr. FLEMING 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 up to five requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

### GIVING EVERY AMERICAN THE OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE HEALTH INSURANCE

(Mr. PALLONE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, yesterday President Obama had a health care summit which I attended, and I must say it was really a great bipartisan opportunity. Essentially on both sides of the aisle Members said that we need health care reform and that we need it now. There may be disagreement about how to achieve that, but everyone agrees this is not something that can be delayed, but needs to be addressed now.

I would also mention there were many people from the business community there, many of those who you might think would not necessarily be interested in reform on this subject. There were insurance companies. There were representatives from NFIB and some of the other business groups. So there is no question in my mind that there is consensus about the need for health care reform.

One of the ways that was stressed to achieve that was through cost efficiency. There is actually too much money being spent in many ways in not an efficient way; wellness, prevention, comparative effectiveness, new ways of doing things like health information technology to be more effective and utilizing cost measures or efficiencies to bring costs down, and with that money, as well as a new source of revenue, to be able to expand health care so that every American has health insurance.

### ENERGY MEANS JOBS

(Mr. FLEMING asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. FLEMING. Madam Speaker, in northwest Louisiana energy means

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