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The House met at 10 a.m. 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,
October 15, 2009.

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

NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House Representatives.

PRAYER

Rev. David Ferrell, Calvary Tabernacle, Perth-Andover, New Brunswick, Maine, offered the following prayer:

Lord, I stand before You today and honor You as King of Kings and Lord of Lords. I ask Your forgiveness for human error and weakness.

I thank You for these leaders that You have put in place as a check and balance to the direction of our great Nation. I pray that they be empowered with boldness and courage as they represent their constituents.

I pray for Your guidance over today's proceedings and that Your wisdom rest on these elect for all future decisions they will face.

Remind us that when we don't know what direction to take, we can entrust Your hand and word to direct us.

I thank You for a strong United States and for the individuals who have answered the call to serve in this great House of Representatives.

I pray Your blessings be on this place from now and forevermore.

In Jesus' name, 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 Maine (Mr. MICHAUD) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. MICHAUD 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 bills and agreed to a concurrent resolution of the following titles in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 692. An act to provide that claims of the United States to certain documents relating to Franklin Delano Roosevelt shall be treated as waived and relinquished in certain circumstances.

S. 1694. An act to allow the funding for the interoperable emergency communications grant program established under the Digital Television Transition and Public Safety Act of 2005 to remain available until expended through fiscal year 2012, and for other purposes.

S. Con. Res. 46. Concurrent resolution recognizing the benefits of service-learning and expressing support for the goals of the National Learn and Serve Challenge.

WELCOMING REV. DAVID FERRELL

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

There was no objection.

Mr. MICHAUD. Madam Speaker, Pastor David Ferrell has been an active,

compassionate, and inspiring minister for over 21 years. It is truly an honor to welcome him to the House of Representatives.

David is currently a pastor at the Calvary Tabernacle in Perth-Andover, New Brunswick, an educator at the University of Maine at Presque Isle, and a man who has served in a variety of religious capacities. Many have benefited from his wisdom and compassion. He has traveled far and wide speaking at conferences from Maine to North Carolina, from Quebec to Pakistan.

I applaud the pastor for his many accomplishments, his thirst for knowledge, and his unending desire to help people. I wish him the best as he continues to be a positive force in this community.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain up to 10 further requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

RECESSION OVER FOR GOLDMAN SACHS

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

Mr. DEFAZIO. Madam Speaker, all across America unemployed Americans, struggling small businesses heaved a sigh of relief today because we know the recession is over. Goldman Sachs reported profits of \$3.19 billion. They are on track to pay bonuses of over \$20 billion, \$700,000 average per employee. The recession is over for Goldman Sachs.

Of course, there is a little problem with this whole equation. Over the last year, they have received over \$60 billion in taxpayer subsidies. Hmm, that

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