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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. BLUMENAUER).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
December 10, 2009.

I hereby appoint the Honorable EARL BLUMENAUER 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, for people who live in the light of faith and who are attuned to Your greatest commandment, peace is always more than the absence of war. It remains a matter of the human heart.

Peace cannot be reduced to a human concept as only the balance of power for opposing forces. We know, Lord, peace cannot be imposed by human authority or by simple majority. Peace, Lord, is often illusive for us because it

remains beyond our imagining or achievement. Peace is a gift.

Peace, Lord, is born out of the right ordering of things which You, the Creator, have invested in human society. Peace is realized by us, when our thirsting for an ever more perfect realm of justice and union reaches a certain plateau that invites us to go even further.

Lord, grant us peace of heart so we may bring this gift to our family life, work for justice, and so gift our world, both now and forever.

Amen.

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CHARLES E. SCHUMER, *Chairman.*

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