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

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,  
March 3, 2010.

I hereby appoint the Honorable JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

### PRAYER

Imam Abdullah Antepli, Duke University, Durham, North Carolina, offered the following prayer:

Peace be with you all. Please join me in prayers.

O God of all nations, look with favor upon this esteemed Congress. Guide these important decision makers with Your divine light. Be their source of strength and comfort. Enable them to serve You and glorify Your name by serving the citizens of this great Nation and to the entire humanity, regardless of their gender, ethnicity, or religion.

O God, make them Your instruments to deliver Your divine mercy and compassion. Bless them with Your openness and humility. Fill their hearts and minds with passion and determination to improve the quality of the lives of their fellow human beings. Grant them success in their efforts to wipe out poverty, ignorance, racism, and hate in this country and beyond.

O God, make these women and men peacemakers, healers and bridge builders, so urgently needed in our wounded and broken times. Give them the strength that they need to keep what needs to be kept. Give them the cour-

age that they need to change what needs to be changed. Give them the wisdom that they need to distinguish one from the other.

O God, if we forget You, do not forget us. In Your most holy and beautiful name we pray. 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 gentlewoman from New York (Mrs. MALONEY) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. MALONEY 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.

### RESIGNATION AS CHAIR OF COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following resignation as chair of the Committee on Ways and Means:

COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS,  
Washington, DC, March 3, 2010.  
Hon. NANCY PELOSI,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives,*  
Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: I respectfully request a leave of absence from my duties and responsibilities as Chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means until such time as the Committee on Standards completes its findings on the review currently underway.

CHARLES B. RANGEL.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the resignation is accepted.

There was no objection.

### WELCOMING IMAM ABDULLAH ANTEPLI

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. PRICE) is recognized for 1 minute.

There was no objection.

Mr. PRICE of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, I wish to introduce to my colleagues my distinguished constituent and today's guest chaplain, Imam Abdullah Antepli. I also want to welcome in the gallery our many guests from the Duke University community, the Muslim community, the Turkish community, both from the triangle area of North Carolina and from the Washington area.

Imam Antepli has a long and distinguished record of faith-based and humanitarian service in countries ranging from his native Turkey to the Southeastern Asian nations of Burma and Malaysia. Since moving to the United States in 2003, he has been a true pioneer in the field of Muslim campus ministry, serving as the first Muslim chaplain at Wesleyan University and as the founding member of the Muslim Chaplains Association. He later served at Hartford Seminary, where he completed his doctorate on the challenges and opportunities facing the Muslim campus ministry in the United States.

In July 2008, he came to Duke University to serve as the school's first full-time Muslim chaplain. Although he has been on campus less than 2 years, he has made an enormous impact on the university community. His role is obviously to facilitate worship and study for the school's Muslim students, but he has taken on much more than that. He counsels students of all faiths, fosters understanding of the Muslim faith, and is much in demand as a speaker and a participant in a variety of community events. This is a

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