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

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
November 17, 2010.

I hereby appoint the Honorable ED PASTOR 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 of heaven and Earth, by Your gracious will, You have awakened us to a new day. As we look upon the responsibilities that lay before us, grant us wisdom to make good decisions, the strength to do what is right, compassion for people we meet along the way, and the satisfaction that we may please You by what we do and say, and give You glory, both now and forever.
Amen.

THE JOURNAL

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

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

Mr. QUIGLEY led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Repub-

lic 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 15 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

LASTING PEACE IN ISRAEL

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

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today because the Israeli Security Cabinet is preparing to take a critical vote on a proposal to temporarily halt construction in the West Bank.

Our Israeli friends have offered, once again, to stop construction on the West Bank in order to open the door to a peace deal. However, a peace agreement has no chance of coming to fruition if the Palestinian Authority and President Abbas refuse to come to the negotiating table. Only face-to-face negotiations between the two sides can lead to a peace deal.

Unilateral action by the U.N. will not contribute to peace, and the administration must be strong in signaling that any move by the U.N. toward independent action will be vetoed.

We are at a vital crossroads. We can choose the path of peace, but only if parties do their part and play their role. President Abbas must come to the table and justify the good-faith efforts by the people of Israel to achieve a lasting peace.

NATIONAL GUARD TROOPS SHOULD BE SENT TO THE BORDER

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

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, over 2,200 people have been killed just this year in drug-related border violence in Mexico, and some have been Americans. The violence is flooding into American communities. Bullets are literally flying across the Rio Grande River into El Paso, Texas. The drug cartels shoot their way across the border into America, and people are scared.

The Federal Government has a two-part border security plan: one, put up warning signs not to travel parts of America because of the violent drug cartels; and, two, sue States that try to protect their people from illegal entry. That is no competent security plan.

One real answer is to pass legislation to put 10,000 National Guard troops on the border, to be paid for by the Federal Government and supervised by the State Governors.

How much more violence must occur on the border before the Feds actually do the job the Constitution requires? Protect the Nation.

And that's just the way it is.

LET'S HANG ON TO OUR FREEDOMS

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

Mr. KAGEN. Mr. Speaker, I received a message from one of my constituents, one of my bosses, Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Roach, from northeast Wisconsin, which reads, in part: "Do not waver on beginning to bring our troops out of Afghanistan, saving more of wasteful spending. Redirect all accrued military savings to veterans, to paying our troops and supporting their families.

"Sorry to say, but we may be ready to retreat to the comfort of our well-earned retirement if the President blinks or compromises.

"He promised, we delivered, now we expect him to act like Truman or Roosevelt."

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