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House of Representatives

This being the day fixed pursuant to the 20th Amendment to the Constitution for the meeting of the second session of the 112th Congress, the House met at noon and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. LATOURETTE).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
January 3, 2012.

I hereby appoint the Honorable STEVEN C. LATOURETTE to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

JOHN A. BOEHNER,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer:

Loving God, we give You thanks for giving us another year.

As the second session of this 112th Congress begins, we humbly ask Your divine presence. As the Members of the people's House attend to their noble responsibilities, send Your spirit of wisdom to be with them.

Watch over each Member of the House and their families during this session. Grant that they might be wise in their deliberations, charitable in their interactions with one another, and judicious in the execution of their duties.

May all that is said and done in the coming session be for Your greater honor and glory.

Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The SPEAKER pro tempore 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. Pursuant to section 4(a) of House Resolution 493, no organizational or legislative business will be conducted on this day.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 4(c) of House Resolution 493, the House stands adjourned until 10 a.m. on Friday, January 6, 2012.

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 2 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until Friday, January 6, 2012, at 10 a.m.

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