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

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
July 17, 2002.

I hereby appoint the Honorable CLIFF STEARNS to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Reverend T. Brannon Bowman, Pastor, Monroeville Presbyterian Church, Monroeville, Alabama, offered the following prayer:

Our almighty and gracious God, great is Your faithfulness. Your mercies never cease and Your compassions never fail.

We ask, O Lord, that Your blessings be upon the Members of this 107th Congress, that Your strength would make them equal to their tasks, that Your wisdom would guide them in their service to this great Nation, and that Your Providence would ensure that they are found faithful to those who rise to serve You tomorrow.

Bless, O Lord, the citizens of the United States. May their symphony of prayer and praise ring loudly throughout this land with never-ending crescendo.

Bless, O Lord, our President. Grant him strength and wisdom in proportion to that which is required of him this day.

Bless, O Lord, our military as they bravely serve the cause of peace and justice. And we ask most earnestly, O God, that You bring them home safely and soon.

Bless us all, we pray, that we would do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with our God.

This we pray, as one Nation, under God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.

Mr. LAMPSON. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to clause 1, rule I, I demand a vote on agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. LAMPSON. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8, rule XX, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

Mr. SHIMKUS 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. The Chair will entertain ten 1-minutes from each side, following that of the gentleman from Alabama (Mr. CALLAHAN).

WELCOMING REVEREND BRANNON BOWMAN FROM MONROEVILLE, ALABAMA

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

Mr. CALLAHAN. Mr. Speaker, I am honored and pleased to have had with us this morning, and still in the audience or in the body this morning, a guest chaplain from my district, the Reverend Brannon Bowman. We are privileged to have him here visiting from Monroeville, Alabama, where he serves as pastor of the Monroeville Presbyterian Church.

After nearly 14 years as a Presbyterian pastor, Reverend Bowman has played a vital role in establishing churches in communities across Alabama. His service extends beyond his own church. The reverend offers his time as the chaplain of the Monroeville County Hospital, the area coordinator for the National Day of Prayer, as well as a professor at the Birmingham Theological Seminary.

Born in Montgomery, Alabama, he earned a Bachelor of Science from the Birmingham Southern College, a master's in music from Auburn University, and a Master of Divinity from Birmingham's Theological Seminary. Reverend Bowman has been married to Carol New Bowman since 1990, and they are proud parents of a son, Thomas.

Mr. Speaker, I know the House joins me in welcoming Reverend Bowman. At this time, when our Nation is in most need of strong faith, we are fortunate to have someone of his character among us. I thank him for his uplifting prayer this morning.

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