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

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
September 30, 2004.

I hereby appoint the Honorable JEFF MILLER to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

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

PRAYER

The Reverend William G. Alvey, Pastor, Park United Methodist Church, Madison, Ohio, offered the following prayer:

Our Most Gracious Heavenly Father, we ask Your blessings to rest upon these very special people who represent all the people of this great country. Help them not to just represent all the people, but also be responsible to the needs of all the people.

As they diligently listen to and discuss the proposals presented to them, help them to discern Your will, not their will, in the decisions they are called upon to make.

We are grateful for the freedoms that this country affords to us, that we may participate in the governing of ourselves and especially our future.

With this great responsibility we ask that Your Spirit might give the Members of Congress guidance and leadership in all their deliberations both today and every day.

These blessings we ask in Your name which is above every name. 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 Wisconsin (Mr. KIND) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. KIND 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.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Monahan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed without amendment bills and a joint resolution of the House of the following titles:

H.R. 982. An act to clarify the tax treatment of bonds and other obligations issued by the Government of American Samoa.

H.R. 4115. An act to amend the act of November 2, 1966 (80 Stat. 1112), to allow binding arbitration clauses to be included in all contracts affecting the land within the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Reservation.

H.R. 4259. An act to amend title 31, United States Code, to improve the financial accountability requirements applicable to the Department of Homeland Security, to establish requirements for the Future Years Homeland Security Program of the Department, and for other purposes.

H.J. Res. 107. Joint resolution making continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2005, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the Senate has passed bills and a concurrent resolution of the following titles in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 1601. An act to amend the Indian Child Protection and Family Violence Prevention Act to provide for the reporting and reduction of child abuse and family violence incidences on Indian reservations, and for other purposes.

S. 2639. An act to reauthorize the Congressional Award Act.

S. Con. Res. 110. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress in support of the ongoing work of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) in combating anti-Semitism, racism, xenophobia, discrimination, intolerance, and related violence.

WELCOMING THE REVEREND WILLIAM ALVEY

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

Mr. LATOURETTE. Mr. Speaker, the guest chaplain today is the Reverend William Alvey from the Park United Methodist Church in Madison, Ohio.

His appearance here today started out last Memorial Day. He was giving the invocation at the J. Wilson VFW Post on Memorial Day and indicated that he was thinking about retiring in the near future, and one of the things that he would like to do was give the opening prayer at the House of Representatives.

I am honored to have known Reverend Alvey for nearly a decade, I want to welcome him and 47 people who rode up on a bus from Madison, Ohio, to be with Reverend Alvey today and who have joined us this morning. Reverend Alvey is in his 41st year with the United Methodist Church, and has been at the Madison Park United Methodist Church since 1995. Reverend Alvey is a fixture in the Madison community, and I want to thank him for his distinguished service to the church and to our community, and it is my pleasure to welcome him here this morning.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain 10 one-minute speeches per side.

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