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

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
June 12, 2008.

I hereby appoint the Honorable ELLEN O. TAUSCHER 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:

It would seem, Lord, that peace can come to both sides of any wall that divides people. Only four conditions are required of the human spirit for peace to be achieved: Truth, justice, love and freedom. So Lord, we pray:

That truth will build peace as every individual sincerely acknowledges not only his or her own rights but also one's duty to protect the rights of others; justice will build peace, Lord, if everyone respects the rights of others and actually fulfills one's duties toward all others; love will build peace if people feel the needs of others as their own and share what they have with others, especially the values of mind and spirit which they possess; freedom will build peace, Lord, if in their choices people act according to sound reason and are willing to accept the consequences of their own actions.

Therefore, Lord, we pray that Your people will speak the truth, act justly, love faithfully, and live freely, and so find peace not just here and now but 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 her approval thereof.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

Mr. PALLONE 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 Chair will entertain up to five requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

RECOGNIZING ARVERN MOORE ON HIS RETIREMENT

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

Mr. CHILDERS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Arvern Moore for his 41 years of outstanding service as executive director of the Institute of Community Services Head Start Program in Mississippi's First District.

Arvern Moore began his work in 1967 with the ICS Head Start Program and had the vision to build a successful program to prepare children and families for the future. He served terms as president of the National Head Start Association and is known to many as "Mr. Head Start."

Arvern has established vital Head Start partnerships with businesses and

stakeholders but has always remained focused on the families of Mississippi. Today, the ICS Head Start Program, headquartered in Holly Springs, Mississippi, serves more than 3,600 Head Start children.

It is my honor to recognize Arvern Moore for his 41 years of service to Mississippi's children and families. Please join me on the occasion of his retirement in wishing him a rewarding life in the community he has worked so hard to support. We offer heartfelt congratulations to Arvern for a life of service as we wish him and his family a joyous celebration of this milestone.

WHAT ABOUT AMERICAN OIL?

(Mr. TIM MURPHY of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. TIM MURPHY of Pennsylvania. Oil prices are climbing to record highs, gasoline is over \$4 a gallon and climbing towards \$5, food prices are up and rising, and family budgets stretch their limits.

And how do we handle this? We beg OPEC to produce more oil. The Saudis say they will call a meeting. Venezuela says they want \$200-a-barrel oil. Foreign speculators say let's hope the market will fall.

Americans say, what about America? What about American energy? Why not explore for the trillions of barrels of America's oil off our coast, America's shale oil? Saying "no" to Americans is not an energy policy. Begging other nations is not an energy policy.

Americans get it. Congress needs to get it too. American oil, American jobs, American control of its own destiny and returning America to be the greatest Nation on Earth and not a nation that has its hat in its hand saying please help us.

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