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House of Representatives

This being the day fixed pursuant to the 20th amendment to the Constitution by Public Law 111-121 for the meeting of the second session of the 111th Congress, the House met at noon and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Ms. EDWARDS of Maryland).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
January 5, 2010.

I hereby appoint the Honorable DONNA F. EDWARDS to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

Reverend Clete Kiley, Faith and Politics Institute, Washington, D.C., offered the following prayer:

Loving God, by whose grace our land has been blessed with such bounty, and by whose guidance our Nation has been formed, be with us even now as we open this second session of the 111th Congress. Grant us a fuller share in the gift of Your Spirit which is strong, loving and wise.

Give us strength to face the challenges before this Congress with courage and patience. Give us a loving Spirit so that compassion for our fellow citizens and for their deepest concerns may find a first place in our deliberations. Give us wisdom, discernment and good judgment so that we may serve what is to the best interest and common good of the Nation and to the general welfare of all people.

Do bless us now as we begin the important work ahead of us. And may You who begin this good work in us bring it to fulfillment. We ask in Your Holy Name. 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.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, December 24, 2009.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
The Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on December 24, 2009, at 8:14 a.m.:

That the Senate passed with an amendment H.R. 730.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 3819.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 4314.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

LORRAINE C. MILLER,
Clerk of the House.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, December 24, 2009.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
The Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on December 24, 2009, at 10:31 a.m.:

That the Senate passed without amendment H. Con. Res. 223.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

LORRAINE C. MILLER,
Clerk of the House.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, December 29, 2009.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
The Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on December 29, 2009, at 10:56 a.m.:

That the Senate passed with amendments H.R. 3590.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

LORRAINE C. MILLER,
Clerk of the House.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 4 of rule I, the following enrolled bill was signed by Speaker pro tempore VAN HOLLEN on Wednesday, December 23, 2009:

H.R. 4284, to extend the Generalized System of Preferences and the Andean

□ This symbol represents the time of day during the House proceedings, e.g., □ 1407 is 2:07 p.m.

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Trade Preference Act, and for other purposes.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER
PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 5(d) of rule XX, the Chair announces that, in light of the resignation of the gentleman from Florida (Mr. WEXLER), the whole number of the House is 434.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER
PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 9 of House Resolution 976, no organizational or legislative business will be conducted on this day.

Messages requiring action will be laid before the House on a subsequent day.

Bills and resolutions introduced today will receive a number but will not be referred to committee or noted in the RECORD until a subsequent day. Executive communications, memorials, and petitions likewise will be referred and numbered on a subsequent day.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED PRIOR TO
SINE DIE ADJOURNMENT

Lorraine C. Miller, Clerk of the House, prior to sine die adjournment of the First Session, 111th Congress, reported and found truly an enrolled bill of the House of the following title, which was thereupon signed by the Speaker pro tempore Mr. VAN HOLLEN, on Wednesday, December 23, 2009:

H.R. 4284. An act to extend the Generalized System of Preferences and the Andean Trade Preference Act, and for other purposes.

BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTION
PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT
PRIOR TO SINE DIE ADJOURNMENT

Lorraine C. Miller, Clerk of the House, reports that prior to sine die adjournment of the First Session, 111th Congress, on December 19, 2009 she presented to the President of the United States, for his approval the following bill and joint resolution.

H.R. 3326. Making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes.

H.J. Res. 64. Making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2010, and for other purposes.

Lorraine C. Miller, Clerk of the House, further reports that on December 23, 2009, she presented to the President of the United States, for his approval, the following bill.

H.R. 4284. To extend the Generalized System of Preferences and the Andean Trade Preference Act, and for other purposes.

BILLS PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT
AFTER SINE DIE ADJOURNMENT

Lorraine C. Miller, Clerk of the House reports that on December 24, 2009 she presented to the President of the United States, for his approval, the following bills.

H.R. 3819. To extend the commercial space transportation liability regime.

H.R. 4314. To permit continued financing of Government operations.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 10 of House Resolution 976, the House shall stand adjourned pursuant to section 2 of House Concurrent Resolution 223.

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 5 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until Tuesday, January 12, 2010, at noon.