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House of Representatives

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

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
January 5, 2024.

I hereby appoint the Honorable ROBERT J. WITTMAN to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

MIKE JOHNSON,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

God of light, shine upon us. Disperse the deep and hidden things that confound our lives and challenge our days. Expose the fear and sadness, doubt and dishonesty that grow in the shadows. Remind us again that not even in the darkness can anything be hidden from You.

In this season when the shadows lengthen and the night descends quickly upon us, when all around us despair attempts to extinguish any hope for our future, we pray that Your love would dawn upon us.

In You there is no darkness at all. In You do we find solace in our uncertainty, calm in our anxiety, and strength in our weakness. Your abiding presence sheds light on the path and illuminates our way.

Enlighten the eyes of our heart. Awaken the awareness of our spirit that we may know the hope to which You have called us, a hope that is stronger than any enemy, a light brighter than even the shadow of death.

In the clarity to be found when we call upon Your name, we are bold to pray.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 3(z) of House Resolution 5, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

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 3 of House Resolution 922, no organizational or legislative business will be conducted on this day.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 3(z) of House Resolution 5, the House stands adjourned until 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 9, 2024.

Thereupon (at 10 o'clock and 3 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Tuesday, January 9, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.

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

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