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Response by U.S. Rep. Nick Rahall on the Imam's invocation:

"The House of Representatives opens each daily session with an invocation from a clergyman. It is then followed by the pledge of allegiance which describes this country as "one nation under God."

I take these words to heart and believe our freedom of religion is one of the country's most cherished principles.

Our country was established by those seeking to escape religious persecution and as President Bush stated in his remarks to the American Muslim community, "the notion of tolerance is at the heart of the American ideal."

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