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House of Representatives

The House met at 10 a.m.

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer:

By Your divine providence, Lord God, through free election and the personal decisions of the American people, You have assembled these individuals as Members of the House of Representatives.

They are the men and the women who will create the laws that will guide the Nation, direct the behavior of the people of this country, and, through the appropriation process, shape the priorities of the future.

In Your judgment, Lord, they are the ones who are adequate for the moment to address the problems and needs of Your people.

Because the United States is regarded as the most powerful Nation in the world at this time, this Congress, as it is, becomes Your instrument to unite people around the globe and accomplish Your holy will in our day.

Knowing their awesome responsibilities and understanding the limitations of human nature, we, the people, commend them to You, Almighty God, for we place our trust in You now and forever. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. 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. Will the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. GUTKNECHT) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. GUTKNECHT led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Repub-

lic 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 agreed to the following resolution:

In the Senate of the United States, June 13, 2005.

Whereas J. James Exon served in the United States Army Signal Corps from 1942-1945 and in the United States Army Reserve from 1945-1949;

Whereas J. James Exon served as Governor of the State of Nebraska from 1971-1979;

Whereas J. James Exon served the people of Nebraska with distinction for 18 years in the United States Senate where he was a proponent of a strong national defense and knowledgeable source of geopolitical matters;

Resolved, That the Senate has heard with profound sorrow and deep regret the announcement of the death of the Honorable J. James Exon, formerly a Senator from the State of Nebraska.

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate communicate these resolutions of the House of Representatives and transmit an enrolled copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

Resolved, That when the Senate adjourns today, it stand adjourned as a further mark of respect to the memory of the Honorable J. James Exon.

The message also announced that the Senate has passed without amendment a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 483. An act to designate a United States courthouse in Brownsville, Texas, as the "Reynaldo G. Garza and Filemon B. Vela United States Courthouse".

The message also announced that the Senate has passed a bill of the following title in which concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 1140. An act to designate the State Route 1 Bridge in the State of Delaware as the "Senator William V. Roth, Jr. Bridge".

The message also announced that pursuant to Public Law 94-304, as amendment by Public Law 99-7, the

Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, appoints the following Senators as members of the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (Helsinki) during the One Hundred Ninth Congress;

The Senator from Oregon (Mr. SMITH).

The Senator from Georgia (Mr. CHAMBLISS).

The Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BURR).

The Senator from Louisiana (Mr. VITTER).

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will entertain up to ten 1-minute requests on each side.

SHAME ON CONGRESS IF WE DO NOT BAN CLONING

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

Mr. PITTS. Mr. Speaker, Edmund Burke once said: "All that is necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing." I might change that to read: "All that is necessary for human cloning to begin in America is for Congress to do nothing."

When Korean scientists announced last month they had cloned 18 sick people and killed their clones to get their stem cells, some thought that would provide the motivation for the Congress to ban human cloning. They were wrong.

The history of cloning is replete with defects, deformities, and death. It took 277 tries to clone Dolly the sheep. That is 276 dead and deformed sheep. And yet Congress does nothing to stop human cloning from happening in America. The House has done very little to force the Senate to act, and the House has yet to take up a bill this year.

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