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

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
December 19, 2001.

I hereby appoint the Honorable JOHNNY ISAKSON to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer: O Lord, You are our God. We will extol You and praise Your name, for You have fulfilled Your wonderful plans of old, faithful and true.

From the barren earth You bring forth new life. From injustice and disaster You draw forth goodness and promises that reshape the world. We look to You, O Lord, ever faithful, in the midst of darkness and fear, to give birth to wisdom, at a time pregnant with insecurity, and promise to breathe forth integrity.

Bless this Congress with Your almighty power and gentle grace. Let not

today's problems be left for tomorrow, rather lead this Nation to take steps that prepare the way for Your swift coming with justice and peace. Fulfill in our day Your true promise of abundant life and lasting security. We praise Your holy name both now and 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 his approval thereof.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

Mr. DOOLEY of California 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. The Chair will entertain 15 1-minutes from each side.

FAILED SCIENTIFIC PROCESS

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

Mr. GIBBONS. Mr. Speaker, well, here we go again. Last week, the Department of Energy changed the ground rules once again for judging the suitability of Yucca Mountain.

How convenient for them to change the guidelines after scientists began to conclude the natural features of the mountain would not work.

You cannot change the rules of the game once the game has begun, Mr. Speaker. The audacity of the Department of Energy is deplorable. First, their own Inspector General cites 9 years of possible collusion of a corrupt law firm; then, the GAO warns that the plans the DOE has shown to Congress and the Nevadans may not describe the facility the GAO would actually build and develop. And now, after changing the regulations to suit their science, we, the American people, are supposed to trust them?

The Department of Energy should be ashamed of itself. It is time to put the safety of Nevadans and Americans ahead of their own desire to win at any cost.

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TRIBUTE TO WASHINGTON, WEST ALLEGHENY, AND ROCHESTER HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAMS

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

Mr. MASCARA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a very special group of high schools in western Pennsylvania: Washington, West Allegheny, and Rochester High Schools. All three became Pennsylvania State football champions in their respective divisions.

The Washington High School Little Prexies defeated Pen Argyle 19 to 12 to win their first Pennsylvania State championship. The Little Prexies finished their season with a perfect record of 15 and 0, the only team in their division to finish their season without a loss. They are also the first team in Washington County to win a State championship game.

The West Allegheny Indians defeated Strath Haven 28 to 13, breaking Strath Haven's 44-game winning streak. This is the third consecutive year these two teams have met in the State finals, and West Allegheny's first win.

The Rochester Rams defeated Southern Columbia 16 to 0 to win their third Pennsylvania State championship, only the fourth team ever to do so.

Mr. Speaker, I know the entire House of Representatives joins me in congratulating the Washington High School Little Prexies, the West Allegheny Indians, and the Rochester Rams on their well-deserved State championships.

IN HONOR OF PHILIP LAMONACO

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

Mr. LoBIONDO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of a fallen New Jersey State Trooper, a man who served our State proudly. Twenty years ago Friday, Trooper Philip Lamonaco was shot and killed by two self-avowed revolutionaries during a traffic stop on a stretch of highway in Warren County. Trooper Lamonaco, who was named "Trooper of the Year" in 1979, left behind a wife and three children.

His murder sparked a dogged manhunt for his killers, and they were tracked down and jailed. Philip Lamonaco was the kind of law enforcement professional that inspires others to take up the fight to protect our communities. Since Philip's murder, his wife Donna, who I have met at several functions, has worked tirelessly as an advocate for police and their families. And earlier this year, Trooper Lamonaco's son Michael joined the New Jersey State Police, following the example of his father.

To the Lamonaco family, his friends and colleagues, I extend my condolences on this sad anniversary, and I

extend the thanks of the people of New Jersey for his service. Philip Lamonaco will never be forgotten.

FAA MAILS PILOT LICENSES TO FOREIGN COUNTRIES

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

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, while Congress continues to pass airline security measures, pilot licenses are flying to foreign countries faster than bin Laden's been running.

Unbelievable, but check this out. My investigation shows the FAA regularly sends pilot licenses in the mail to places like Afghanistan, Iraq, Iran, Libya and Pakistan. Now, if that is not enough to drench some fire hydrant, these licenses are being sent to post office boxes, no less. Beam me up. I am asking that the GAO investigate this madness.

I yield back the fact that the FAA may have supplied bin Laden with an air force legally certified to attack America.

CAPTURING THE QUEST FOR EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING, RESEARCH, AND SERVICE

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

Mr. RILEY. Mr. Speaker, capturing the quest for excellence in teaching, research and service is the motto of the famed Tuskegee University, home of the World War II Tuskegee Airmen. And under the direction of University President Benjamin Payton, his faculty and staff, they have stood by this motto in the academic arena for years.

Founded in 1881 by Booker T. Washington, the School's distinguished list of accomplishments include the number one producer of African-American aerospace engineers in the nation, provider of more African-American general officers to the military than any other institution, and alma mater to over 75% of the African-American veterinarians in the world.

This year, Tuskegee University Golden Tigers have captured the quest for excellence in the athletic world, as well, by being named the 2001 Football Champions of the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference. With an athletic record that includes 533 victories, 19 SIAC championships, 7 black college national championships, and 15 postseason bowl appearances, Tuskegee University has rightly been named the Nation's winningest historically black college.

As their representative, I have a lot of pride in this institution. Please join me in congratulating them in their many successes and wishing them the best of luck as they travel to Atlanta to compete in the Pioneer Bowl on December 22.

Congratulations to Dr. Payton, head coach Rick Comegy, and the Golden Tigers for excellence both on and off the football field.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair announces that he will postpone further proceedings today on each motion to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or on which the vote is objected to under clause 6 of rule XX.

Any record votes on postponed questions will be taken later today.

TERRORIST BOMBINGS CONVENTION IMPLEMENTATION ACT OF 2001

Mr. SENSENBRENNER. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 3275) to implement the International Convention for the Suppression of Terrorist Bombings to strengthen criminal laws relating to attacks on places of public use, to implement the International Convention of the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism, to combat terrorism and defend the Nation against terrorist acts, and for other purposes, as amended.

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 3275

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

TITLE I—SUPPRESSION OF TERRORIST BOMBINGS

SEC. 101. SHORT TITLE.

This title may be cited as the "Terrorist Bombings Convention Implementation Act of 2001".

SEC. 102. BOMBING STATUTE.

(a) OFFENSE.—Chapter 113B of title 18, United States Code, relating to terrorism, is amended by inserting after section 2332e the following new section:

"§2332f. Bombings of places of public use, government facilities, public transportation systems and infrastructure facilities

"(a) OFFENSES.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—Whoever unlawfully delivers, places, discharges, or detonates an explosive or other lethal device in, into, or against a place of public use, a state or government facility, a public transportation system, or an infrastructure facility—

"(A) with the intent to cause death or serious bodily injury, or

"(B) with the intent to cause extensive destruction of such a place, facility, or system, where such destruction results in or is likely to result in major economic loss,

shall be punished as prescribed in subsection (c).

"(2) ATTEMPTS AND CONSPIRACIES.—Whoever attempts or conspires to commit an offense under paragraph (1) shall be punished as prescribed in subsection (c).

"(b) JURISDICTION.—There is jurisdiction over the offenses in subsection (a) if—

"(1) the offense takes place in the United States and—

"(A) the offense is committed against another state or a government facility of such state, including its embassy or other diplomatic or consular premises of that state;