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The House met at 2 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. OTTER).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
March 18, 2002.

I hereby appoint the Honorable C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER 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: Lord God of Redemption, humanly we are always in search for freedom. Sometimes oppression comes from outside ourselves; sometimes our limitations are from within. Your spirit alone sets us internally free to realize peace.

The Mosaic Passover and Exodus and the Paschal Mystery of Jesus' death and resurrection help us interpret how You always lead Your people through suffering and death to the everlasting freedom You promise.

Enable Members of Congress to enter by faith into the approaching feasts and experience the mysterious promise You present to us today. Guide them with an integrity of life and good judgment to lead Your people to greater and lasting freedom.

Some people need to be freed of sickness and hunger; some need to be freed of injustice and terrorism. Some are caught in their own patterns of prejudice and revenge; some are desperate because of their anger and greed. In subtle yet profound ways, Lord, Your spirit can free people from self-interest, loneliness and compulsions. In

Your own way, bring all beyond their imagining to the fulfillment of Your promise within them.

Renew America these days in a new moral consciousness that will have the world respect us once again as the land of the free and the home of the brave, 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. 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.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Monahan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed bills of the following titles in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 1372. An act to reauthorize the Export-Import Bank of the United States.

S. 2019. An act to extend the authority of the Export-Import Bank until April 30, 2002.

COMMUNICATION FROM FORMER STAFF ASSISTANT TO THE HONORABLE JIM MCCRERY, MEMBER OF CONGRESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from Jennifer Lawrence, former staff assistant to the Honorable JIM MCCRERY, Member of Congress:

MARCH 14, 2002.

Hon. DENNIS J. HASTERT,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: This is to formally notify you, pursuant to Rule VIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, that I have been served with a subpoena for trial testimony issued by the United States District Court for the Western District of Louisiana in a criminal case pending there.

After consultation with the Office of General Counsel, I have determined that it is consistent with the precedents and privileges of the House to comply with the subpoena.

Sincerely,
JENNIFER LAWRENCE,
Former Staff Assistant to Congressman
Jim McCreery of Louisiana.

SENATE BILLS REFERRED

A bill of the Senate of the following title was taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. 2019. An act to extend the authority of the Export-Import Bank until April 30, 2002, was referred to the Committee on Financial Services.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the House stands adjourned until 12:30 p.m. tomorrow for morning hour debates.

There was no objection.

Accordingly (at 2 o'clock and 4 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, March 19, 2002, at 12:30 p.m., for morning hour debates.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 8 of rule XII, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

5914. A letter from the Administrator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Cranberries Grown

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

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