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House of Representatives

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

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
September 4, 2002.

I hereby appoint the Honorable JOHN ABNEY CULBERSON 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: Before You we stand, Lord God. As this fall session of the 107th Congress begins, we ask Your blessing upon all the Members of the House of Representatives and all who assist them in their work here on Capitol Hill.

Shed divine wisdom upon them that they may be gifted with insights, choose their words carefully and make solid judgments and prudent decisions.

May Your blessing make their committee meetings productive. By conscientious work may just laws be enacted so that Your people may enjoy hope and security. In each passing day may we realize Your presence with us until our work here is finished.

Then, as now, to You be the glory forever and ever. 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 Nevada (Mr. GIBBONS) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. GIBBONS 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 without amendment a concurrent resolution of the House of the following title:

H. Con. Res. 348. Concurrent resolution authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the National Book Festival.

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

H.R. 640. An act to adjust the boundaries of Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area, and for other purposes.

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

H.R. 3253. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the establishment within the Department of Veterans Affairs of improved emergency medical preparedness, research, and education programs to combat terrorism, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the Senate has passed bills and a concurrent resolution of the following titles in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 691. An act to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain land in the Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit, Nevada, to the Secretary of the Interior, in trust for the Washoe Indian Tribe of Nevada and California.

S. 812. An act to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to provide greater access to affordable pharmaceuticals.

S. 1010. An act to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project in the State of North Carolina.

S. 1227. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of the suitability and feasibility of establishing the Niagara Falls National Heritage Area in the State of New York, and for other purposes.

S. 1240. An act to provide for the acquisition of land and construction of an interagency administrative and visitor facility at the entrance to American Fork Canyon, Utah, and for other purposes.

S. 1325. An act to ratify an agreement between the Aleut Corporation and the United States of America to exchange land rights received under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act for certain land interests on Adak Island, and for other purposes.

S. 1339. An act to amend the Bring Them Home Alive Act of 2000 to provide an asylum program with regard to American Persian Gulf War POW/MIAs, and for other purposes.

S. 1649. An act to amend the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996 to increase the authorization of appropriations for the Vancouver National Historic Reserve and for the preservation of Vancouver Barracks.

S. 1843. An act to extend certain hydroelectric licenses in the State of Alaska.

S. 1852. An act to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project in the State of Wyoming.

S. 1894. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to determine the national significance of the Miami Circle site in the State of Florida as well as the suitability and feasibility of its inclusion in the National Park, and for other purposes.

S. 1907. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain land to the city of Haines, Oregon.

S. 1946. An act to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the Old Spanish Trail as a National Historic Trail.

S. 2487. An act to provide for global pathogen surveillance and response.

S. 2549. An act to ensure that child employees of traveling sales crews are protected under the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938.

S. 2558. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the collection of

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data on benign brain-related tumors through the national program of cancer registries.

S. 2810. An act to amend the Communications Satellite Act of 1962 to extend the deadline for the INTELSAT initial public offering.

S. Con. Res. 137. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service should exert its best efforts to cause the Major League Baseball Players Association and the owners of the teams of Major League Baseball to enter into a contract to continue to play professional baseball games without engaging in a strike, a lockout, or any conduct that interferes with the playing of scheduled professional baseball games.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, August 2, 2002.

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

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on August 2, 2002 at 11:05 a.m.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 223.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 309.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 601.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 1384.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 1456.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 1576.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 2068.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 2234.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 2440.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 2441.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 2643.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 3343.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 3380.

Appointments: President's Export Council.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

MARTHA C. MORRISON,
Deputy Clerk of the House.

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tives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on August 2, 2002 at 9:34 a.m.

That the Senate agreed to conference report H.R. 3009.

Appointments: National Skill Standards Board and Global Climate Change Observer Group.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

MARTHA C. MORRISON,
Deputy Clerk of the House.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 4 of rule I, Speaker pro tempore WOLF signed the following enrolled bill on Friday, August 2, 2002:

H.R. 3009, to extend the Andean Trade Preference Act, to grant additional trade benefits under that Act, and for other purposes, and the following enrolled bills on Wednesday, August 7, 2002:

H.R. 223, to amend the Clear Creek County, Colorado, Public Lands Transfer Act of 1993 to provide additional time for Clear Creek County to dispose of certain lands transferred to the county under the Act;

H.R. 309, to provide for the determination of withholding tax rates under the Guam income tax;

H.R. 601, to redesignate certain lands within the Craters of the Moon National Monument, and for other purposes;

H.R. 1384, to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the route in Arizona and New Mexico which the Navajo and Mescalero Apache Indian tribes were forced to walk in 1863 and 1864, for study for potential addition to the national trails system;

H.R. 1456, to expand the boundary of the Booker T. Washington National Monument, and for other purposes;

H.R. 1576, to designate the James Peak Wilderness and Protection Area in the Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests in the State of Colorado, and for other purposes;

H.R. 2068, to revise, codify, and enact without substantive change certain general and permanent laws, related to public buildings, property, and works, as Title 40, United States Code, "Public buildings, property, and works";

H.R. 2234, to revise the boundary of the Tumacacori National Historical Park in the State of Arizona;

H.R. 2440, to rename Wolf Trap Farm Park as "Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts," and for other purposes;

H.R. 2441, to amend the Public Health Service Act to redesignate a facility as the National Hansen's Disease Programs Center, and for other purposes;

H.R. 2643, to authorize the acquisition of additional lands for inclusion in the Fort Clatsop National Memorial in the State of Oregon, and for other purposes;

H.R. 3343, to amend Title X of the Energy Policy Act of 1992, and for other purposes;

H.R. 3380, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to issue right-of-way permits for natural gas pipelines with the boundary of Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

RESOLUTION CELEBRATING HEROISM AND BRAVERY

(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, just some basic facts. Each and every year every American uses 47,000 pounds of mined materials. Of that, 7,600 pounds are coal; and coal generates more than half of our domestic electricity, providing millions of Americans with energy that they need.

Mr. Speaker, it is the miner who we should thank for providing us with the quality of life that we enjoy, and we should remember that their work often comes at great personal risk.

In fact, on July 27, nine coal miners were trapped 240 feet below the Earth's surface for 77 hours in absolute darkness and chest deep in 55-degree water. This event revealed what is great about America, because hundreds of individuals courageously worked to rescue these nine men and return them safely to their families. Thankfully, we all witnessed a miracle as each miner was brought to the surface healthy and safe.

To express our sincere gratitude to these nine miners and their rescue crews, I am entering a concurrent resolution honoring these individuals.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that all of my colleagues join me in supporting this resolution which celebrates heroism and bravery.

WAR SHOULD NOT BE FIRST INSTRUMENT OF FOREIGN POLICY

(Mr. DOGGETT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. DOGGETT. Mr. Speaker, overshadowing all of our hopes and dreams for our families and for our country is the daily talk of war. This Administration's apparent intent to launch a go-it-alone invasion of another country is unprecedented in American history, it is unprecedented in ignoring the warnings of military experts, it is unprecedented in rejecting the advice of our allies and, most importantly, unprecedented in the dangers posed for the safety of American families everywhere.

At one time "regime change" was the now-abandoned goal of our foreign policy toward an island 90 miles off our shores. Immediate success is even less certain for a regime on the other side of the world through a means uniformly rejected at present by the countries of the region. Of course, Saddam Hussein is a menace, as was Libya's Muammer Qaddafi, as was Josef Stalin. But able policymakers of both parties