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## House of Representatives

The House met at noon and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. GUTKNECHT).

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,  
October 16, 2002.

I hereby appoint the Honorable GIL GUTKNECHT 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, Healer of body and soul and Weaver of the fabric of this Nation, be our Strength both now and in the future.

As the House of Representatives convenes today, we are mindful that a year ago we were not only at war against terrorists who threatened the health and security of society, but we faced also the onslaught of anthrax within the walls of government here on Capitol Hill.

Thanks be to you, O God, the battle of anthrax was won with the responsible and creative work of all who serve in the Office of the Attending Physician. We bless You and thank You for

these men and women who care for the health of Congress and its visitors each day.

With them, and because of them, let America lift its voice in grateful praise for all in the medical profession and all in medical research; that guided by Your hand and pervasive ethical standards this Nation will prove to be the leader of the world in the field of care and medicine now and for ages to come. 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.

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to clause 1, rule I, I demand a vote on agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, further proceedings on this question are postponed.

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

Mr. KUCINICH 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. Pursuant to clause 4 of rule I, the Speaker signed the following enrolled joint resolution on Tuesday, October 15, 2002:

H.J. Res. 114, to authorize the use of United States Armed Forces against Iraq.

### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain unlimited 1-minute.

### ESTABLISH THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

(Mr. GIBBONS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

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