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

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
November 19, 2002.

I hereby appoint the Honorable MAC THORNBERRY 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:

Divine Wisdom and Word of God, enlighten our minds and set hearts free as You lift the burdens of daily routine from the shoulders of Members of the 107th Congress and their staffs.

Help Your servants to reflect on the accomplishments of this session and enable them to name the obstacles which impeded progress. May all learn from their experience and be committed to reconciling any personal relationships harmed in the course of daily activities.

Through the joint efforts of so many working together on the great tasks You set before this people, may Your holy will be done.

In Your Divine Providence, guide and protect this Nation and its elected officials as they look forward to a new day filled with promise and peace.

To You be glory, honor and thanksgiving, 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.

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MARK DAYTON, *Chairman.*

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

Mr. BENTSEN 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 bills of the House of the following titles:

H.R. 727. An act to amend the Consumer Product Safety Act to provide that low-speed electric bicycles are consumer products subject to such Act.

H.R. 2595. An act to direct the Secretary of the Army to convey a parcel of land of Chat-ham County, Georgia.

H.R. 5504. An act to provide for the improvement of the safety of child restraints in passenger motor vehicles, and for other purposes.

H. Con. Res. 84. Concurrent resolution supporting the goals of Red Ribbon Week in promoting drug-free communities.

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. 4070. An act to amend the Social Security Act and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide additional safeguards for Social Security and Supplemental Security Income beneficiaries with representative payees, to enhanced program protections, and for other purposes.

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

S. 754. An act to enhance competition for prescription drugs by increasing the ability of the Department of Justice and Federal Trade Commission to enforce existing anti-trust laws regarding brand name drugs and generic drugs.

S. 1052. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act and the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to protect consumers in managed care plans and other health coverage.

S. 2799. An act to provide for the use and distribution of certain funds awarded to the Gila River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, and for other purposes.

S. 2869. An act to facilitate the ability of certain spectrum auction winners to pursue alternative measures required in the public interest to meet the needs of wireless telecommunications consumers.

S. 2949. An act to provide for enhanced aviation security, and for other purposes.

S. 2951. An act to authorize appropriations for the Federal Aviation Administration, and for other purposes.

S. 3172. An act to improve the calculation of the Federal subsidy rate with respect to certain small business loans, and for other purposes.

S. Con. Res. 94. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that public awareness and education about the importance of health care coverage is of the utmost priority and that a National Importance of Health Care Coverage Month should be established to promote that awareness and education.

S. Con. Res. 122. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that security, reconciliation, and prosperity for all Cypriots can be best achieved within the context of membership in the European Union which will provide significant rights and obligations for all Cypriots, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the Senate agreed to the amendments of the House to the bill (S. 2237) "An Act to amend title 38, United States Code, to modify and improve authorities relating to compensation and pension benefits, education benefits, housing benefits, and other benefits for veterans, to improve the administration of benefits for veterans, and for other purposes."

DISPENSING WITH CALL OF PRIVATE CALENDAR ON TODAY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the call of the Private Calendar shall be dispensed with today.

There was no objection.

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, November 18, 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 November 18, 2002 at 1:55 p.m.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 2485.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 5708.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 5716.

That the Senate agreed to conference report H.R. 4628.

With the best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

JEFF TRANDAHL,
Clerk of the House.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 4 of rule I, the Speaker signed the following enrolled bills on Monday, November 18, 2002:

H.R. 2621, to amend Title 18, United States Code, with respect to consumer product protection;

H.R. 3758, for the relief of So Hyun Jun;

H.R. 3988, to amend Title 36, United States Code, to clarify the require-

ments for eligibility in the American Legion;

H.R. 4546, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2003 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, and for other purposes;

H.R. 4628, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2003 for intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes;

H.R. 4727, to reauthorize the National Dam Safety Program, and for other purposes;

H.R. 5590, to amend Title 10 United States Code, to provide for the enforcement and effectiveness of civilian orders of protection on military installations;

H.R. 5708, to reduce preexisting PAYGO balances, and for other purposes;

H.R. 5716, to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Public Health Service Act to extend the mental health benefits parity provisions for an additional year; and

S. 1214, to amend the Merchant Marine Act, 1936, to establish a program to ensure greater security for United States seaports, and for other purposes.

TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE JOHN LAFALCE, THE HONORABLE ROBERT A. UNDERWOOD AND THE HONORABLE KEN BENTSEN, MEMBERS OF CONGRESS

(Ms. PELOSI asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to put in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD the tremendous accomplishments of JOHN LAFALCE, who has served this body with great distinction since 1974.

In 1999, JOHN LAFALCE steered the Financial Services Act through Congress, which began the process of modernizing the financial services industry, and this year his magnificent leadership brought about tough comprehensive investor protections that will help preserve pensions for years to come.

As this record attests, JOHN LAFALCE made a great deal of law during his outstanding career without making a great deal of noise.

I wish JOHN and his family, Pat and Martin, the very best, which is what he has given his fellow Americans, day in and day, out for nearly 30 years.

As I do so, I observe that I am here on the floor with two very distinguished colleagues who are departing Congress at the end of this session.

Congressman KEN BENTSEN from Texas, for whom I have a special recognition, since not only is he a great