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

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,  
April 2, 2003.

I hereby appoint the Honorable RAY LAHOOD 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, in ancient days as armies gathered and You stood in the midst of war, You called forth Jeremiah and named him Your prophet. Be with Your people now and give the leaders of government prophetic wisdom to make right judgments and be discerning in lasting justice.

Attune our hearts that we may hear Jeremiah's calling as spoken to us today; that seeing with the eyes of his vision we may make Your will our own.

"The Word of the Lord came to me: Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you as my very own; before you were born, I consecrated you. I appointed you prophet to the nations."

Lord God, before You, as individuals and as a Nation, we are summoned 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 New York (Mr. MCNULTY) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. MCNULTY 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. 704. An act to amend title 10, United States Code, to increase the amount of the death gratuity payable with respect to deceased members of the Armed Forces.

S. 711. An act to amend title 37, United States Code, to alleviate delay in the payment of the Selected Reserve reenlistment bonus to members of Selected Reserve who are mobilized.

S. 712. An act to amend title 10, United States Code, to provide Survivor Benefit Plan annuities for surviving spouses of Reserves not eligible for retirement who die from a cause incurred or aggravated while on inactive-duty training.

S. 718. An act to provide a monthly allotment of free telephone calling time to members of the United States armed forces stationed outside the United States who are directly supporting military operations in Iraq or Afghanistan.

### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain 10 one-minutes per side.

### CONCERNING IRAQ'S TREATMENT OF AMERICAN PRISONERS OF WAR

(Mr. RYUN of Kansas asked and was given permission to address the House

for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. RYUN of Kansas. Mr. Speaker, it is said that you can judge a government by the way it treats the weak. In recent days we have all seen the images of American GIs holding Iraqi children, rushing them out of harm's way. We currently hold thousands of Iraqi prisoners of war. We are treating them humanely, giving them food and water. We will openly welcome the International Red Cross to monitor the health and well-being of these prisoners. We demand nothing less from the Iraqi regime in its treatment of our seven American POWs.

Looking back to the first Gulf War, we remember that our POWs were subject to mock executions, beatings and public humiliation. Let the Iraqi military be warned: America will hold those responsible who mistreat any American service man or woman regardless of the orders they may have received from above.

### EXPRESSING GRATITUDE TO LOU DINUZZO OF WATERVLIET, NEW YORK

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

Mr. MCNULTY. Mr. Speaker, during this time of war, our thoughts are constantly with our active duty military personnel overseas, and also with all of the men and women who wore the uniform of the United States military through the years. One of those veterans is my friend Lou DiNuzzo of Watervliet, New York, an Air Force lieutenant during World War II. Thankfully Lou returned home safely, and with his wife Edna raised a beautiful

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