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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,
June 2, 2003.

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

Sister Cecilia Thuy Nguyen, OP, Doctoral Candidate, The Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C., offered the following prayer:

Lord, we praise You for the wonders of Your creation, for the miracles You have wrought and will continue to work in our lives. We thank You for the great resources of this land and for the freedom which has been its heritage.

Lord, forgive us our sins that we as a Nation and as individuals have committed and give us a renewed hope in Your divine mercy.

Grant us a fruitful economy born of justice and charity. Inspire our President and all the officials of our government to serve the people of the United States with equity and integrity. Guide the Members of the House of Representatives gathered here today. Grant them the courage to speak with the voice of the people they represent. Bestow upon them the wisdom to seek what is pleasing in Your eyes and what is conformable with the freedom and happiness of the American people. 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 and concurrent resolutions of the following titles in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 858. An act to extend the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission, and for other purposes.

S. 878. An act to authorize an additional permanent judgeship in the district of Idaho, and for other purposes.

S. Con. Res. 7. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that the sharp escalation of anti-Semitic violence within many participating States of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) is of profound concern and efforts should be undertaken to prevent future occurrences.

S. Con. Res. 43. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that Congress should participate in and support activities to provide decent homes for the people of the United States.

The message also announced that pursuant to Public Law 105-292, as amended by Public Law 105-55, and as further amended by Public Law 107-228, the Chair, on behalf of the President

pro tempore, upon the recommendation of the Majority Leader, appoints the following individuals to the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom:

Preeti D. Bansal of Nebraska, vice Charles Richard Stith, for a term of one year (May 15, 2003-May 14, 2004).

Most Reverend Ricardo Ramirez, C.S.B. of New Mexico, vice Dr. Firuz Kazemzadeh, for a term of two years (May 15, 2003-May 14, 2005).

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, May 23, 2003.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,
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 May 23, 2003 at 5:11 p.m.

That the Senate passed without amendment H. Con. Res. 191.

That the Senate passed without amendment H. R. 192.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

MARTHA C. MORRISON,
Deputy Clerk of the House.

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:

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

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