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

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
July 17, 2003.

I hereby appoint the Honorable JUDY BIGGERT 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, victory for Your people and guardian of all Your people, be present to leaders in government as we pray to You this day. Sacred history reveals Your servant Joshua as a great conqueror who secures and apportions the land of promise, so Your people live in peace. All the deeds of Joshua had been foretold to Moses.

When we look over the history of this Nation from our revolutionary days, through world wars and even to more recent conflicts, we are amazed by the promise of peace and the surprise of new relationships. Time and time again those who were defeated have become our friends. With Joshua, America realizes that true victory and lasting peace are Your gift, as is friendship, born out of obedience to Your law and trust in Divine Providence.

Reflecting on our history today gives us hope for tomorrow. We praise You and thank You that out of conflict You can create great allies. You are always at work changing human hearts and reconciling people. This we know 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 her approval thereof.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentlewoman from California (Ms. SOLIS) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. SOLIS 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 bill and a concurrent resolution of the House of the following titles:

H.R. 2330. An act to sanction the ruling Burmese military junta, to strengthen Burma's democratic forces and support and recognize the National League of Democracy as the legitimate representative of the Burmese people, and for other purposes.

H. Con. Res. 236. Concurrent resolution permitting the use of the Rotunda of the Capitol for a ceremony to commemorate the unveiling of the statue of Sakakawea provided by the State of North Dakota for display in Statuary Hall.

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

S. 555. An act to establish the Native American Health and Wellness Foundation, and for other purposes.

S. 558. An act to elevate the position of Director of the Indian Health Service within the Department of Health and Human Services to Assistant Secretary for Indian Health, and for other purposes.

S. 570. An act to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 with respect to the qualifications of foreign schools.

The message also announced that pursuant to Public Law 96-388, as amended by Public Law 97-84 and Public Law 106-292, the Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, and upon the recommendation of the Democratic Leader, appoints the following Senators to the United States Holocaust Memorial Council for the One Hundred Eighth Congress:

The Senator from Nevada (Mr. REID).
The Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER).

The message also announced that pursuant to section 2761 of title 22, United States Code, as amended, the Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, and upon the recommendation of the Majority Leader, appoints the Honorable JUDD GREGG of New Hampshire and the Honorable JOHN CORNYN of Texas as delegates of the Senate Delegation to the British-American Interparliamentary Group conference during the One Hundred Eighth Congress.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain 5 one-minute speeches per side.

HOLD CASTRO ACCOUNTABLE AT THE HAGUE

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

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, Cuban political prisoners never have a nice day, so I rise today to remind my colleagues as we meet here in session, more than 400 of Cuba's best, brightest and bravest are suffering unspeakable cruelty at the

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