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

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,  
May 10, 2004.

I hereby appoint the Honorable STEVAN PEARCE 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: "O God, my Strength, it is to You I turn. For You, O Lord, are my Stronghold. The God who showers me with love . . ."

It is so countercultural to pray this ancient psalm. In an age which values only winners and self-reliance, we are inclined to feel all alone. We imagine we can only draw upon personal strength to shoulder responsibilities or face our difficulties.

Yet Your revealing scriptures remind us again and again that Your love, O Lord, is an unremitting wellspring. Every challenge can bring us closer to You.

So each day at the beginning of every week "I will sing of Your Strength and acclaim Your love. For You are a stronghold at any moment of distress. You alone offer lasting peace." 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. 622. An act to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide families of disabled children with the opportunity to purchase coverage under the medicaid program for such children, and for other purposes.

S. 2092. An act to address the participation of Taiwan in the World Health Organization.

S. 2264. An act to require report on the conflict in Uganda, and for other purposes.

S. 2292. An act to require a report on acts of anti-Semitism around the world.

S. Con. Res. 99. Concurrent resolution condemning the Government of the Republic of the Sudan for its participation and complicity in the attacks against innocent civilians in the impoverished Darfur region of western Sudan.

S. Con. Res. 100. Concurrent resolution celebrating 10 years of majority rule in the Republic of South Africa and recognizing the momentous social and economic achievements of South Africa since the institution of democracy in that country.

S. Con. Res. 102. Concurrent resolution to express the sense of the Congress regarding the 50th anniversary of the Supreme Court decision in *Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka*.

### SENATE BILLS REFERRED

Bills of the Senate of the following titles were taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. 622. An act to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide families of disabled children with the opportunity to purchase coverage under the medicaid program for such children, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

S. 2264. An act to require a report on the conflict in Uganda, and for other purposes; to the Committee on International Relations.

S. 2292. An act to require a report on acts of anti-Semitism around the world; to the Committee on International Relations.

S. Con. Res. 100. Concurrent resolution celebrating 10 years of majority rule in the Republic of South Africa and recognizing the momentous social and economic achievements of democracy in that country; to the Committee on International Relations.

S. Con. Res. 102. Concurrent resolution to express the sense of the Congress regarding the 50th anniversary of the Supreme Court decision in *Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka*; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

### ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the House stands adjourned until 12:30 p.m. tomorrow for morning hour debates.

There was no objection.

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 3 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Tuesday, May 11, 2004, at 12:30 p.m., for morning hour debates.

### EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 8 of rule XII, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

8018. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting requests for FY 2005 budget amendments for the Departments of Agriculture, Defense, Education, Energy, Homeland Security, Housing

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