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The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. LATOURETTE).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,

July 9, 2004.

I hereby appoint the Honorable STEVEN C. LATOURETTE 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: Father of Eternal Light, how shall we be measured in Your sight?

In a culture of achievement, we can carry over competitive attitudes to our relationship with You, O Lord, and to those we love or serve. But once we realize there is nothing we can do to make You love us more than You already do, we can be set free to simply love as You love, unconditionally, and serve others with abandonment. To give of ourselves in love and service is enough.

In a culture of success, the worst thing that can seem to happen is to fail, when all You ask of us, O Lord, is to do what is right, speak what is true, and give of ourselves in service of others without counting the cost.

Then the full measurement of ourselves will be not to impress others but to love others as You love and bring Your love to all we do in Your Holy Name.

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.

Mr. McNULTY. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to clause 1, rule I, I demand a vote on agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. McNULTY. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8, rule XX, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

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 without amendment a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 218. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, to exempt qualified current and former law enforcement officers from State laws prohibiting the carrying of concealed handguns.

The message also announced that the Senate has passed a bill of the following title in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 2634. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to support the planning, implementation, and evaluation of organized activities involving statewide youth suicide early intervention and prevention strategies, to provide funds for campus mental and behavioral health service centers, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 710, 2(A)(ii) of Public Law 105-277, the Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, appoints the following individual to serve as a member of the Parents Advisory Council on Youth Drug Abuse:

Laurens Tullock of Tennessee

The message also announced that pursuant to Public Law 105-18, the Chair, on behalf of the Democratic Leader announces the appointment, made during the adjournment, of the following individual, to serve as a member of the National Commission on the Cost of Higher Education.

Clara M. Cotton of Massachusetts.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces that he will receive 5 one-minute speeches on each side.

RECOGNIZING T.J. PATTERSON

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

Mr. NEUGEBAUER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of a good friend, T.J. Patterson, who this week ended 20 years of service on Lubbock's City Council. T.J. served on 10 city councils and under five different mayors.

I had the pleasure of serving with councilman T.J. Patterson, and what I

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