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## House of Representatives

The House met at 11 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. SIMPSON).

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,  
January 6, 2005.

I hereby appoint the Honorable MICHAEL K. SIMPSON 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: God of justice and Lord of history,

In 1821 John Quincy Adams said, "Let us not be unmindful that liberty is power . . . The nation blessed with the greatest portion of liberty must, in proportion to its numbers, be the most powerful nation on Earth."

Your scriptures tell us, Lord, "Balance and scales belong to the Lord; all weights of justice are His concern."

Lord God, through the years, the three branches of government and the Electoral College have had a lot to do with balancing power in this Nation.

Today as the legislative branch of government counts the votes of the Electoral College to verify the election of the President, we praise and thank you for the intuition of law-abiding citizens who seek justice in every free election and for the desire of founding fathers to have both the voice of large and small States, and the votes of States with the most and the least in population, both be heard and counted.

May the 109th Congress measure and be measured in the balance of dialogue and justice. And may every citizen of this great Nation find balance in his or her own life so to find peace in oneself and fairness with others.

So we will pray and act 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 South Carolina (Mr. CLYBURN) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. CLYBURN 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.

### ELECTION OF MAJORITY MEMBERS TO CERTAIN STANDING COMMITTEES

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Republican Conference, I offer a privileged resolution (H. Res. 32) and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

#### H. RES. 32

*Resolved*, That the following Members be and are hereby elected to the following standing committees of the House of Representatives.

Committee on Agriculture: Mr. Goodlatte, Chairman.

Committee on Appropriations: Mr. Jerry Lewis of California, Chairman; Mr. C.W. Bill Young of Florida; Mr. Regula; Mr. Rogers of Kentucky; Mr. Wolf; Mr. Kolbe; Mr. Walsh; Mr. Taylor of North Carolina; Mr. Hobson; Mr. Istook; Mr. Bonilla; Mr. Knollenberg; Mr. Kingston; Mr. Frelinghuysen; Mr. Wick-er; Mr. Cunningham; Mr. Tiahrt; Mr. Wamp; Mr. Latham; Mrs. Northup; Mr. Aderholt;

Mrs. Emerson; Ms. Granger; Mr. Peterson of Pennsylvania; Mr. Goode; Mr. Doolittle; Mr. LaHood; Mr. Sweeney; Mr. Sherwood; Mr. Weldon of Florida; Mr. Simpson; Mr. Culberson; Mr. Kirk; Mr. Crenshaw; Mr. Rehberg; Mr. Carter; and Mr. Alexander.

Committee on Armed Services: Mr. Hunter, Chairman.

Committee on Budget: Mr. Nussle, Chairman.

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Mr. Boehner, Chairman.

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Mr. Barton, Chairman; Mr. Hall; Mr. Bilirakis;

Mr. Upton; Mr. Stearns; Mr. Gillmor; Mr. Deal; Mr. Whitfield; Mrs. Cubin; Mr. Shimkus; Mrs. Wilson of New Mexico; Mr. Pickering; Mr. Fossella; Mr. Blunt; Mr. Buyer; Mr. Radanovich; Mr. Bass; Mr. Pitts; Mrs. Bono; Mr. Walden; Mr. Terry; Mr. Ferguson; Mr. Mike Rogers of Michigan; Mr. Otter; Mrs. Myrick; Mr. Sullivan; Mr. Murphy; Mr. Burgess; and Mrs. Blackburn.

Committee on Financial Services: Mr. Oxley, Chairman.

Committee on Government Reform: Mr. Tom Davis of Virginia, Chairman.

Committee on Homeland Security: Mr. Cox, Chairman.

Committee on House Administration: Mr. Ney, Chairman.

Committee on International Relations: Mr. Hyde, Chairman.

Committee on Judiciary: Mr. Sensenbrenner, Chairman.

Committee Resources: Mr. Pombo, Chairman.

Committee on Rule: Mr. Gingrey.

Committee on Science: Mr. Boehlert, Chairman.

Committee on Small Business: Mr. Manzullo, Chairman.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Mr. Don Young of Alaska, Chairman.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Mr. Buyer, Chairman.

Committee on Ways and Means: Mr. Thomas, Chairman; Mr. Shaw; Mrs. Johnson of Connecticut; Mr. Herger; Mr. McCrery; Mr. Camp; Mr. Ramstad; Mr. Nussle; Mr. Johnson of Texas; Mr. Portman; Mr. English; Mr. Hayworth; Mr. Weller; Mr. Hulshof; Mr. Ron Lewis of Kentucky; Mr. Foley; Mr. Brady;

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