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Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, June 20, 2005, at 2 p.m.

House of Representatives

FRIDAY, JUNE 17, 2005

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

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
June 17, 2005.

I hereby appoint the Honorable JO BONNER 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:

Eternal God, Father of all, bless the work of Congress today. May the Members of this Chamber and all Americans find true significance in their work and rejoice with coworkers in the final product or collaborative service they produce for the good of others.

As we approach the weekend, we praise You and we bless You, Lord, for all fathers, both living and dead. Their very presence or their memory can instill in us strength wrapped in gentleness, forbearance revealed in practicality, and a self-giving love which is a reflection of Your own infinite life and goodness.

Grant stability to American family life, that children of this generation and the next may know peace of heart, and find refuge from a competitive and violent world in the recesses of home.

May fathers of this Nation be the first and best teachers of their children to find satisfaction in hard work, beauty and strong character, the ways of faith, the joys of family life, and the importance of justice.

This we ask of You, Eternal Father, 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 Ohio (Mr. KUCINICH) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. KUCINICH 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.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain up to five 1-minute requests on each side.

ATLANTA'S ENVIRONMENTAL SUCCESS

(Mr. PRICE of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. PRICE of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, today is a great day for metropolitan Atlanta. For the first time in quite a while, Georgians can breath easier and healthier.

According to the EPA, the air quality in the Atlanta area is better today than it has been for over a quarter century. In fact, the region has made significant strides when it comes to the environment. Custom fuel, periodic automobile emission checks, and curbing industrial emissions have all contributed to these much-improved results.

In fact, the environment is shaping up, and air quality is on the rise all across the Nation. Reports have shown that in the 1990s levels of air pollution decreased, for lead by 60 percent, for carbon monoxide by 36 percent, for particulates by 18 percent, and for ozone by 4.

We in Georgia are on our way to building on this news. Thanks to the commitment made by citizens and business and elected officials, a true partnership has developed. Today I congratulate the hard work of all of those who have made this possible and look forward to even more environmental success in the Sixth District of Georgia and all across this great Nation.

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