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House of Representatives

The House met at 12:30 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. BOUSTANY).

DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
July 17, 2006.

I hereby appoint the Honorable CHARLES W. BOUSTANY, Jr. to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

MORNING HOUR DEBATES

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of January 31, 2006, the Chair will now recognize Members from lists submitted by the majority and minority leaders for morning hour debates. The Chair will alternate recognition between the parties, with each party limited to not to exceed 30 minutes, and each Member, except the majority leader, the minority leader, or the minority whip, limited to not to exceed 5 minutes.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until 2 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 31 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess until 2 p.m.

□ 1400

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. GOHMERT) at 2 p.m.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer: O to be chosen.

What a joy, O Lord, to be selected by others. But to what depths are we awakened once we know You have called us to be Your very own.

There is a surprising freedom found in being God's children. You watch over and protect us as we obey Your commands. Our destiny is in Your hands as we try to follow Your holy inspiration.

You open our hearts and our hands to care for the poor. You comfort the alien in our welcome. You bind us together as each goes about the daily task that we may give You glory and honor every day of our lives, both 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 Arizona (Mr. RENZI) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. RENZI 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.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, July 14, 2006.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,
The Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on July 14, 2006, at 11:08 am:

That the Senate concurs in the House amendment S. 655.

That the Senate disagrees to the House amendments and agrees to Conference; appoints conferees S. 250.

That the Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 109. That the Senate passed S. 3525.

With best wishes, I am,
Sincerely,

KAREN L. HAAS,
Clerk of the House.

IMMIGRATION REFORM

(Ms. FOXX asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to support Republican efforts aimed at curbing our Nation's immigration problem.

House Republicans are determined to send a bill to the President that will secure our borders, punish employers who knowingly use illegal labor, make English our official language, and remove incentives for immigrants to enter our country illegally.

However, some Democrats seem determined to undermine our Nation's immigration laws. They support the Reid-Kennedy bill, which will allow 60 million new immigrants to enter our country over the next 20 years and will guarantee Social Security benefits to immigrants for the time they were in America illegally.

Mr. Speaker, rewarding those who break our laws is not the way to deal with America's immigration problem. This is an issue we cannot afford to compromise on, and I encourage my

□ This symbol represents the time of day during the House proceedings, e.g., □ 1407 is 2:07 p.m.

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