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House of Representatives

The House met at 2 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. CAMPBELL of California).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
September 8, 2006.

I hereby appoint the Honorable JOHN CAMPBELL 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:

Lord our God, shower Your blessings of welcome and peace upon all the new pages, interns and other staff who begin their work here in the U.S. House of Representatives for this session of Congress.

You are the God of light. With each dawning day, You provide Your people with new assurances of Your love.

Bless the continuing work of the 109th Congress, that the common good and protection of this Nation be secured and that, by working together, all may give You praise and glory, 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. 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.

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:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
Washington, DC, September 8, 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 U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on September 8, 2006, at 10 a.m.

That the Senate passed S. 2200.
That the Senate passed S. 2697.
That the Senate passed S. 3722.
That the Senate passed S. 1998.
That the Senate passed S. 2590.

With best wishes, I am
Sincerely,

KAREN L. HAAS,
Clerk of the House.

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. 1998. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, to enhance protections relating to the reputation and meaning of the Medal of Honor and other military decorations and awards, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

S. 2200. An act to establish a United States-Poland parliamentary youth exchange program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on International Relations.

S. 2697. An act to establish the position of the United States Ambassador for ASEAN;

to the Committee on International Relations.

S. 3722. An act to authorize the transfer of naval vessels to certain foreign recipients; to the Committee on International Relations.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the House stands adjourned until 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday next for morning hour debate.

There was no objection.

Accordingly (at 2 o'clock and 3 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Tuesday, September 12, 2006, at 12:30 p.m., for morning hour debate.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

9241. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — 2, 6-Diisopropyl-naphthalene; Time-Limited Pesticide Tolerances [EPA-HQ-OPP-2006-0373; FRL-8081-9] received September 5, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

9242. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Benthialdicarb-Isopropyl; Pesticide Tolerance [EPA-HQ-OPP-2005-0035; FRL-8084-6] received September 5, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

9243. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Paraquat Dichloride; Pesticide Tolerance [EPA-HQ-OPP-2006-0664; FRL-8089-3] received September 5, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

9244. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Propoxycarbazone; Pesticide Tolerance [EPA-HQ-OPP-2006-0504;

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FRL-8091-4] received September 5, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

9245. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Inert Ingredient; Revocation of the Tetrahydrofurfuryl Alcohol (THFA) Tolerance Exemption [EPA-HQ-OPP-2006-0251; FRL-8082-2] received August 3, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

9246. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Inert Ingredients; Revocation of Tolerance Exemptions with Insufficient Data for Reassessment [EPA-HQ-OPP-2006-0230; FRL-8084-1] received August 3, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

9247. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Inert Ingredient; Revocation of the Tolerance Exemption for Mono- and Bis- (1H, 2H, 2H-perfluoralkyl) Phosphates Where the Alkyl Group is Even Numbered and in the C6-C12 Range [EPA-HQ-OPP-2006-0253; FRL-8082-3] received August 3, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

9248. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Isophorone; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance [EPA-HQ-OPP-2006-0582; FRL-8082-1] received August 3, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

9249. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Connecticut; VOC Regulations and One-hour Ozone Attainment Demonstration Shortfall [EPA-R01-OAR-2005-CT-0001; A-1-FRL-8209-6] received September 5, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

9250. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Illinois; Ford Motor Company Adjusted Standard [EPA-R05-OAR-2006-0436; FRL-8214-2] received September 5, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

9251. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans for Kentucky: Air Permit Regulations [EPA-R04-OAR-2006-0337-200613(f); FRL-8216-7] received September 5, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

9252. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of State Implementation Plans; Texas; Discrete Emission Credit Banking and Trading Program [EPA-R06-OAR-2005-TX-0029; FRL-8216-5] received September 5, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

9253. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of State Implementation Plans; Texas; Emission Credit Banking and Trading Program [EPA-R06-OAR-2005-TX-0006; FRL-8216-3] received September 5, 2006, pursuant to 5

U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

9254. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of State Implementation Plans; Texas; Highly Reactive Volatile Organic Compound Emissions Cap and Trade Program for the Houston/Galveston/Brazoria Ozone Nonattainment Area [EPA-R06-OAR-2005-TX-0033; FRL-8216-6] received September 5, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

9255. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of State Implementation Plans; Texas; Revisions for the Mass Emissions Cap and Trade Program for the Houston/Galveston/Brazoria Ozone Nonattainment Area [EPA-R06-OAR-2005-TX-0023; FRL-8216-4] received September 5, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

9256. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Texas; Revisions to the Ozone Attainment Plan for the Houston/Galveston/Brazoria Nonattainment Area [EPA-R06-OAR-2005-TX-0018; FRL-8216-1] received September 5, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

9257. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Texas; Rules for the Control of Highly Reactive Volatile Organic Compounds in the Houston/Galveston/Brazoria Ozone Nonattainment Area [EPA-R06-OAR-2004-TX-0014; FRL-8216-2] received September 5, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

9258. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Revisions to the Nevada State Implementation Plan [EPA-R09-OAR-2006-0464; FRL-8210-2] received September 5, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

9259. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Alabama; Nitrogen Oxides Budget and Allowance Trading Program, Phase II; Correcting Amendment [EPA-R04-OAR-2005-AL-0001-200520c; FRL-8205-2] received August 3, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

9260. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Designation of Areas for Air Quality Planning Purposes; State of Arizona; Finding of Attainment for Rillito Particulate Matter of 10 Microns or Less (PM10) Nonattainment Area; Determination Regarding Applicability of Certain Clean Air Act Requirements; Correction [EPA-R09-OAR-2006-AZ-0388; FRL-8206-4] received August 3, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

9261. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Las Vegas Valley Carbon Monoxide Attainment Plan [EPA-

R09-OAR-2006-0322; FRL-8190-2] received August 3, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

9262. A letter from the Acting Under Secretary for Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting a report that the Department intends to expand foreign policy-based export controls on certain items to Iraq under the authority of Section 6 of the Export Administration Act of 1979; to the Committee on International Relations.

9263. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting pursuant to Section 620C(c) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended, and in accordance with section 1(a)(6) of Executive Order 13313, a report prepared by the Department of State and the National Security Council on the progress toward a negotiated solution of the Cyprus question covering the period June 1, 2006 through July 31, 2006; to the Committee on International Relations.

9264. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Energy, transmitting the Department's report entitled, "Planning for U.S. Fusion Community Participation in the ITER Program," in accordance with Section 972(c)(5)(D) of the Energy Policy Act of 2005; to the Committee on Science.

9265. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Labor, transmitting the Department's report entitled, "2005 Findings on the Worst Forms of Child Labor," pursuant to 19 U.S.C. 2464; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

9266. A letter from the Special Inspector General for Iraq Reconstruction, transmitting the July 2006 Quarterly Report pursuant to Section 3001(i) of Title III of the 2004 Emergency Supplemental Appropriations for Defense and for the Reconstruction of Iraq and Afghanistan (Pub. L. 108-106) as amended by Pub. L. 108-375; jointly to the Committees on International Relations and Appropriations.

9267. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's report entitled, "The Medicare Quality Improvement Organization (QIO) Program — Response to IOM Study," as required by Section 109(d)(2) of the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003; jointly to the Committees on Ways and Means and Energy and Commerce.

9268. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's report entitled, "Report to Congress on the Evaluation of the Quality Improvement Organization (QIO) Program for Medicare Beneficiaries for Fiscal Year 2005," as required by Section 1161 of the Social Security Act; jointly to the Committees on Ways and Means and Energy and Commerce.

9269. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's report entitled, "Finalizing Medicare Regulations under Section 902 of the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act (MMA) of 2003 for Calendar Year 2005"; jointly to the Committees on Ways and Means and Energy and Commerce.

9270. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a copy of a draft bill, "To amend the R.M.S. Titanic Maritime Memorial Act of 1986 to implement the International Agreement Concerning the Shipwrecked Vessel RMS Titanic"; jointly to the Committees on Resources, International Relations, Ways and Means, the Judiciary, and Transportation and Infrastructure.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON
PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. BUYER: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H.R. 5815. A bill to authorize major medical facility projects and major medical facility leases for the Department of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 2006 and 2007, and for other purposes; with amendments (Rept. 109-643). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. BARTON of Texas: Committee on Energy and Commerce. H.R. 4583. A bill to amend the Wool Products Labeling Act of 1939 to revise the requirements for labeling of certain wool and cashmere products; with an amendment (Rept. 109-644). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. OXLEY: Committee on Financial Services. H.R. 5503. A bill to amend the National Housing Act to increase the mortgage amount limits applicable to FHA mortgage insurance for multifamily housing located in high-cost areas (Rept. 109-645). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. LATOURETTE:

H.R. 6049. A bill to amend section 1729 of title 38, United States Code, to eliminate the authorization for the United States to recover or collect from health plans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. MICHAUD:

H.R. 6050. A bill to amend the Trade Act of 1974 to require the President to make a determination that a fundamental international payments problem exists and to proclaim a temporary import surcharge whenever the United States current account deficit exceeds 2 percent of the United States Gross Domestic Product; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. RYAN of Ohio (for himself, Mr. REGULA, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. HOBSON, Mrs. JONES of Ohio, Mr. LATOURETTE, Mr. STRICKLAND, Mr. OBEY, Mr. LAHOOD, Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania, Mr. BERMAN, Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California, Mr. RAHALL, and Mr. UDALL of Colorado):

H.R. 6051. A bill to designate the Federal building located at 2 South Main Street in Akron, Ohio, as the "John F. Seiberling Fed-

eral Building"; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

MEMORIALS

Under clause 3 of rule XII, memorials were presented and referred as follows:

436. The SPEAKER presented a memorial of the Legislature of the State of Hawaii, relative to House Concurrent Resolution No. 48 requesting that the federal government allow national guard members and military reservists with twenty or more years of service to retire with full retirement benefits at age fifty-five; to the Committee on Armed Services.

437. Also, a memorial of the Legislature of the State of Hawaii, relative to House Concurrent Resolution No. 47 urging the Congress of the United States to support improving the quality of the Nation's public schools by substantially increasing education funding; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

438. Also, a memorial of the General Assembly of the State of New Jersey, relative to Assembly Resolution No. AR55 memorializing the Congress of the United States and the President of the United States to enact "Lyme and Tick — Borne Disease Prevention Education, and Research Act of 2005"; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

439. Also, a memorial of the Legislature of the State of Hawaii, relative to House Concurrent Resolution No. 62 urging the United States Office of Personnel Management to treat Hawaii Federal Employees with regard to pay and retirement benefits the same as federal employees who reside in the forty-eight continuous United States; to the Committee on Government Reform.

440. Also, a memorial of the Senate of the State of Michigan, relative to Senate Resolution No. 151 memorializing the United States Postal Service and the Congress of the United States to keep open the Gaylord, Michigan Mail Processing Center; to the Committee on Government Reform.

441. Also, a memorial of the General Assembly of the State of New Jersey, relative to Assembly Resolution No. 69 urging the United States Postal Service and the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee to issue a stamp honoring the United States Army's canine corps; to the Committee on Government Reform.

442. Also, a memorial of the Legislature of the State of Hawaii, relative to House Concurrent Resolution No. 80 requesting the President of the United States and the Congress of the United States to adopt changes to the Medicare Part D Program; jointly to the Committees on Energy and Commerce and Ways and Means.

443. Also, a memorial of the Legislature of the State of Hawaii, relative to House Concurrent Resolution No. 67 supporting Inter-

national Women's Day and requesting the United States Senate to ratify the convention on the elimination of all forms of discrimination against women; jointly to the Committees on International Relations and Energy and Commerce.

444. Also, a memorial of the House of Representatives of the State of Hawaii, relative to House Resolution No. 120 urging the President of the United States and the Congress of the United States to support H.R. No. 3468 to control the introduction and spread of invasive species and diseases in Hawaii; jointly to the Committees on Resources and Agriculture.

445. Also, a memorial of the General Assembly of the State of New Jersey, relative to Assembly Resolution No. 138 expressing the sense that President Bush should reconsider decision to outsource port operation to a company controlled by a foreign government; jointly to the Committees on Financial Services, Energy and Commerce, and International Relations.

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

Under clause 7 of rule XII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions as follows:

H.R. 941: Mr. FORTUÑO.

H.R. 1384: Mr. ISSA.

H.R. 1418: Mr. STUPAK.

H.R. 2568: Mr. STUPAK.

H.R. 2635: Ms. WATSON.

H.R. 4198: Ms. LEE.

H.R. 4992: Mr. LOBIONDO.

H.R. 5200: Mr. ROSS, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. PRICE of North Carolina, and Ms. SCHWARTZ of Pennsylvania.

H.R. 5862: Mr. BURTON of Indiana and Mr. HAYWORTH.

H. Res. 943: Mr. SCHWARZ of Michigan.

PETITIONS, ETC.

Under clause 3 of rule XII,

153. The SPEAKER presented a petition of Mr. Sherwood Theodore Rodrigues, a Citizen of Bremerton, Washington, relative to petitioning the Congress of the United States for redress of grievances; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

DISCHARGE PETITIONS—
ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS

The following Member added his name to the following discharge petition:

Petition 14 by Mr. FILNER on House Resolution 917: Ted Strickland and Michael H. Michaud.