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Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 18, 2008, at 12 noon.

House of Representatives

FRIDAY, MARCH 14, 2008

The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
March 14, 2008.

I hereby appoint the Honorable DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer: Before You, O Lord, all is to come to fulfillment. All is called into judgment.

The approaching holy days of spring's mysteries invite us to first understand, then embrace, the proposed cycle of womb and tomb: life, death, and new life.

What once appeared drab and even barren now takes shape with additional color and the unpredictable production of new life without advertisement or previews.

The tree of life, the fresh flow of rushing water, the new Moon, as well as the depth of passion, lead to surrender, only to be surprised by the unexpected gift so peacefully given.

As the long sleep of winter ends, all humanity is awakened for the feast by resurrected light that seeks to set the

world afire with promise and the evolution of re-creation.

Lord, help Your people to celebrate and to live this new life of the eighth day as the free sons and daughters of the living God. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House her approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

Mr. PALLONE. Madam 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. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from California (Mr. MCNERNEY) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. MCNERNEY led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Repub-

lic 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 Ms. Curtis, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate agreed to the following resolution:

S. RES. 485

In the Senate of the United States, March 14 (legislative day, March 13), 2008.

Whereas Howard Metzenbaum served the people of Ohio with distinction for 8 years in the Ohio State Legislature;

Whereas Howard Metzenbaum served the people of Ohio with distinction for 18 years in the United States Senate;

Resolved, That the Senate has heard with profound sorrow and deep regret the announcement of the death of the Honorable Howard Metzenbaum, former member of the United States Senate.

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate communicate these resolutions to the House of Representatives and transmit an enrolled copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

Resolved, That when the Senate recesses today, it stand in recess as a further mark of respect to the memory of the Honorable Howard Metzenbaum.

The message also announced that the Senate has agreed to without amendment a concurrent resolution of the House of the following titles:

H. Con. Res. 316. Concurrent resolution providing for a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives and a conditional recess or adjournment of the Senate.

The message also announced that the Senate has agreed to a concurrent resolution of the following title in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

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