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Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, April 28, 2008, at 2 p.m.

House of Representatives

FRIDAY, APRIL 25, 2008

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

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
April 25, 2008.

I hereby appoint the Honorable JAMES P. MCGOVERN 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:

Lord of history and Sovereign Lord of all peoples, here in America You find a nation that welcomes the role of faith in the public square. We believe in religious liberty. We also believe that a love for freedom and a common moral law are written into every human heart and that these constitute the firm foundation on which any successful free society must be built.

Lord, may Americans know from their own experience today that freedom is not only a gift but also a summons to personal responsibility. Give them the courage to engage in civic life and bring their deepest beliefs and values to reasoned public debate and so give You 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.

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 10 o'clock and 3 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Tuesday, April 29, 2008, 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:

6275. A letter from the Deputy Under Secretary for Acquisition and Technology, De-

partment of Defense, transmitting the Department's report on the implementation of the Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business (SDVOSB) Program, in response to Section 849 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006; to the Committee on Armed Services.

6276. A letter from the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology, Department of Defense, transmitting the annual status report of the U.S. Chemical Demilitarization Program (CDP) as of September 30, 2007, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1521(g); to the Committee on Armed Services.

6277. A letter from the Under Secretary for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics, Department of Defense, transmitting a report identifying, for each of the armed forces (other than the Coast Guard) and each Defense Agency, the percentage of funds that were expended during the preceding fiscal year for performance of depot-level maintenance and repair workloads by the public and private sectors, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 2466(d)(1); to the Committee on Armed Services.

6278. A letter from the Secretary of the Army, Department of Defense, transmitting notification regarding the cost-benefit analysis of the proposed reduction in Army Research, Development, Test and Evaluation funding for the High Energy Laser Systems Test Facility (HELSTF), pursuant to Public Law 110-181, section 242; to the Committee on Armed Services.

6279. A letter from the Under Secretary for Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense, transmitting a letter on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Claude V. Christianson, United States Army, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

6280. A letter from the Under Secretary for Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense, transmitting a letter on the approved

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retirement of Lieutenant General Michael A. Hamel, United States Air Force, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

6281. A letter from the Assistant Director, Publications and Regulations, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — 26 CFR 1.274-2: Disallowance of deductions for certain expenses for entertainment, amusement, recreation, or travel. (Also 62, 1.62-2.) (Rev. Rul. 2008-23) received April 18, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

6282. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Employer Comparable Contributions to Health Savings Accounts under Section 4980G [TD 9393] (RIN: 1545-BF97) received April 18, 2008,

pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

6283. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — ANNOUNCEMENT AND REPORT CONCERNING ADVANCE PRICING AGREEMENTS [Announcement 2008-27] received April 1, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

6284. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Standards for Recognition of Tax-Exempt Status if Private Benefit Exists or if an Applicable Tax-Exempt Organization Has Engaged in Excess Benefit Transaction(s) [TD 9390] (RIN: 1545-BE37) received April 1, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

6285. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations, Internal Revenue Service,

transmitting the Service's final rule — Disclosure of Return Information in Connection with Written Contracts Among the IRS, Whistleblowers, and Legal Representatives of Whistleblowers [TD 9389] (RIN: 1545-BG74) received April 1, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

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

H.R. 1475: Mr. McNERNEY.
 H.R. 2991: Mr. DENT.
 H.R. 4900: Mr. BROUN of Georgia.
 H.R. 5841: Mrs. BOYDA of Kansas.