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

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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


I hereby appoint the Honorable DARRELL E. Issa 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 3, 2001, 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 30 minutes, and each Member, other than majority and minority leaders and the minority whip, limited to 5 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Florida (Mr. STEARNS) for 5 minutes.

PRESIDENT BUSH'S FIRST 180 DAYS

Mr. STEARNS. Mr. Speaker, as we all know, we are in our busiest legislative session in July; and it is important to go back and consider all of the accomplishments we have had in the last 6 months. All of us have worked alongside with the President in tackling some very tough issues, and I think it is important that we remind everybody of the important victories that I think are a great benefit to the American people.

When thinking about the first 180 days of President Bush's service to our Nation, there are many accomplishments across a broad spectrum, both national and international issues, that I think are clearly evident; and I wish to bring to my colleagues' attention. From education and the environment, that the President has taken an active session in July; and it is important to go back and consider all of the accomplishments we have had in the last 6 months. All of us have worked alongside with the President in tackling some very tough issues, and I think it is important that we remind everybody of the important victories that I think are a great benefit to the American people.

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