

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES—Monday, December 10, 2001

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

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC  
December 10, 2001.

I hereby appoint the Honorable MICHAEL K. SIMPSON 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 God of history and our eternal destiny, be with us today and guide us every step of our journey as persons and as a nation.

In response to Your call Abram was led from place to place until Your promise was fulfilled. He never doubted Your presence and always relied on Your guidance.

As the man of faith journeyed, he often stopped to offer You thanks for the latest accomplishment and petition You for the future. Scripture tells us: "He built an altar to You, Lord, and invoked You, Lord, by name. Thus Abram journeyed by stages toward the Negeb."

If it is in stages You lead people of faith, let it be with us. Grant us measured patience as we face stages of growth and spiritual formation in life.

You alone, Lord, know our limitations and our full potential. Whether it is stages of war, economic stability, or stages of human understanding or painful loss we undergo, may we persevere. Whether it is in the process of law or in building a new world order, help us to move through each stage by faith, placing all our trust in You, O Lord, 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 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.

### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Monahan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed without amendment a bill and concurrent resolutions of the House of the following titles:

H.R. 1230. An act to provide for the establishment of the Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge in the State of Michigan, and for other purposes.

H. Con. Res. 90. Concurrent resolution authorizing the printing of a revised and updated version of the House document entitled "Hispanic Americans in Congress."

H. Con. Res. 244. Concurrent resolution authorizing the printing of a revised edition of the publication entitled "Our Flag."

The message also announced that the Senate has passed with amendments in which the concurrence of the House is requested, a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 1291. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase the amount of educational benefits for veterans under the Montgomery GI Bill.

The message also announced that the Senate has passed with an amendment in which the concurrence of the House is requested, a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 2716. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to revise, improve, and consolidate provisions of law providing benefits and services for homeless veterans.

The message also announced that the Senate has passed bills of the following titles in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 703. An act to extend the effective period of the consent of Congress to the interstate compact relating to the restoration of Atlantic salmon to the Connecticut River Basin and erating the Connecticut River Atlantic Salmon Commission, and for other purposes.

S. 942. An act to reauthorize the supplemental grant for population increases in certain states under the temporary assistance to needy families program for fiscal year 2002.

S. 1714. An act to provide for the installation of a plaque to honor Dr. James Harvey Early in the Williamsburg, Kentucky Post Office Building.

The message also announced that the Senate has agreed to the House amendment with an amendment.

S. 1196. An act to amend the Small Business Investment Act of 1958, and for other purposes.

### 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, December 7, 2001.

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 December 7, 2001 at 9:38 a.m.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 1761.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 2061.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

JEFF TRANDAHL,  
*Clerk of the House.*

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, December 7, 2001.

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 December 7, 2001 at 11:36 a.m.

That the Senate agreed to conference report H.R. 2944.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

JEFF TRANDAHL,  
*Clerk of the House.*

### APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF VIETNAM EDUCATION FOUNDATION

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, pursuant to section 205(a) of the Vietnam Education Foundation Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-554), and upon the recommendation of the majority leader, the Chair announces the Speaker's appointment of the following Member of the House to the Board of Directors of the Vietnam Education Foundation:

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey.

There was no objection.

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

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