

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES—Tuesday, March 1, 2005**

The House met at 2 p.m.

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer:

Lord God, the prophetic voice of Isaiah rings across the ages and echoes in every human heart at the beginning of each day and every session of Congress. He says, "Wash yourselves clean. Put away misdeeds from before my eyes. Cease doing evil. Learn to do good. Make justice your aim. Redress the wronged. Hear the orphan's plea. Defend the widow. Come now, let us set things right, says the Lord. Though your sins be like scarlet, they may become white as snow. Though they be crimson red, they may become white as wool."

Lord, may the new fallen snow touch the soul of the Nation. May repentant hearts move beyond pure sentiment to acts of restorative justice.

We have now been given a new day, more time to set things right. May we and may You, O Lord, respond to the prayer of the orphan and the widow, both now and forever.

Amen.

**THE JOURNAL**

The SPEAKER. 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. Will the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. GINGREY) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. GINGREY 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 bills of the following titles in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 125. An act to designate the courthouse located at 501 I Street in Sacramento, California, as the "Robert T. Matsui United States Courthouse".

S. 306. An act to prohibit discrimination on the basis of genetic information with respect to health insurance and employment.

The message also announced that pursuant to the provisions of Senate

Resolution 105 (adopted April 13, 1989), as amended by Senate Resolution 149 (adopted October 5, 1993), as amended by Public Law 105-275 (adopted October 21, 1998), further amended by Senate Resolution 75 (adopted March 25, 1999), amended by Senate Resolution 383 (adopted October 27, 2000), and amended by Senate Resolution 355 (adopted November 13, 2002), and further amended by Senate Resolution 480 (adopted November 20, 2004), the Chair announces, on behalf of the Majority Leader, the appointment of the following Senators to serve as members of the Senate National Security Working Group for the One Hundred Ninth Congress:

The Senator from Alaska (Mr. STEVENS) President pro tempore.

The Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) (Majority Co-Chairman).

The Senator from Arizona (Mr. KYL) (Majority Co-Chairman).

The Senator from Indiana (Mr. LUGAR).

The Senator from Virginia (Mr. WARNER).

The Senator from Alabama (Mr. SESSIONS).

The Senator from Mississippi (Mr. LOTT) (Majority Co-Chairman).

The Senator from Oregon (Mr. SMITH).

The Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. CHAFFEE).

The message also announced that pursuant to section 276d-276g of Title 22, United States Code, as amended, the Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, appoints the following Senator as Chairman of the Senate Delegation to the Canada-United States Interparliamentary Group conference during the One Hundred Ninth Congress:

The Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO).

The message also announced that pursuant to section 154 of Public Law 108-199, the Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, appoints the following Senator as Chairman of the Senate Delegation to the United States-Russia Interparliamentary Group conference during the One Hundred Ninth Congress:

The Senator from Mississippi (Mr. LOTT).

The message also announced that in accordance with section 1928a-1928d of title 22, United States Code, as amended, the Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, appoints the following Senator as Chairman of the Senate Delegation to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization Parliamentary Assembly during the One Hundred Ninth Congress:

The Senator from Oregon (Mr. SMITH).

**COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE**

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. CULBERSON) laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

WASHINGTON, DC,  
February 18, 2005.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTER, *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 February 18, 2005 at 9:15 a.m.:

That the Senate agreed to without amendment H. Con. Res. 66.

With best wishes, I am  
Sincerely,

JEFF TRANDAH, *Clerk of the House.*

**MONGOLIAN CONTRIBUTIONS TO FIGHTING THE WAR ON TERROR**

(Mr. PITTS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PITTS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to thank the country of Mongolia for its contributions in fighting the war on terror. After 9/11 the government of Mongolia expressed its strong support for the United States and offered training opportunities for coalition forces and valuable overflight clearances.

Mongolia has supported coalition operations by contributing troops to both Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

In fact, Mongolia has deployed four rotations in each country. And even though prior to 2000 Mongolia had not had a national policy of deploying forces beyond its borders, it became the first coalition country to contribute an infantry battalion in Iraq.

The Mongolian military is participating in peacekeeping, providing security to a logistic base in southern central Iraq, escorting convoys, constructing military barracks, medical facilities and local schools. The Mongolian soldiers have proven their bravery and skill over and over, even preventing a suicide attack that could have killed hundreds. For a small country of two and a half million people, these contributions are indeed significant and greatly appreciated, and we thank this important ally.

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