

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES—Wednesday, March 16, 2005**

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

**DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE**

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

WASHINGTON, DC,  
March 16, 2005.

I hereby appoint the Honorable JEB BRADLEY to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

J. DENNIS HASTERT,  
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

**PRAYER**

The Reverend James P. Campbell, Pastor, Christ Life Church, Woodstock, Illinois, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray. Almighty God, once more this esteemed body gathers to legislate for the people of this Nation.

The scripture states "that government is God's servant for good." Remind hearts of this in all actions today. Help these great women and men to remember those who are less fortunate in all their decisions that they make.

We lift our Nation up to You for protection against terrorism and to protect our troops everywhere. Bring peace to our Nation, Father, and peace to all the troubled areas of the world.

Help those in this Chamber that struggle with illness, bring healing and health. Help those who wrestle with personal or family problems, bring solutions and peaceful resolve. Aid each Member of this House who is in the valley of indecision concerning matters of this Nation to make the right decision and action. Most of all, Father, let us feel Your love and care for all of us. In Jesus' name we pray. 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.

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. 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.

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

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

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentlewoman from California (Ms. SOLIS) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. SOLIS 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 of the House of the following title:

H.R. 1160. An act to reauthorize the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families block grant program through June 30, 2005, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 114(b)(2)(c) of Public Law 100-458, the Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, appoints the following individual to the Board of Trustees of the John C. Stennis Center for Public Service Training and Development, for a six-year term:

MARSHA BLACKBURN of Tennessee.

The message also announced that pursuant to Public Law 105-83, the Chair, on behalf of the Democratic Leader, announces the appointment of the following individual to serve as a member of the National Council on the Arts:

The Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY), vice the Senator from Nevada (Mr. REID).

The message also announced that pursuant to Executive Order No. 12131, as amended, the Chair, appoints the following Members to the President's Export Council:

The Senator from Montana (Mr. BAUCUS).

The Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN).

**ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE**

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain up to 10 one-minute speeches per side.

**HONORING RHEA TAYLOR, MAYOR OF FAYETTE COUNTY, TENNESSEE**

(Mrs. BLACKBURN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor Fayette County, Tennessee, Mayor Rhea Taylor.

As the Fayette County Mayor since 2002 and a public servant for years, Rhea Taylor has been actively involved in planning for the rapid growth of Fayette County. And during their annual awards banquet, the Fayette County Chamber of Commerce named Mayor Taylor the 2004 Citizen of the Year.

During Mayor Taylor's tenure, Fayette County has been designated as a Three-Star Pilot Program county by the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development. In addition to facilitating growth planning and recruiting industries to the county, Mayor Taylor is working to create a county-wide fire system and a justice complex.

The list of achievements goes on and on, but it is clear that Mayor Taylor has worked tirelessly on behalf of the County's residents.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Mayor Taylor on his record of achievement and thank him for his continued good service to the people of Fayette County, Tennessee.

**NOT ONE MORE DIME**

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

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, today the House is going to be asked to approve a supplemental appropriation of \$82 billion, most of which will go to continue the war in Iraq.

We now know more than 2 years later that Iraq did not have weapons of mass destruction which was the immediate occasion of America's intervention. We know that Iraq had neither the intention nor the capability of attacking the United States. Yet this country has spent over \$200 billion and today is determined to spend another \$82 billion in furtherance of a war we did not have

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