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## House of Representatives

The House met at noon and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. CULBERSON).

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,  
March 6, 2006.

I hereby appoint the Honorable JOHN ABNEY CULBERSON 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 the ages, and eternally present to every person of faith, our history as a Nation proves that You have begun a mighty and good work in and through Your people of the United States for the betterment of all in the human family.

In our beginnings, Your holy inspiration solidified the promise of freedom for peoples of this world and established the civil rights of each human person on the face of the Earth. May the good work once begun in us now continue to flourish across the globe through Your grace and our sincere efforts to be Your faithful people and give You the 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.

### 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, March 3, 2006.

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 March 3, 2006, at 2:42 p.m.:

That the Senate agreed to the amendment S. 1777.

With best wishes, I am,  
Sincerely,

KAREN L. HAAS,  
*Clerk of the House.*

### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 4 of rule I, Speaker pro tempore Thornberry signed the following enrolled bill on Friday, March 3, 2006:

S. 1777, to provide relief for the victims of Hurricane Katrina.

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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 March 3, 2006, at 3:15 p.m.:

That the Senate passed S. 1445.  
That the Senate passed S. 1792.  
That the Senate passed S. 1820.  
That the Senate passed S. 2064.  
That the Senate passed S. 2089.  
With best wishes, I am,

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That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 3770.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 3825.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 3830.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 3989.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 4053.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 4152.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 4515.

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

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