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## House of Representatives

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

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,  
April 9, 2002.

I hereby appoint the Honorable GREG WALDEN 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: My sisters and brothers, let us pray for peace in the Middle East.

Lord God of Passover and Christ's Paschal Mystery, grant peace to the Israeli and Palestinian peoples. You have told us, "When you make the two one, you will become the children of God; and when you say, 'Mountain move away,' it will move."

Deepen faith in You, O Lord, at this moment in history; that Your justice and peace will bless the land that all those of Abrahamic faith call holy.

Without compromising faith in Your loving providence and faithful to religious practice, may the people of the Middle East be rooted in the common purpose and the beauty of human life revealed in Your holy scriptures.

By their faithfulness to the prophetic wisdom contained in their respectful traditions, lead them to compromise false expectations, boundaries and even the land of faithful parents to bring about the peace and unity promised by You, O Lord.

May the freedom of Passover and the new life of Easter end the violence of armaments, language, and age-old sen-

timents, so that the promised land may bring forth people of promise. For this will restore around the world hope in You, O Lord, 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.

Mr. PITTS. 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.

Mr. PITTS. 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 gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. WILSON) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina 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. 1222. An act to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 89 River Street in Hoboken, New Jersey, as the "Frank Sinatra Post Office Building".

S. 1321. An act to authorize the construction of a Native American Cultural Center and Museum in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

S. 1499. An act to provide assistance to small business concerns adversely impacted by the terrorist attacks perpetrated against the United States on September 11, 2001, 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, March 21, 2002.

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 21, 2002 at 12:07 p.m.:

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 3986.

With best wishes, I am  
Sincerely,

MARTHA C. MORRISON,  
*Deputy Clerk.*

### 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 22, 2002.

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

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

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