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## House of Representatives

The House met at 2 p.m.

### DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,  
May 6, 2002.

I hereby appoint the Honorable FRANK R. WOLF to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

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

### PRAYER

The Reverend Dr. Ronald F. Christian, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Herndon, Virginia, offered the following prayer:

Almighty God, the Psalmist reminds us all that the heavens proclaim Your glory and the firmament declares Your handiwork. We are reminded of that handiwork during these springtime days in the beauty and the colors of the blossoms which we cannot create but which we most certainly can enjoy.

Bless, O God, the work of the many hands across this mighty land that break up the winter soil and plant the seeds that will become, by Your grace and goodness, food for our tables and sustenance for our bodies.

Bless, O God, the work of those who teach and offer the opportunity of learning in classrooms and on practice fields of the schools and laboratories of this country so that children with inquisitive minds might be inspired by Your handiwork and so serve their neighbor better.

But also, God bless, we pray, those who gather here this day, who, sharp of mind and quick of wit, are given the privilege of both protecting that handiwork and assisting humanity in its many needs.

Remind us all again this day that it is by grace that we live, and so it is for mercy that 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.

### 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, May 3, 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, I have the honor to transmit a sealed envelope received from the White House on Friday, May 3, 2002 at 2:20 p.m., and said to contain a message from the President whereby he reports 2 deferrals of budget authority, totaling \$2 billion.

Sincerely yours,  
JEFF TRANDAHL,  
*Clerk of the House.*

### DEFERRALS OF BUDGET AUTHORITY—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES (H. DOC. NO. 107-207)

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following message

from the President of the United States; which was read and, together with the accompanying papers, without objection, referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed:

*To the Congress of the United States:*

In accordance with the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974, I herewith report two deferrals of budget authority, totaling \$2 billion.

The proposed deferrals affect the Department of State and International Assistance Programs.

GEORGE W. BUSH,  
THE WHITE HOUSE, May 3, 2002.

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Sincerely yours,  
JEFF TRANDAHL,  
*Clerk of the House.*

### RESTORING NORMAL TRADE RELATIONS TREATMENT TO THE PRODUCTS OF AFGHANISTAN—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES (H. DOC. NO. 107-208)

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following message

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