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## House of Representatives

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

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,  
June 12, 2002.

I hereby appoint the Honorable MICHAEL K. SIMPSON to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

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

### PRAYER

The Reverend Kent Williams, Sunnybrook Christian Church, Stillwater, Oklahoma, offered the following prayer:

Sovereign God, I thank You for this great country, for President Bush and for these Members of Congress who are dedicated public servants divinely appointed by You. Lord, build a spiritual wall of protection around all of our leaders, our armed forces, and our citizens. "Contend with those who contend with us." You are faithful from everlasting to everlasting.

We seek Your guidance and wisdom as we strive to discern and accomplish Your plan and purpose. We commit ourselves to upholding Your absolute law, standards and precepts. Give us strength and courage, both in policy and personal example, to be people of character and integrity, and may "In God We Trust" be expressed in our lives, not just stamped on our coins. Continue to work in us and through us, that we would be people with pure hearts and clean hands.

As Abraham Lincoln anticipated, "that this Nation under God shall have a new birth of freedom," may we acknowledge that freedom comes from

great sacrifice, just as spiritual freedom and new birth come from the blood of Your Son shed at Calvary. In His 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.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Oklahoma (Mr. WATKINS) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. WATKINS of Oklahoma 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.

### INTRODUCING PASTOR KENT WILLIAMS, GUEST CHAPLAIN

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

Mr. WATKINS of Oklahoma. Mr. Speaker, I have the great pleasure of welcoming our guest chaplain in the House of Representatives today, Pastor Kent Williams. I thank him for the most appropriate and inspiring prayer he has offered up on our behalf as we seek divine guidance for the task that lies before us today.

Pastor Williams graduated with a degree in theology from Ozark Christian College in Joplin, Missouri. For 25 years he has been serving as pastor in churches in Missouri, Oregon, Texas, and Oklahoma.

Pastor Williams now serves as senior pastor at Sunnybrook Christian

Church in Stillwater, Oklahoma, my hometown. He provides ministerial support to Oklahoma State University's personnel and athletic programs and to most of my family. He is also a board member of Marriage Partners, an organization that strives to reduce the divorce rate and strengthen marriages and families in Oklahoma.

Pastor Williams has served as Chaplain of the Week at the Oklahoma State House of Representatives and has been a featured writer for national publications. He has been a keynote speaker and seminar leader for many Christian colleges and conventions, both nationally and throughout the great State of Oklahoma. He has worked across denominational lines to promote unity amidst diversity.

Pastor Williams and his wife, Kay, have two sons, Gabe and Joel. Also with them on the trip to Washington has been their nephew, Clinton Renken.

Pastor Williams is deeply committed to the service of his community, his church, his family and the Lord. Today I join with my colleagues in thanking Pastor Williams for honoring us with his presence, his message, and his prayers.

### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair desires to make an announcement.

After consultation with the majority and minority leaders, and with their consent and approval, the Chair announces that during the joint meeting to hear an address by the Honorable John Howard, Prime Minister of Australia, only the doors immediately opposite the Speaker and those on his right and left will be open.

No one will be allowed on the floor of the House who does not have the privilege of the floor of the House.

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