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The House met at 2 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mrs. CAPITO).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
February 25, 2003.

I hereby appoint the Honorable SHELLY MOORE CAPITO 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: Eternal God, Divine Providence has guided this Nation throughout its history.

You have brought us through times of war and times of peace, days of hardship and days of plenty.

Through all of our struggles You have brought to light great falsehoods and led us to embrace greater truths.

Be with the Members of the 108th Congress and guide them in these unsettling times.

Keep our Nation strong and, in Your loving care, keep us safe.

Be close to those who are in most need of Your consolation and help.

Listen to all who call upon Your holy name in prayer as they struggle to understand the signs of the times.

We beg to know Your holy will 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 her approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

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 a bill of the following title in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 151. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, with respect to the sexual exploitation of children.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 8002 of title 26, United States Code, the Chair, on behalf of the Committee on Finance, announces the designation of the following Senators as members of the Joint Committee on Taxation:

The Senator from Iowa (Mr. GRASSLEY).

The Senator from Utah (Mr. HATCH).

The Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. NICKLES).

The Senator from Montana (Mr. BAUCUS).

The Senator from West Virginia (Mr. ROCKEFELLER).

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, February 14, 2003.

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 February 14, 2003, at 10:38 a.m.

That the Senate passed S. Con. Res. 4.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 395.

That the Senate passed without amendment H. Con. Res. 1.

That the Senate passed without amendment H. Con. Res. 35.

That the Senate passed without amendment H. Con. Res. 41.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.J. Res. 19.

That the Senate agreed to conference report H.J. Res. 2.

Appointment: Harry S Truman Scholarship Foundation.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

JEFF TRANDAHL,
Clerk of the House.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 4 of rule I, Speaker pro tempore BARTLETT signed the following enrolled joint resolution on Tuesday, February 18, 2003:

H.J. Res. 2, making consolidated appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2003, and for other purposes.

REJECT EXPLOITATION

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

Mr. DELAY. Madam Speaker, the coming debate on cloning raises a fundamental issue: Is it ethical to turn

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