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

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
May 14, 2003.

I hereby appoint the Honorable MAC COLLINS to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

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

PRAYER

The Reverend Dr. George S. Dillard III, Pastor, Peachtree City Christian Church, Peachtree City, GA, offered the following prayer:

Almighty God, Creator of all that is, who holds all things together by the power of Your Son, Jesus, and have offered to us, through Him, liberty and freedom, through His mercy and grace. With great humility now we bow, seeking wisdom and courage, compassion, justice, and truth to guide this Nation and its leadership today. We acknowledge Your sovereignty, and we give thanks for the blessings that we enjoy.

For those serving this House today, we ask for strength and courage to see the truth and to live by it. Give them wisdom and give us wisdom to acknowledge our error and our sin. Help us, Father, to open our ears that we might hear Your call to revival in our land. Send us leaders who will seek Your truth, those who accept that a lie is a lie and not spin; that it is immorality and not an alternative lifestyle; that it is murder, not a procedure; that it is stealing and not creative accounting; that rebellion is rebellion no matter what name we give it.

Father forgive us, watch over us, give us wisdom above all. Bless the men and

women of this House. We honor You, praise You, give thanks to You through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 Texas (Mr. BURGESS) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. BURGESS 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.

WELCOMING THE REVEREND DR. GEORGE DILLARD

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

Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, the pastor today, the Reverend George Dillard, is no stranger to the House of Representatives. We have had the pleasure of having him open our sessions many times before. He is always very direct with his prayer because he is very comfortable with his Maker.

I first met him many years ago when he actually was living in what was my district and now is the district of the gentleman from the 12th district (Mr. BURNS), in Rincon, Georgia. He preached there for about 8½ years, and then I guess as I was his representative, he gave up on me and moved on to the district of the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. COLLINS) where he really found a frustrating ministry.

He lives in Peachtree City, Georgia. It is a very wonderful place. I guess having preached a little bit to the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. BURNS) and to me and to the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. COLLINS), he figured he could take on the whole House. He has done a great job with that.

George's wife Renee and he have three kids: Tiffany, 12; Alexis, 9; and a new addition, George Stewart Dillard IV, who is now 3 months old.

George grew up in Atlanta. He played basketball for Atlantic Christian College. He attended Emanuel School of Religion in Johnson City, Tennessee, and got a master's and a doctorate degree from Evangelical Theological Seminary. He has been preaching full time since 1980.

I ask my colleagues to join me in welcoming the Reverend George Dillard.

TIME TO DEAL WITH NORTH KOREA

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

Mr. PITTS. Mr. Speaker, the dictatorship Government of North Korea is a menace to world peace. It continues to produce nuclear material, violating its agreements. They want to use these weapons to blackmail us for more assistance. And in reports this week, it looks like this rogue regime is using the international drug trade to fund its terrible activities. We cannot negotiate with a regime like this.

In 1985, North Korea signed the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty. Eighteen months later it stalled in implementing the treaty, demanding that we remove nuclear weapons from South Korea. As we negotiated, they made nuclear weapons. In 1991, we withdrew our weapons from South Korea. In 1996, President Clinton tried to bargain

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again, giving North Korea more assistance to stop making nuclear weapons.

This time we should not be intimidated into making concessions to a rogue regime because they want to extract more assistance. Kim Jong Il uses whatever money he can get to terrorize his people and threaten the security of the entire region. China, Japan, Russia, and South Korea all should make an effort to contain this rogue dictator and help put an end to his blackmail games.

TEXAS PATRIOTS

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

Mr. FROST. Mr. Speaker, I rise this morning to honor 51 Texas patriots, members of the Texas Legislature currently in Ardmore, Oklahoma, who are standing tall to defend Texas against the thirst of additional power of the gentleman from Texas (Mr. DELAY), the House majority leader.

Congressional district lines are normally drawn only every 10 years, and the current 32 Texas congressional districts were put in place just 2 years ago and approved by the U.S. Supreme Court.

The gentleman from Texas (Mr. DELAY) was not happy with those lines. He now wants to force the Texas Legislature to draw new lines to remove Democrats from office. Until now, redistricting in the middle of a decade has not been done anywhere in the country in the last 50 years.

I want to salute the following heroes from the Dallas/Fort Worth area who are standing up to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. DELAY): Roberto Alonzo of Dallas, Yvonne Davis of Dallas, Dr. Jesse Jones of Dallas, Terri Hodge of Dallas, Steve Wolens of Dallas, and Lon Burnam of Fort Worth. I want to call on Governor Perry to stop using the Department of Public Service to harass the families of these brave legislators.

Leading Texas newspapers across the State are siding with the 51 patriot legislators, and when the annals of Texas history are recorded, these courageous legislators will be long remembered.

SUPPORT THE UNBORN VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE ACT

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

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, last year I met a courageous woman named Tracy Marciniak who had been beaten by her husband when she was 9 months pregnant. She survived, but her baby Zachariah died from the beating. Her attacker was convicted of the assault on Tracy, and he did minimal time. No charges were brought against him for the murder of Zachariah.

Tracy wrote: "Congress should approve the Unborn Victims of Violence Act. Opponents of the bill have put forth a counterproposal known as the Lofgren amendment. I have read it," she goes on to say, "and it is offensive to me, because it says that there is only one victim in such a crime; the woman who is pregnant."

"Please hear me on this: On the night of February 8, 1992, there were two victims. I was nearly killed, but I survived. Little Zachariah died."

Mr. Speaker, in a recent Fox News-Opinion Dynamics poll, 84 percent said that homicide charges are appropriate in the deaths of Laci Peterson and her unborn son Connor in the much-publicized Peterson murder case in California; only 7 percent said that a single homicide charge would be appropriate.

Mr. Speaker, Congress must pass the Unborn Victims of Violence Act, also known as Laci and Connor's Law.

TEXAS STATE LEGISLATORS—HEROES IN THE TEXAS TRADITION

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

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, earlier this week, 53 Texas Democratic legislators exhibited real courage when they refused to participate in an unprecedented redistricting power grab. This is a Texas kind of courage like General Sam Houston, who marshaled his resources to win the Battle of San Jacinto. What Joe Moreno, Rick Noriega, Jessica Farrar, Kevin Bailey, and the rest of these heroes did was stand up to this charade.

In a statement delivered from Oklahoma, these Texas heroes said, "We did not choose our path, TOM DELAY did. We are ready to stand on the House Floor and work day and night to deal with the real issues facing Texas families. At a time when we are told we do not have time to deal with school finance, and when we must still resolve issues like the State budget crisis and insurance reform, the fact that an outrageous partisan power grab sits at the top of the House calendar is unconscionable."

But not all Texans consider them heroes. Yesterday the Associated Press reported that the gentleman from Texas (Mr. DELAY) was investigating whether or not the FBI and U.S. Marshals could be used to track down and arrest these Texas legislators.

We should not use Federal resources committed to the war on terrorism and protecting our homeland. Not since Richard Nixon have we seen such a Federal power grab.

SUPPORT FOR THE UNBORN VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE ACT

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

Mr. WELDON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of legislation introduced by the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Ms. HART): H.R. 1997, the Unborn Victims of Violence Act.

The parents and family of Laci Peterson have asked that the name of this bill be changed to Laci and Connor's Law. I think for most Americans, this is, shall we say, a no-brainer. People are committing acts of violence against pregnant women, and, unfortunately, in some jurisdictions there is no way to prosecute in a situation where there has been the death of the unborn baby. We are talking about babies that are wanted by their mothers.

Indeed, we had a case of a military servicemember who specifically was trying to kill the baby inside his pregnant wife and succeeded in doing that. He did so on Federal property, and we had to prosecute in State court in that situation.

I think this law is very, very badly needed. It is the right thing to do. I encourage all of my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to support it.

PRAISE FOR TEXAS LEGISLATORS

(Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I stand this morning to praise the 51 members of the Texas House of Representatives and, most especially, those from Dallas County. Representative Roberto Alonzo, Representative Yvonne Davis, Representative Terri Hodge, Representative Jesse Jones, Representative Steve Wolens, and our neighbor, Representative Lon Burnam from Tarrant County. I cannot forget my original classmate from the class of 1972 in the Texas House, Representative Senfronia Thompson, and Representative Pete Laney. They stand for courage, commitment, integrity, and principle.

They will not be forgotten, because we know that they are the ones who stand by children, their education, and health care. They care about working families and all of our senior citizens.

Again, we thank them and we praise them for looking out for regular Texans.

PRESIDENT BUSH RALLIES FOR INDIANA

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

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, on Monday I had the profound honor of being the first Hoosier to welcome President George W. Bush to the great State of Indiana on his very first visit there.

As the President trod the sawdust of the Indiana State Fair Grounds, he was greeted with ovation after ovation from a State full of conservative,