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House of Representatives

The House met at noon and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. YOUNG of Florida).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
September 29, 2003.

I hereby appoint the Honorable C.W. BILL YOUNG 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, Pastor, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Fairfax, VA, offered the following prayer:

Almighty God, all the peoples of the world call upon You for mercy in their times of need and all alike have access to Your succor.

All the nations of the world seek Your favor but none have the promise of Your preference.

We gather at this noontime hour to pray.

We pray for wisdom in our decisions so that all may be served with justice.

We pray for courage in our leadership so that our self-interests may not give way to halt the causes of peace and goodwill.

We pray for temperance in our life and appetites so that the world's resources may be fairly distributed.

We pray that justice may roll down in our communities like cool streams in a desert.

Bless, we pray, all those who are in harm's way this day.

Bless, we pray, all those who seek respite in the midst of strife.

Bless, we pray, all whose hands are calloused from the day's labor.

Bless, we pray, all who will harvest the grains of the good earth that we will soon enjoy on our dinner tables.
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, September 25, 2003.
Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,
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 September 25, 2003 at 6:45 p.m.:

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 3161.

With best wishes, I am
Sincerely,

JEFF TRANDAHL,
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, September 26, 2003.
Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,
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 September 26, 2003 at 9:20 a.m.:

That the Senate passed without amendment H.J. Res. 69.

With best wishes, I am
Sincerely,

JEFF TRANDAHL,
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, September 26, 2003.
Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,
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 September 26, 2003 at 3:15 p.m.:

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 3087.

With best wishes, I am
Sincerely,

JEFF TRANDAHL,
Clerk.

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

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APPOINTMENT OF HON. C.W. BILL YOUNG TO ACT AS SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE TO SIGN ENROLLED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS ON THIS DAY

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
September 29, 2003.

I hereby appoint the Honorable C.W. BILL YOUNG to act as Speaker pro tempore to sign enrolled bills and joint resolutions on this day.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the appointment is approved.

There was no objection.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Mr. Trandahl, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly enrolled bills and a joint resolution of the House of the following titles, which were thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 2658. An act making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3087. An act to provide an extension of highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund pending enactment of a law reauthorizing the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century.

H.R. 3161. An act to ratify the authority of the Federal Trade Commission to establish a do-not-call registry.

H.J. Res. 69. Joint Resolution making continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2004, and for other purposes.

BILLS PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Mr. Trandahl, Clerk of the House, reports that on September 26, 2003 he presented to the President of the United States, for his approval, the following bills.

H.R. 2555. Making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the House stands adjourned until 12:30 p.m. tomorrow for morning hour debates.

There was no objection.

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 6 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Tuesday, September 30, 2003, at 12:30 p.m., for morning hour debates.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 8 of rule XII, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

4458. A letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Chlorfenapyr; Pesticide Tolerance [OPP-2003-0146; FRL-7320-8] received September 24, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

4459. A letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Dimethomorph; Pesticide Tolerances [OPP-2003-0303; FRL-7327-3] received September 24, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

4460. A letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Glufosinate Ammonium; Pesticide Tolerance [OPP-2003-0058; FRL-7327-9] received September 24, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

4461. A letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Indian Meal Moth Granulosis Virus; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance [OPP-2003-0256; FRL-7328-8] received September 24, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

4462. A letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Quinoxifen; Pesticide Tolerance [OPP-2003-0218; FRL-7318-2] received September 24, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

4463. A letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Sethoxydim; Pesticide Tolerance [OPP-2003-0315; FRL-7328-6] received September 24, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

4464. A letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Texas; Revisions to Regulations for Control of Air Pollution by Permits for New Construction or Modification [TX-155-1-7591a; FRL-7564-5] received September 24, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

4465. A letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Determination of Nonattainment as of November 15, 1999, and Reclassification of the Atlanta 1-Hour Ozone Nonattainment Area; State of Georgia [GA-57-200341; FRL-7563-4] received September 24, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

4466. A letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — National Priorities List for Uncontrolled Hazardous Waste Sites [FRL-7563-8] received September 24, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

4467. A letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District [CA 273-0408a; FRL-7562-8] received September 24, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

4468. A letter from the Secretary, Department of State, transmitting a report entitled "Strategic Plan for FY 2004 to 2009"; to the Committee on Government Reform.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. SENSENBRENNER: Committee on the Judiciary. H.R. 2620. A bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2004 and 2005 for the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 108-264 Pt. 2). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Ms. MCCOLLUM (for herself and Mr. MATSUI):

H.R. 3195. A bill to extend normal trade relations treatment to the products of the Lao People's Democratic Republic; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. OBERSTAR (for himself and Ms. NORTON):

H.R. 3196. A bill to amend title 40, United States Code, to provide a comprehensive regional approach to economic and infrastructure development in the most severely distressed regions in the Nation; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Financial Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia (for himself, Mr. WAXMAN, Mr. PLATTS, and Mr. TOWNS):

H.J. Res. 70. A joint resolution recognizing Inspectors General over the last 25 years in their efforts to prevent and detect waste, fraud, abuse, and mismanagement, and to promote economy, efficiency, and effectiveness in the Federal Government; to the Committee on Government Reform.

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

Under clause 7 of rule XII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions as follows:

H.R. 1508: Mr. FILNER, Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota, and Ms. MAJETTE.

H.R. 1582: Mr. BLUMENAUER.

H.R. 1896: Mr. ISTOOK.

H.R. 2173: Mr. HINCHEY and Mr. SMITH of New Jersey.

H.R. 2269: Mr. SOUDER and Mr. KINGSTON.

H.R. 2512: Mr. SESSIONS.

H.R. 2784: Mrs. MUSGRAVE.

H.R. 2928: Ms. BERKLEY, Mr. ISTOOK, Mr. LARSEN of Washington, Mr. PORTER, and Mr. SULLIVAN.

H.R. 2998: Mr. BISHOP of New York, Mr. GILLMOR, Mr. BURNS, Mr. GOSS, Mr. HAYES, Mr. JEFFERSON, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mr. CHOCOLA, Mr. SENSENBRENNER, and Mr. FORD.

H.R. 3130: Mr. SOUDER.

H.R. 3150: Mr. BISHOP of New York.

H. Con. Res. 265: Mr. LAHOOD.

H. Res. 357: Mr. PUTNAM.

H. Res. 363: Mr. ENGLISH.