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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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