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Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, February 2, 2004, at 1 p.m.

House of Representatives

FRIDAY, JANUARY 30, 2004

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

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
January 30, 2004.

I hereby appoint the Honorable ROSCOE G. BARTLETT 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, Virginia, offered the following prayer:

Almighty God, this day we acknowledge Your presence in our world, our Nation, and in our communities and lives.

We are made aware of Your majesty through the arts, in music, and nature's beauty which surrounds us. We seek Your guidance for our work, for our decisions, and for our families. And we rely on Your mercy for our failures, for our greed, and for our selfish choices.

This day, O God, may our concern be more directed to others than ourselves. May our help provide hope for any in despair. May our work for justice be blessed by Your righteousness. And may Your peace, which supersedes any

treaty created by human will, be found in our lives and passed on to others through our deeds.

Bless, we pray, peacemakers, artisans, poets, protectors, defenders, public servants, ministers, officials and all who heed the call to serve and to save the common good. 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 New Jersey (Mr. PALLONE) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. PALLONE 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.

PAKISTAN'S NUCLEAR PROGRAM

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. PALLONE) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to urge my colleagues and the Bush administration to once again take a look at Pakistan through a critical and analytical lens.

Pakistan is one of our strongest allies in the war against terror, yet I am deeply disturbed by our supposed ally's involvement in supplying nuclear technology to North Korea, Iran, and Libya. There is ample evidence of these ties, and I find it very convenient that President Musharraf takes a position of denial and that he blames everyone besides the Pakistani Government.

Mr. Speaker, we must understand that Musharraf's response to these serious international violations of transferring nuclear weapons to rogue nations is simply inadequate. By blaming the scientists involved, and by detaching the Pakistani Government's role in preventing further transfer of nuclear equipment, Musharraf is insulating himself, when in fact he should be proposing steps to ensure the world that Pakistan will no longer be participating in such criminal activities. As an ally in the war against terror, we deserve such assurances, commitment and action from Pakistan that their programs to assist in nuclear proliferation have been terminated.

Unfortunately, Musharraf is in denial about his country's participation in aiding such countries as North Korea, Iran, and Libya; but the denial must come to a close immediately. The same situation was true regarding Pakistani fundamentalist infiltration into Kashmir. While cold-blooded murders of innocent Kashmiri citizens were taking place on a daily basis, President Musharraf for years denied that he was providing anything but moral support to the infiltrators.

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