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House of Representatives

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

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
February 11, 2004.

I hereby appoint the Honorable MICHAEL K. SIMPSON 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: With all my heart, I will praise You, Lord, as the House of Representatives is called to order and this Nation is invited to join in prayer for its leaders.

Great are Your works of creation and salvation, Lord. For those who are bound to You in the covenant of love, Your marvelous ways are revealed day by day.

You, O Lord, are gracious and merciful. You provide food and shelter for all those who trust in You. You are faithful to Your promises and strengthen Your people for the task You set before them.

For Your faithful ones, fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. Once embraced, Your goodness and truth enlighten each deed, each decision, and the entire experience of a new day.

Because You are so reliable, we can build on the foundation of Your justice and measure each step with prudence, both 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 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 York (Mr. MCNULTY) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. MCNULTY 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.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 3 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. QUINN) at 1 o'clock and 2 minutes p.m.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Monahan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed without amendment a bill of the House of the following title:

H. Con. Res. 354. Concurrent resolution to correct technical errors in the enrollment of the bill S. 610.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 4355(a)(2) of title 10, United States Code, the Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore,

appoints the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SESSIONS), from the Armed Services Committee, to the Board of Visitors of the United States Military Academy.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 1501(b)(1)(C), title XV, of Public Law 108-136, the Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, appoints the following individual to serve on the Veteran's Disability Benefits Commission:

Vice Admiral Dennis Vincent McGinn.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 710(2)(A)(ii) of Public Law 105-277, the Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, appoints the following individual to serve as a member of the Parents Advisory Council on Youth Drug Abuse:

David C. Guth of Tennessee, vice June Martin Milam, term expired.

UNITED AIRLINES UNFAIRLY CUTTING RETIREE HEALTH BENEFITS

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

Mr. MICHAUD. Mr. Speaker, as co-founder of the House Labor and Working Families Caucus, I come to the floor today to address a serious injustice, United Airlines' plan to further cut the retirees benefits of 1,000 United retirees and their families. This is in spite of an agreement established between the airline and the employees when United entered bankruptcy.

Two thousand five hundred flight attendants chose to retire early in order to preserve their retiree health benefits and agreed to sacrifice up to 30 percent of their well-earned pension. These loyal employees did so as part of a \$1 billion concessionary contract to help their struggling employer. Now United is renegeing on that deal.

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

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