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## House of Representatives

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

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,  
March 8, 2004.

I hereby appoint the Honorable TOM COLE 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: Lord God, Your living Word exhorts us: "Be compassionate as Your heavenly Father is compassionate."

Lord, help us to unmask the illusion of our deep competitive nature.

Maturity in faith takes us beyond our childish games of winners and losers.

The high drama of sports and the profits of markets leave us only with empty consequences that take us to the next turnstile or video game of self-absorption.

Lift us out of our competitiveness with one another into Your divine wholeness. By our union with You, Lord, may we enter into new relationships with one another.

There, freed from greed and the fear of suffering, may we enter the truth of all those who like ourselves share in the experience of brokenness, confusion, and anguish.

We become vulnerable with the vulnerable, powerless with the powerless, humbly one with You, the God of compassion, and we find new life, which satisfies 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. 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.

### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Monahan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed with an amendment in which the concurrence of the House is requested, a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 1047. An act to amend the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States to modify temporarily certain rates of duty, to make other technical amendments to the trade laws, and for other purposes.

### 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, March 5, 2004.

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 March 5, 2004 at 9:40 a.m.:

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 506.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 2059.

Appointments:  
National Commission on Small Community Air Service.

Abraham Lincoln Study Abroad Fellowship Program.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

JEFF TRANDAHL,  
*Clerk.*

### COMMUNICATION FROM STAFF MEMBER OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND THE WORKFORCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from James A. Paretti, Jr., Workforce Policy Counsel of the Committee on Education and the Workforce:

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND THE WORKFORCE, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Washington, DC, March 4, 2004.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,  
*Speaker, House of Representatives,*  
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: This is to notify you formally, pursuant to Rule VIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, that I have been served with a subpoena for testimony issued by the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia.

After consultation with the Office of General Counsel, I have determined that compliance with the subpoena is consistent with the precedents and privileges of the House.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES A. PARETTI, Jr.,  
*Workforce Policy Counsel.*

### 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 5 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the

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