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

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,

April 28, 2004.

I hereby appoint the Honorable JEFF MILLER 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 of life and designer of all seasons, spring has to be Your masterpiece. At first, early sketches are slow and tentative. Then suddenly, spring bursts into full color and fills the landscape of longing.

The most tender shoots, like all the young, must have life their own way. Ground spots that only a few weeks ago seemed as though they would never grow anything again now are softened with life.

During this time of threatening clouds of terrorism and violent winds of war, may the signs of spring bring us hope that peace will yet emerge.

In the current political atmosphere, when debate of issues can easily fall into personal attacks and partisan loyalty can become intolerance and defensive posturing, may the seeds of spring bear a gentleness of manner and a civility of heart that will make us all proud to be Americans, truly one Nation under Your loving providence 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 gentlewoman from Michigan (Mrs. MILLER) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan 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 a bill of the following title which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 2315. An act to amend the Communications Satellite Act of 1962 to extend the deadline for the INTELSAT initial public offering.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 128, of Public Law 108-132, the Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, appoints the following individual to the Commission on Review of Overseas Military Facility Structure of the United States—

Admiral Thomas Lopez of Virginia.

### RECOGNIZING COOPER COMMUNITIES ON THEIR 50TH ANNIVERSARY

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

Mr. BOOZMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Cooper Communities, a northwest Arkansas-based business that will be celebrating its 50th anniversary tomorrow.

In 1954, John and Mildred Cooper began a small home-building business that has evolved into a successful corporation that builds homes, master communities and resorts in Arkansas, Tennessee, Missouri, Alabama, and West Virginia.

By building quality homes and unique master communities, Cooper Communities has helped lure people to the South. In fact, retirees from across the country are relocating to Bella Vista Village, helping to make the Third Congressional District of Arkansas one of the fastest growing regions in the country.

Cooper Communities has been acknowledged as one of the most fiscally responsible developers of planned communities in the Nation. They have also been praised in their environmental efforts, setting aside 20 to 30 percent of the land in each Cooper Community.

Mr. Speaker, I take this time and opportunity to recognize Cooper Communities for its exemplary business practices and contributions to the quality of life in the South.

### SEEKING CLARIFICATION

(Mrs. MALONEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, last Sunday, when asked about the March For Women's Lives, Karen Hughes said, and I quote, "The fundamental difference between us and the terror network we fight is that we value every life."

On behalf of the millions of Americans who are pro-choice, I am asking, along with nine Members of Congress, that the Bush administration clarify this statement. Surely they cannot be equating choice with terrorism, but it sounds like that to me. This is a dangerous and ugly pattern. If people do not agree, call them terrorists.

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