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House of Representatives

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

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
February 14, 2005.

I hereby appoint the Honorable MAC THORNBERRY 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, eternal and ever present, You have blessed the history of the United States with the birth, leadership and lasting genius of Abraham Lincoln.

Lincoln's mystic dream of the union of States was bought at a great price.

Lord, his second inaugural address as President, wept over the cost of doing by violence what might have been done by reason.

Human lives, irregardless of color, and property values had gone up in smoke as this country engaged in a civil war ultimately over civil rights.

Lincoln witnessed the terrific human cost it took to redefine the human species no longer as property.

Lord, may this profound reverence for the human dimension remain for this Nation and its people our measuring tape of policy's success or failure, our true bottom line, the most lasting of values for today's world 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. 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 a bill of the following title in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 5. An act to amend the procedures that apply to consideration of interstate class actions to assure fairer outcomes for class members and defendants, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that pursuant to Public Law 100-175, as amended by Public Laws 102-375, 103-171, and 106-501, the Chair, on behalf of the Democratic Leader, after consultation with the members of the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, and the Committee on Aging, appoints the following individual to serve as a member of the Policy Committee to the White House Conference on Aging:

Mr. Thomas E. Gallagher of Nevada, vice the Senator from Nevada (Mr. REID).

The message also announced that pursuant to Public Law 106-286, the Chair, on behalf of the President of the Senate, and after consultation with the Democratic Leader, appoints the following Members to serve on the Congressional-Executive Commission on the People's Republic of China:

The Senator from Montana (Mr. BAUCUS),

The Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN),

The Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN), and

The Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN).

The message also announced that pursuant to Public Law 105-83, the Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, announces the appointment of the following individuals to serve as members of the National Council of the Arts:

The Senator from Ohio (Mr. DEWINE). The Senator from Utah (Mr. BENNETT).

The message also announced that pursuant to Executive Order No. 12131, the Chair, reappoints the following Member to the President's Export Council:

The Senator from Wyoming (Mr. ENZI).

The message also announced that pursuant to Public Law 85-874, as amended, the Chair, on behalf of the President of the Senate, appoints the following Member to the Board of "Trustee" of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts:

The Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN), vice the Senator from Alaska (Mr. STEVENS).

The message also announced that pursuant to sections 42 and 43 of title 20, United States Code, the Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, appoints the following individual as a member of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution:

The Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY).

The message also announced that pursuant to the provisions of Senate Resolution 105 (adopted April 13, 1989), as amended by Senate Resolution 149 (adopted October 5, 1993), as amended by Public Law 105-275 (adopted October 21, 1998), further amended by Senate

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