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House of Representatives

The House met at 2 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. RADANOVICH).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,

April 18, 2005.

I hereby appoint the Honorable GEORGE RADANOVICH 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, giver of all good and lasting gifts, be with Your people today. Renew us in faith that by Your inspiration and bold holiness we may accomplish Your purpose for us in our day.

People of faith have laid the foundation of this democracy. May these same lasting values shape today both the private and public lives of all American citizens. Help Your people to focus on transcendent truths that will help them live and act as the free children of God, likely to reject any aspect of materialism or moral relativism that may undermine the common good of this Nation.

We humbly present ourselves and our needs to You, Almighty God, 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. 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.

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:

WASHINGTON, DC,

April 15, 2005.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,
The 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 April 15 at 9:24 a.m.:

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 787.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

JEFF TRANDAHL,

Clerk of the House.

BILL PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Jeff Trandahl, Clerk of the House, reports that on April 14, 2005 he presented to the President of the United States, for his approval, the following bill.

H.R. 1134. To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the proper tax treatment of certain disaster mitigation payments.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the House stands adjourned until 12:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 19, 2005, for morning hour debates.

There was no objection.

Accordingly (at 2 o'clock and 4 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Tuesday, April 19, 2005, at 12:30 p.m., for morning hour debates.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 8 of rule XII, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

1664. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Review Group, Farm Service Agency, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's "Major" final rule—Tobacco Transition Payment Program (RIN: 0560-AH30) received April 8, 2005, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

1665. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Review Group, Farm Service Agency, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's "Major" final rule—2003 and 2004 Livestock Credit Corporation, USDA (RIN: 0560-AH25) received April 8, 2005, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

1666. A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, APHIS, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Karnal Bunt; Regulated Areas [Docket No. 04-118-1] Received March 30, 2005, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

1667. A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, APHIS, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Classical Swine Fever Status of Mexican States of Campeche, Quintana Roo, Sonora, and Yucatan [Docket No. 02-002-2] received March 30, 2005, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

1668. A letter from the Acting Administrator, AMS, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Grapes Grown in a Designated Area of Southeastern California; Increased Assessment Rate [Docket No. FV05-925-1 FR] received March 30, 2005, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

1669. A letter from the Acting Administrator, AMS, Department of Agriculture,

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transmitting the Department's final rule—Dried Prunes Produced in California; Increased Assessment Rate [Docket No. FV05-993-1 FR] received March 30, 2005, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

1670. A letter from the Acting Administrator, AMS, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Marketing Order Regulating the Handling of Spearmint Oil Produced in the Far West; Revision of the Salable Quantity and Allotment Percentage for Class 3 (Native) Spearmint Oil for the 2004-2005 Marketing Year [Docket No. FV04-985-2 IFR-A2] received March 30, 2005, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

1671. A letter from the Acting Administrator, AMS, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Domestic Dates Produced or Packaged in Riverside County, CA; Modification of the Qualification Requirement for Approved Manufacturers of Date Products [Docket No. FV04-987-1 FR] received March 30, 2005, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

1672. A letter from the Acting Administrator, AMS, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Onions Grown in South Texas; Decreased Assessment Rate [Docket No. FV05-959-1 FIR] received March 30, 2005, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

1673. A letter from the Acting Administrator, AMS, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Vidalia Onions Grown in Georgia; Increased Assessment Rate [Docket No. FV05-955-1 IFR] received March 30, 2005, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

1674. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of the Treasury, transmitting a draft bill "To authorize United States participation in, and appropriations for the United States contribution to, the eighth replenishment of the resources of the Asian Development Fund"; to the Committee on Financial Services.

1675. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of the Treasury, transmitting a draft bill "To authorize United States participation in, and appropriations for the United States contribution to, the tenth replenishment of the resources of the African Development Fund"; to the Committee on Financial Services.

1676. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of the Treasury, transmitting a draft bill "To authorize United States participation in, and appropriations for the United States contribution to, the fourteenth replenishment of the resources of the International Development Association"; to the Committee on Financial Services.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk

for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. THOMAS: Committee on Ways and Means. H.R. 1541. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to enhance energy infrastructure properties in the United States and to encourage the use of certain energy technologies, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 109-45). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. BOEHNER: Committee on Education and the Workforce. H.R. 739. A bill to amend the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 to provide for adjudicative flexibility with regard to the filing of a notice of contest by an employer following the issuance of a citation or proposed assessment of a penalty by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (Rept. 109-46). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. BOEHNER: Committee on Education and the Workforce. H.R. 740. A bill to amend the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 to provide for greater efficiency at the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission; with an amendment (Rept. 109-47). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. BARTON of Texas (for himself, Mr. POMBO, and Mr. THOMAS):

H.R. 6. A bill to ensure jobs for our future with secure, affordable, and reliable energy; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Education and the Workforce, Financial Services, Agriculture, Resources, Science, and Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. BOEHLERT (for himself, Mr. INSLEE, Mr. EHLERS, and Mr. WU):

H.R. 1674. A bill to authorize and strengthen the tsunami detection, forecast, warning, and mitigation program of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, to be carried out by the National Weather Service, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Science.

By Mr. BOUSTANY (for himself, Mr. MCCRERY, Mr. JEFFERSON, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. JINDAL, Mr. MELANCON, and Mr. BAKER):

H.R. 1675. A bill to provide for agreements between Federal agencies to partner or transfer funds to accomplish erosion goals relating to the coastal area of Louisiana, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, for a period to be subsequently determined

by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Ms. HOOLEY:

H.R. 1676. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the disclosure to State and local law enforcement agencies of the identity of individuals claiming tax benefits through the improper use of Social Security numbers of other individuals; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

PRIVATE BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 3 of rule XII,

Mr. TOWNS introduced a bill (H.R. 1677) for the relief of Kuan He Wu; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

Under clause 7 of rule XII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions as follows:

H.R. 19: Ms. HARRIS.

H.R. 47: Mr. MCHENRY, Mrs. DRAKE, Mr. SHUSTER, Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS of Virginia, Mr. NEY, and Mrs. MYRICK.

H.R. 302: Ms. SCHAKOWSKY.

H.R. 606: Mr. STARK.

H.R. 739: Mr. SOUDER, Ms. FOXX, and Mr. KUHLMANN of New York.

H.R. 740: Mr. SOUDER, Ms. FOXX, and Mr. KUHLMANN of New York.

H.R. 741: Mr. SOUDER, Ms. FOXX, and Mr. KUHLMANN of New York.

H.R. 742: Mr. SOUDER, Ms. FOXX, and Mr. KUHLMANN of New York.

H.R. 880: Mr. BOUCHER.

H.R. 987: Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, Mrs. JONES of Ohio, Mr. CONYERS, Mrs. MALONEY, and Mr. BURTON of Indiana.

H.R. 1159: Mr. UDALL of Colorado.

H.R. 1299: Ms. HERSETH and Mr. BROWN of South Carolina.

H.R. 1313: Mrs. WILSON of New Mexico, Mr. BEAUPREZ, Mr. PORTER, Mr. WELDON of Florida, Mr. MORAN of Kansas, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. HARMAN, and Mr. HOEKSTRA.

H.R. 1587: Mr. MANZULLO.

H.R. 1589: Mr. HINGHEY.

H.J. Res. 10: Mr. KANJORSKI, Mr. ISTOOK, and Mr. MCNULTY.

H. Con. Res. 99: Mr. EMANUEL.

H. Res. 67: Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, Ms. ZOE LOFGREN of California, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. EMANUEL, and Mrs. TAUSCHER.

H. Res. 84: Mr. BOSWELL.

H. Res. 85: Mr. TERRY and Mr. CUNNINGHAM.

H. Res. 184: Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey.

H. Res. 195: Mr. HERGER, Mr. CALVERT, Mr. BONNER, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. PRICE of Georgia, and Mr. DEAL of Georgia.