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House of Representatives

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. This being the day fixed pursuant to the 20th amendment to the Constitution of the United States for the assembly of the Second Session of the 109th Congress, the House will be in order.

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
January 3, 2006.

I hereby appoint the Honorable FRANK R. WOLF 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, foundation of faith and provident guide of our Nation's history, we implore You to guide, protect, and strengthen the United States House of Representatives during this Second Session of the 109th Congress.

Help these duly elected Representatives of the people be about the work of the people. Make this democratic Republic strong, that it may be Your fit instrument to unite the natural and human resources of this Nation, that Your people may live ordered lives under the law and in harmony with others and so be a beacon of hope for the world.

In You and from You we draw our inspiration and creativity. In You and from You, Lord, we find lasting peace and universal justice both now and forever. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. KILDEE)

come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. KILDEE 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.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 2 of House Resolution 619, 109th Congress, as amended by section 2 of House Resolution 640, 109th Congress, organizational and legislative business is dispensed with on this day.

The House will follow the practice announced by the Speaker at the convening of the Second Session of the 106th Congress under a similar order. Bills and resolutions introduced today will be numbered today but will not be noted in the RECORD or referred by the Speaker until January 31, 2006. Executive communications, petitions, and memorials will not be numbered or referred until January 31, 2006.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 4 of rule I, Speaker pro tempore TOM DAVIS of Virginia signed the following enrolled bills on Friday, December 30, 2005:

H.R. 972, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2006 and 2007 for the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000, and for other purposes;

H.R. 1815, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2006 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes;

H.R. 2017, to amend the Torture Victims Relief Act of 1998 to authorize appropriations to provide assistance for domestic and foreign programs and centers for the treatment of victims of torture, and for other purposes;

H.R. 3179, to reauthorize and amend the Junior Duck Stamp Conservation and Design Program Act of 1994;

H.R. 3402, to authorize appropriations for the Department of Justice for fiscal years 2006 through 2009, and for other purposes;

H.R. 4501, to amend the Passport Act of June 4, 1920, to authorize the Secretary of State to establish and collect a surcharge to cover the costs of meeting the increased demand for passports as a result of actions taken to comply with section 7209(b) of the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004;

H.R. 4637, to make certain technical corrections in amendments made by the Energy Policy Act of 2005.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED AFTER SINE DIE ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Haas, Clerk of the House, after sine die adjournment of the first session, 109th Congress, reported and found truly enrolled bills of the House of the following titles, which were thereupon signed by the Speaker pro tempore, Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia, on December 30, 2005:

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