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

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
May 15, 2006.

I hereby appoint the Honorable JOHN CAMPBELL 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: Strengthened by Your grace, Lord God, we call upon Your holy name and ask Your blessing upon our land, its leaders in government, representatives of this population. Grant glory to our military forces. Protect them and help them to establish peace.

Shepherd Your people in these days, that we do not wander aimlessly, forgetting Your mighty deeds in our Nation's past. Ever mindful of our religious heritage, make us a virtuous people, an example to other nations. Tend to our needs with blameless heart.

With the skills of a discerning mind, united in truth and justice, lead this Congress to enact laws of equal justice 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 gentleman from California (Mr. LEWIS) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. LEWIS of California 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.

REPORT ON H.R. 5385, MILITARY QUALITY OF LIFE AND VETERANS AFFAIRS APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2007

Mr. LEWIS of California, from the Committee on Appropriations, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 109-464) on the bill (H.R. 5385) making appropriations for the military quality of life functions of the Department of Defense, military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, and for other purposes, which was referred to the Union Calendar and ordered to be printed.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 1, rule XXI, all points of order are reserved on the bill.

PERMISSION FOR COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS TO FILE PRIVILEGED REPORT ON DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2007

Mr. LEWIS of California. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Appropriations have until 3 p.m., May 15, 2006, to file a privileged report, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, and for other purposes.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 1, rule XXI, all points of order are reserved on the bill.

APPOINTMENT AS MEMBER TO BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF OPEN WORLD LEADERSHIP CENTER

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 313 of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2001 (2 U.S.C. 1151), amended by section 1401 of Public Law 108-7, the order of the House of December 18, 2005, and upon the recommendation of the majority leader, the Chair announces the Speaker's appointment of the following member on the part of the House to the Board of Trustees of the Open World Leadership Center for a term of 3 years:

Mr. Roger F. Wicker, Tupelo, Mississippi

REAPPOINTMENT AS MEMBER TO COMMISSION ON INTERNATIONAL RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 201(b) of the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998 (22 U.S.C. 6431 note), amended by section 681(b) of the Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Year 2003 (22 U.S.C. 2651 note), the order of the House of December 18, 2005, and upon the recommendation of the minority leader, the Chair announces the Speaker's reappointment of the following member on the part of the House to the Commission on International Religious Freedom for a 2-year term ending May 14, 2008:

Ms. Elizabeth H. Prodromou of Boston, Massachusetts, to succeed herself

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