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House of Representatives

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

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
January 17, 2007.

I hereby appoint the Honorable JOHN B. LARSON to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer: Almighty God, You brought us to the light of a new day. Keep us attuned to Your Word the whole day through.

Do not allow us to bend to every sinful inclination which leads only to self-centeredness and blindness to the needs of others; rather, may all our thoughts, conversations and decisions bring us closer to serving the needs of our constituents and the common good of all Your people. For You have called us to serve in Your holy name 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 Indiana (Mr. PENCE) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. PENCE 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 Ms. Curtis, one of its clerks, announced that pursuant to Public Law 106-170, the Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, after consultation with the Ranking Member of the Senate Committee on Finance, announces the appointment of the following individual to serve as a member of the Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Advisory Panel:

Mr. David L. Miller of South Dakota. 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 Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD) as a member of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution, vice the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. Frist).

The message also announced that pursuant to Public Law 106-398, as amended by Public Law 108-7, in accordance with the qualifications specified under section 1238(b)(3)(E) of Public Law 106-398, and upon the recommendation of the Majority Leader, in consultation with the chairmen of the Senate Committee on Armed Services and the Senate Committee on Finance, the Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, appoints the following individual to the United States-China Economic Security Review Commission:

Mr. Peter Videnieks of Virginia, for a term beginning January 1, 2007 and expiring December 31, 2008, vice Patrick A. Mulloy.

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 individual to the Board of Trustees of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts:

The Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN).

STUDENT LOAN INTEREST RATES

(Mr. KELLER of Florida asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. KELLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to discuss student loan interest rates. As the ranking member on the Higher Education Subcommittee, I believe in higher Pell Grants, lower student loan interest rates, and a leveling off of tuition.

If you ask a college student, would you rather have a 6.8 percent loan or a 3.4 percent loan, he will tell you 3.4 percent. If you ask him, would you rather have a 3.4 percent student loan that you have to pay back or a Pell Grant to help you go to college that you will never pay back, they will say Pell Grants.

The Democrats should have taken the \$6 billion in spending and invested it in Pell Grants to help students on the front end instead of only helping those college graduates on the back end.

Education should not be a partisan issue; no one party has all the answers. Today, I will show a little good faith and vote for this bill. Tomorrow, I hope the Democrats show some good faith and listen to people like me when it comes to Pell Grants.

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(Mr. COHEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, as a State senator in Tennessee, I worked for

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