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Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, March 19, 2007, at 2 p.m.

House of Representatives

FRIDAY, MARCH 16, 2007

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

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
March 16, 2007.

I hereby appoint the Honorable JAMES P. MCGOVERN 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: Lord God, who always speaks the word of salvation, in a world ruled by money, floating only on the currents of economic reports, people search for life-sustaining principles. Without Your gravity, none can be found.

In a democratic republic where equal justice under the law is the goal and diverse opinions are to be represented, without the inner sense of Your unified fervor, everyone feels left alone.

In the drowning news of corruption, hatred, and violence, hardworking people and their children have lost their sure footing. Cynicism has replaced all forms of true faith.

You, Lord God, speak to those who aspire to lead the most powerful Nation on Earth: "The greatest among you must be the servant of all. For the

one who exalts oneself will be humbled, and the one who humbles oneself in the service of the rest will be exalted."

Until humility before You is established, we shall all languish.
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:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, March 15, 2007.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
The Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM 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 March 5, 2007, at 5:45 p.m.:

That the Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 20. With best wishes, I am,
Sincerely,

LORRAINE C. MILLER,
Clerk of the House.

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:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, March 16, 2007.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
The Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM 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 March 16, 2007, at 10:45 a.m.:

That the Senate passed S. 494.
That the Senate passed S. 655.
That the Senate passed S. 377.
That the Senate passed S. 676.

With best wishes, I am,
Sincerely,

LORRAINE C. MILLER,
Clerk of the House.

SENATE BILLS REFERRED

Bills of the Senate of the following titles were taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

□ This symbol represents the time of day during the House proceedings, e.g., □ 1407 is 2:07 p.m.

Matter set in this typeface indicates words inserted or appended, rather than spoken, by a Member of the House on the floor.



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S. 377. An act to establish a United States-Poland parliamentary youth exchange program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

S. 655. An act to amend the Congressional Charter of The American National Red Cross to modernize its governance structure, to enhance the ability of the board of governors of The American National Red Cross to support the critical mission of The American National Red Cross in the 21st century, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

S. 676. An act to provide that the Executive Director of the Inter-American Development Bank or the Alternative Executive Director of the Inter-American Development Bank may serve on the Board of Directors of the Inter-American Foundation; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

S. Con. Res. 20. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that no funds should be cut off or reduced for American troops in the field which would result in undermining their safety or their ability to complete their assigned missions; to the Committee on Armed Services.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the House stands adjourned until 12:30 p.m. on Monday next for morning hour debate.

There was no objection.

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 5 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Monday, March 19, 2007, at 12:30 p.m., for morning hour debate.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

877. A letter from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Atlantic Bluefin Tuna Fisheries [I.D. 121206B] received February 28, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C.

801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

878. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pollock in Statistical Area 630 of the Gulf of Alaska [Docket No. 060216044-6044-01; I.D. 013107A] received February 28, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

879. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Coastal Migratory Pelagic Resources of the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic; Trip Limit Reduction [Docket No. 001005281-0369-02; I.D. 013107B] received February 28, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

880. A letter from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Spiny Dogfish Fishery; Commercial Period 2 Quota Harvested [Docket No. 060418103-6181-02; I.D. 121306B] received February 28, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

881. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Magnuson-Stevens Act Provisions; Fisheries off West Coast States; Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery; Biennial Specifications and Management Measures; Amendment 16-4; Pacific Coast Salmon Fishery [Docket No. 060824226-6322-02; I.D. 082806B] (RIN: 0648-AU57) received February 28, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

882. A letter from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Summer Flounder Fishery; Commercial Quota Harvested for New Jersey [Docket No. 051104293-5344-02; I.D. 111406C] received February 28, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C.

801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

883. A letter from the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Atlantic Bluefish Fisheries; 2007 Atlantic Bluefish Specifications; Quota Adjustment; 2007 Research Set-Aside Project [Docket No. 061109296-7009-02; I.D. 110606A] (RIN: 0648-AT67) received February 28, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

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. FRANK: Committee on Financial Services. H.R. 1227. A bill to assist in the provision of affordable housing to low-income families affected by Hurricane Katrina; with an amendment (Rept. 110-51 Pt. 1). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union. Ordered to be printed.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII,

Mr. RENZI introduced a bill (H.R. 1558) to direct the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to jointly conduct a study of certain land adjacent to the Walnut Canyon National Monument in the State of Arizona; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources.

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

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

H.R. 579: Mr. LANGEVIN, Mr. MORAN of Virginia, Mr. MCCOTTER, and Mr. BACHUS.

H. Res. 169: Mr. JONES of North Carolina, Mr. MORAN of Kansas, Mr. SHULER, Mr. BOREN, Mr. KENNEDY, and Mr. WYNN.