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## House of Representatives

The House met at 12:30 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. FILNER).

### DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,  
May 7, 2007.

I hereby appoint the Honorable BOB FILNER to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

### MORNING HOUR DEBATES

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of January 4, 2007, the Chair will now recognize Members from lists submitted by the majority and minority leaders for morning hour debates. The Chair will alternate recognition between the parties, with each party limited to not to exceed 30 minutes, and each Member, except the majority leader, the minority leader, or the minority whip, limited to not to exceed 5 minutes.

### RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until 2 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 31 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess until 2 p.m.

□ 1400

### AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. ALTMIRE) at 2 p.m.

### PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer:

Lord God, throughout our Nation's history, You have raised up men and women who have seen Your goodness in the beauty of nature and understand Your essential purpose in the unfolding of human events.

Henry Thoreau was an early American hero, and possibly a mystic, who wrote an account of his 2 years spent in quiet solitude at Walden Pond. What he wrote about early America became a classic, but he was an American classic himself.

Thoreau embodied the early spirit of nonconformity in breaking bonds of social hypocrisy. By taking time to seek spiritual truth, he wrapped himself in the beauty of nature and sought escape from a world in which "the mass of people lead lives of quiet desperation."

He wrote: "I went to the woods because I wanted to live deliberately, to confront the essential facts of life and see if I could not learn what life had to teach, and not, when I came to die, discover that I had not lived."

Lord, awaken America today. Lift the Nation above hypocrisy and enable its people to face the essentials of government, the essentials of religious faith and the power of transformative love and daily service to others.

Renew in us hope, O Lord, so with Thoreau we might say: We live "with an infinite expectation of the dawn, which does not forsake us in our soundest sleep." 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 American Samoa (Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA 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, May 4, 2007.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,  
*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 May 4, 2007, at 10:48 a.m.:

Reappointments:

President's Export Council (1)

Appointments:

President's Export Council (2)

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely,

LORRAINE C. MILLER,  
*Clerk of the House.*

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, May 7, 2007.

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

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: Under Clause 2(g) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of

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

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