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## Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Friday, February 22, 2008, at 12 noon.

## House of Representatives

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2008

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,  
February 21, 2008.

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 Reverend J. Cletus Kiley, President, The Faith & Politics Institute, Washington, DC, offered the following prayer:

Let us be mindful of God's presence. Loving God, as a Nation, we celebrate these days in memory of two of our great Presidents, the Honorable George Washington and the Honorable Abraham Lincoln. It was Mr. Lincoln, once a Member of this House who, reflecting on Your divine will, wrote, "The will of God prevails. God cannot be for and against the same thing at the same time. And, it is quite possible that God's purpose is something different from the purpose of either party."

Lord, Mr. Lincoln made this meditation on Your divine will in a different context and at a most perilous time in the history of our Nation. The times

have changed, but there are newer and different challenges we face. It still behooves us well, as did Mr. Lincoln, to meditate for a moment on Your will and Your purpose.

Before we take up our important business here, may You pour out upon us an ample portion of Your spirit that each of us gathered here may truly discern Your will and purpose. And may we confirm our decisions, our comportment, and our actions accordingly. 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 Minnesota (Mr. PETERSON) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota 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 clause 4 of rule I, the following enrolled bill was signed by Speaker pro

tempore VAN HOLLEN on Tuesday, February 19, 2008:

H.R. 1216, to direct the Secretary of Transportation to issue regulations to reduce the incidence of child injury and death occurring inside or outside of light motor vehicles, and for other purposes.

### ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Ms. Lorraine C. Miller, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly enrolled a bill of the House of the following title, which was thereupon signed by the Speaker pro tempore, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, on Tuesday, February 19, 2008:

H.R. 1216. An act to direct the Secretary of Transportation to issue regulations to reduce the incidence of child injury and death occurring inside or outside of light motor vehicles, and for other purposes.

### ADJOURNMENT

Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 4 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Monday, February 25, 2008, at 4 p.m.

### EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

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

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5427. A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Brucellosis in Cattle; State and Area Classifications; Texas [Docket No. APHIS-2008-0003] received February 5, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

5428. A letter from the Administrator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Irish Potatoes Grown in Colorado; Modification of the Handling Regulation for Area No. 2 [Docket No. AMS-FV-07-0115; FV08-948-1 FR] received February 5, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

5429. A letter from the Deputy Director, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's final rule — Benefits Payable in Terminated Single-Employer Plans; Allocation of Assets in Single-Employer Plans; Interest Assumptions for Valuing and Paying Benefits — received February 5, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and Labor.

5430. A letter from the General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Mandatory Reliability Standards for Critical Infrastructure Protection [Docket No. RM06-22-000; Order No. 706] received January 25, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

5431. A letter from the Secretary of the Commission, Federal Trade Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Rule Concerning Disclosures Regarding Energy Consumption and Water Use of Certain Home Appliances and other Products Required Under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act ("Appliance Labeling Rule") [RIN: 3084-AB03] received February 6, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

5432. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. ACT 17-291, "Rhode Island Metro Plaza Revenue Bonds Approval Act of 2008," pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

5433. A letter from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Clarification of NRC Civil Pen-

alty Authority over Contractors and Subcontractors Who Discriminate Against Employees for Engaging in Protected Activities (RIN: 3150-AH59) received February 11, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

5434. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — 26 CFR 601.105: Examination of returns and claims for refund, credit or abatement; determination of correct tax liability. (Also Part 1, 6662, 6694, 1.6662-4, 1.6694-2) (Rev. Proc. 2008-14) received February 6, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

5435. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — APPEALS SETTLEMENT GUIDELINE ALL INDUSTRIES LOSSES CLAIMED AND INCOME TO BE REPORTED FROM SALE IN/LEASE OUT (SILO) TRANSACTIONS [UIL: 9300.38-00] received February 6, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

5436. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Release of Lien or Discharge of Property [TD 9378] (RIN: 1545-BE35) received February 6, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

5437. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Transition Guidance for New Funding Rules and Funding-Related Benefit Limitations under PPA '06 [Notice 2008-21] received February 6, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

5438. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Section 411. — Minimum Vesting Standards 26 CFR 1.411(b)-1: Accrued benefit requirements. (Also, 7805; 301.7805-1.) (Rev. Rul. 2008-7) received February 6, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

5439. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation entitled the "Medicare Funding Warning Response Act of 2008"; (H. Doc. No. 110-96);

jointly to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, Ways and Means, and the Judiciary and ordered to be printed.

## PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. MILLER of North Carolina:

H.R. 5476. A bill to extend the temporary suspension of duty on ethofumesate in bulk or mixtures; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. SCHIFF:

H.R. 5477. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 120 South Del Mar Avenue in San Gabriel, California, as the "Chi Mui Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

## ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

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

H.R. 463: Mr. BRALEY of Iowa.

H.R. 1553: Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. PASTOR, and Mr. NADLER.

H.R. 1992: Mr. ARCURI and Mr. ACKERMAN.

H.R. 2352: Mr. ARCURI, Mr. DEFAZIO, Mr. ORTIZ, and Mr. HONDA.

H.R. 2507: Mr. GINGREY.

H.R. 2604: Ms. SHEA-PORTER.

H.R. 3212: Mrs. DAVIS of California.

H.R. 3609: Mr. SERRANO, Mr. TURNER, Ms. SHEA-PORTER, and Mr. SIRES.

H.R. 3650: Mr. ISSA.

H.R. 3819: Mr. BRALEY of Iowa, Ms. SLAUGHTER, and Mr. SESTAK.

H.R. 4291: Mr. HIGGINS.

H.R. 4829: Mr. LAMPSON.

H.R. 4900: Mr. RAHALL, Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania, Mr. ROGERS of Alabama, Mr. WAMP, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. BISHOP of Utah, Mr. CANTOR, and Mr. CARTER.

H.R. 5475: Mr. ROSKAM, Mr. TANNER, Mr. ROSS, Mrs. TAUSCHER, Mr. MILLER of Florida, and Mrs. EMERSON.

H.J. Res. 12: Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania and Mr. BISHOP of Utah.

H. Con. Res. 278: Mr. ISSA and Mr. COSTA.

H. Res. 939: Mrs. MUSGRAVE.