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the sanctuary of solemnity, deliberacy, and decorum that the rules of the House ordain it to be.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO NOTIFY THE PRESIDENT

Mr. BOEHNER. Madam Speaker, your committee appointed on the part of the House to join a like committee on the part of the Senate to notify the President of the United States that a quorum of each House has been assembled and is ready to receive any communication that he may be pleased to make has performed that duty.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING COMMISSION

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 2001, and the order of the House of today, the Chair announces the Speaker’s appointment of the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. HOYER) and the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. BOEHNER) as members of the House Office Building Commission to serve with herself.

APPOINTMENT AS INSPECTOR GENERAL OF THE HOUSE FOR THE 111TH CONGRESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 6(b) of rule II, and the order of the House of today, the Chair announces that the Speaker, majority leader and minority leader jointly appoint Mr. James J. Cornell, Springfield, Virginia, to the position of Inspector General for the House of Representatives for the 111th Congress.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO PERMANENT SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 11 of rule X, clause 11 of rule II, and the order of the House of today, the Chair announces the Speaker’s appointment of the following Members of the House to the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Mr. REYES, Texas, Chairman

Hon. 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:


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

Dear Madam Speaker: Under clause 2(g) of rule II of the Rules of the House of Representatives, I herewith designate Mr. Robert F. Reeves, Deputy Clerk, to sign any and all papers and do all other acts for me under the name of the Clerk of the House which they would be authorized to do by virtue of this designation, except such as are provided by statute, in case of my temporary absence or disability.

This designation shall remain in effect for the 111th Congress or until modified by me.

With best wishes, I am

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

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

Mr. POE of Texas. Madam Speaker, it goes back to the Wild West: If you are recalled by your designee, in the event of your death or inability, to notify the Members of the House and the Senate, respectively, of any re-assembly under any such concurrent resolution. In the event of the death or inability of that designee, the alternate Members of the House listed in the letter bearing this date shall be recalled by the Clerk designated in turn, for the same purposes.

Sincerely, NANCY PELOSI, Speaker.

RECALL DESIGNEE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 6(b) of rule II, and the order of the House of today, the Chair announces the reappointment of the following individuals to serve as the Governing Board of the Office of Congressional Ethics:

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 4(d) of House Resolution 5, 111th Congress, and the order of the House of today, the Chair announces the reappointment of the following individuals to serve as the Governing Board of the Office of Congressional Ethics: Nominated by the Speaker with the concurrence of the minority leader: Mr. David Skaggs, Colorado, Chairman

Mrs. Yvonne Brathwaite Burke, California, subject to section 1(b)(6)(B)

Ms. Karen English, Arizona, subject to section 1(b)(6)(B)

Mr. Abner Mikva, Illinois, Alternate

Nominated by the minority leader with the concurrence of the Speaker: Mr. Porter J. Goss, Florida, Cochairman

Mr. James M. Eagen, III, Colorado, subject to section 1(b)(6)(B)

Ms. Allison R. Hayward, Virginia, subject to section 1(b)(6)(B)

Mr. Bill Frenzel, Virginia, Alternate

DAYS OF THE OLD WEST HAVE RETURNED

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

Mr. POE of Texas. Madam Speaker, it looks like the days of the Old West have returned and are being played out in the Middle East between Israel and Hamas.

Innocent Israeli civilians have been targeted by Hamas terrorists. These terrorist outlaws have fired over 8,000 rockets and mortar shells at Israel since 2000, and they still won’t quit. These extremists call for the total destruction of the nation of Israel. They are shooting at Israeli civilians in southern Israel with the help of Iranian-made long-range rockets.

Self-defense is a basic human right. Madam Speaker. It is a principle that goes back to the Wild West: If you are
getting shot at, you have the right to shoot back to defend yourself. And Israel is fighting back. Israel has the moral right and duty to protect its people from Hamas militants waging war against them.

Hamas is nothing more than a ragtag gang of terrorists intent on kidnapping, killing and terrorizing as many Israelis as possible. These attacks cannot go unanswered. The United States must stand with Israel.

Hamas doesn’t want peace. They want a war of destruction against Israel. In the face of such hate, Israel is left with no other choice but to defend its people and its sovereign territory from these murderous outlaws.

And that’s just the way it is.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker’s announced policy of January 6, 2009, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from California (Mr. COSTA) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Ms. KAPTUR addressed the House. Her remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. BURTON) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. BURTON of Indiana addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.

PROVIDING FOR THE DESIGNATION OF CERTAIN MINORITY EMPLOYEES

Mr. BILBRAY. Madam Speaker, I offer a resolution and ask unanimous consent for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

Resolved, That pursuant to the Legislative Pay Act of 1929, as amended, the six minority employees authorized therein shall be the following named persons, effective January 3, 2009, until otherwise ordered by the House, to-wit: Neil Bradley, Brian Gaston, Melanie Looney, Danielle Maurer, Nick Scharper, and Russ Vought, each to receive gross compensation pursuant to the provisions of House Resolution 119, Ninety-fifth Congress, as enacted into permanent law by section 115 of Public Law 96-94. In addition, the Minorities and CQs may agree to the usual rate of pay for up to three further minority employees.

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

There was no objection.

The resolution was agreed to. A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders hereuntofore entered, was granted to:

The following Members (at the request of Mr. ALTMIRE) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:

Mr. COSTA, for 5 minutes, today.
Ms. NORTON, for 5 minutes, today.
Ms. WOOLSEY, for 5 minutes, today.
Ms. KAPTUR, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. SHERMAN, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. POE of Texas, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. ALTMIRE, Madam Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 4 o’clock and 55 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, January 7, 2009, at 10 a.m.