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## House of Representatives

The House met at 2 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mrs. BIGGERT).

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,

September 6, 2000.

I hereby appoint the Honorable JUDY BIGGERT to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

J. DENNIS HASTERT,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

### PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer: Lord God of covenant love, You provide us wisdom for our lives; You empower us to live out our commitments to others. As we enter into legislative session today, You welcome us into Your presence.

May the families and local districts we leave to assemble once again as the 106th Congress be blessed and protected by You.

May our personal relationships with them be secured and our common life be enriched by the work and intentions that bring us to public service.

Help this government to enact laws that respect the right of parents and protect children. Guide this Congress and all local communities to create homes and neighborhoods where trust and creative deeds may flourish.

Fix us on the course of justice and shape our future by solid information and quality education. Let truth be our guide and secure peace our gift to families and the world, 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 her approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. PITTS) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. PITTS 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 Mr. Lundregan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed with amendments in which the concurrence of the House is requested, bills of the House of the following titles:

H.R. 820. An act to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2000 and 2001 for the Coast Guard, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3244. An act to combat trafficking of persons, especially into the sex trade, slavery, and slavery-like conditions, in the United States and countries around the world through prevention, through prosecution and enforcement against traffickers, and through protection and assistance to victims of trafficking.

The message also announced that the Senate insists upon its amendment to the bill (H.R. 820) "An Act to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2000 and 2001 for the Coast Guard, and for other purposes," requests a conference with the House on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and appoints Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. STEVENS, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. HOLLINGS, and Mr. KERRY, to be the conferees on the part of the Senate.

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Committee on the Judiciary: Mr. HATCH, Mr. THURMOND, and Mr. LEAHY; and

Committee on Foreign Relations: Mr. HELMS, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. BIDEN, and Mr. WELLSTONE; to be the conferees on the part of the Senate.

The message also announced that the Senate has passed bills, a joint resolution and concurrent resolutions of the following titles in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 610. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain land under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management in Washakie County and Big Horn County, Wyoming, to the Westside Irrigation District, Wyoming, and for other purposes.

S. 1894. An act to provide for the conveyance of certain land to Park County, Wyoming.

S. 1936. An act to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to sell or exchange all or part of certain administrative sites and other National Forest System land in the State of Oregon and use the proceeds derived from the sale or exchange for National Forest System purposes.

S. 2020. An act to adjust the boundary of the Natchez Trace Parkway, Mississippi, and for other purposes.

S. 2279. An act to authorize the addition of land to Sequoia National Park, and for other purposes.

S. 2352. An act to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate the Wekiwa River and its tributaries of Wekiwa Springs Run, Rock Springs Run, and Black Water Creek in the State of Florida as components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System.

S. 2386. An act to authorize the United States Postal Service to issue semipostals, and for other purposes.

S. 2421. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of the suitability and feasibility of establishing an

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Upper Housatonic Valley National Heritage Area in Connecticut and Massachusetts.

S. 2998. An act to designate a fellowship program of the Peace Corps promoting the work of returning Peace Corps volunteers in underserved American communities as the "Paul D. Coverdell Fellows Program".

S.J. Res. 48. Joint resolution calling upon the President to issue a proclamation recognizing the 25th anniversary of the Helsinki Final Act.

S. Con. Res. 53. Concurrent resolution condemning all prejudice against individuals of Asian and Pacific Island ancestry in the United States.

S. Con. Res. 133. Concurrent resolution to correct the enrollment of S. 1809.

The message also announced that pursuant to Public Law 105-134, the Chair, on behalf of the Republican Leader, announces the appointment made during the adjournment, of Nancy Rutlege Connery, of Maine, to serve as a member of the Amtrak Reform Council, vice Joseph Vranich, of Pennsylvania, effective July 28, 2000.

The message also announced that pursuant to Public Law 99-498, the Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, reappoints Charles Terrell, of Massachusetts, to the Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance for a three-year term beginning October 1, 2000, made during the adjournment, effective July 28, 2000.

The message also announced that pursuant to Public Law 106-173, the Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, announces the appointment of Frank J. Williams, of Rhode Island, to the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission, made during the adjournment, effective August 24, 2000.

#### 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, July 28, 2000.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,  
The Speaker, House of Representatives,  
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted to 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 July 28, 2000 at 9:35 a.m.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 1749; that the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 1982; that the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 3291; that the Senate agreed to House amendments to Senate amendments to H.R. 4040.

With best wishes, I am  
Sincerely,

JEFF TRANDAHL,  
Clerk of the House.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair desires to announce that pursuant to clause 4 of Rule I, Speaker pro tempore MORELLA signed the following

enrolled bills on Saturday, July 29, 2000:

H.R. 1749, to designate Wilson Creek in Avery and Caldwell Counties, North Carolina, as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System;

H.R. 1982, to name the Department of Veterans Affairs outpatient clinic in Rome, New York, as the "Donald J. Mitchell Department of Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic";

H.R. 3291, to provide for the settlement of the water rights claims of the Shivwits Band of the Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah, and for other purposes;

S. 2869, an act to protect religious liberty, and for other purposes;

The following enrolled bills on Monday, August 7, 2000:

H.R. 1167, to amend the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act to provide for further self-governance by Indian tribes, and for our purposes;

H.R. 3519, to provide for negotiations for the creation of a trust fund to be administered by the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development or the International Development Association to combat the AIDS epidemic;

The following enrolled bill on Friday, August 18, 2000:

H.R. 4040, to amend Title 5, United States Code, to provide for the establishment of a program under which long-term care insurance is made available to Federal employees, members of the uniformed services, and civilian and military retirees, provide for the correction of retirement coverage errors under chapters 83 and 84 of such title, and for other purposes.

And Speaker pro tempore GILCREST signed the following enrolled bill on Wednesday, August 23, 2000:

H.R. 8, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to phase out the estate and gift taxes over a 10-year period.

#### APPOINTMENT AS MEMBERS TO PARENTS ADVISORY COUNCIL ON DRUG ABUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to sections 710(a)(2) of the Office of National Drug Control Policy Reauthorization Act of 1998 (21 U.S.C. 1709) and the order of the House of Thursday, July 27, 2000, the Speaker, on Tuesday, August 15, 2000, appointed the following members from the private sector to the Parents Advisory Council on Youth Drug Abuse on the part of the House:

Ms. Judith Kreamer, Naperville, Illinois, to a three-year term;

Ms. Modesta Martinez, Bensenville, Illinois, to a two-year term;

And Mr. Richard F. James, Columbus, Ohio, to a one-year term.

#### COMMUNICATION FROM CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following commu-

nication from the chairman of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure; which was read and, without objection, referred to the Committee on Appropriations:

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND  
INFRASTRUCTURE, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Washington, DC, July 26, 2000.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,  
Speaker of the House,  
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Enclosed are copies of resolutions adopted on July 26, 2000 by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. Copies of the resolutions are being transmitted to the Department of the Army. With kind regards, I am

Sincerely,

BUD SHUSTER,  
Chairman.

Enclosures.

DOCKET 2648: CROSS LAKE, LOUISIANA

Resolved by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the United States House of Representatives, That the Secretary of the Army is requested to review the report of the Chief of Engineers on the Red River Basin, Arkansas and Louisiana, Comprehensive Study published as House Report 98-217, with a view to determine the feasibility of measures relating to water supply, flood damage reduction, and recreation at Cross Lake, Louisiana, at this time.

Adopted: July 26, 2000.

DOCKET 2649: OCKLAWAHA RIVER BASIN,  
FLORIDA

Resolved by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the United States House of Representatives, That the Secretary of the Army is requested to review the report of the Chief of Engineers on the Four River Basins, Florida, published as House Document 585, 87th Congress and other pertinent reports, with a view to determine the feasibility of measures related to comprehensive watershed planning for water conservation, water supply, flood control, environmental restoration and protection, and other water resource related problems in the Apopka/Palatkaha Basins and the Upper Ocklawaha River Basin south of the Silver River.

Adopted: July 26, 2000.

DOCKET 2650: FORT DODGE, IOWA

Resolved by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the United States House of Representatives, That the Secretary of the Army is requested to review the report of the Chief of Engineers on the Des Moines River Basin, Iowa and Minnesota, published as House Document 146, 96th Congress, 1st Session, and other pertinent reports, to determine whether any modifications of the recommendations contained therein are advisable in the interest of flood damage reduction and environmental restoration and protection of the Des Moines River at Fort Dodge, Iowa.

Adopted: July 26, 2000.

DOCKET 2651: CORPUS CHRISTI SHIP CHANNEL,  
TEXAS

Resolved by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the United States House of Representatives, That the Secretary of the Army is requested to review the report of the Chief of Engineers on the Corpus Christi Ship Channel, Texas, published as House Document 99, 90th Congress, 2nd Session, and a view to determine whether any modifications are advisable at the present time with particular reference to providing improvements to the Corpus Christi Ship Channel, Texas, in the interest of