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House of Representatives

The House met at noon.

The SPEAKER. This being the day fixed by Public Law 107-98 of the 107th Congress, enacted pursuant to the 20th Amendment to the Constitution for the meeting of the 2nd session of the 107th Congress, the House will be in order.

The prayer will be offered by the Chaplain.

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer: "Sing a new song to the Lord, sing to the Lord, all the Earth. Sing to the Lord and bless His name, proclaim His power day after day."

Lord, may this new session of the 107th Congress give You praise from its beginning and be to Your glory in the end.

With new vigor and genuine orchestration, may the Members of the House of Representatives lift their voices in the anthem of freedom and justice while they, with all America, grow in virtue day after day.

Be with these Members, Lord, as they come together to accomplish the work of Your people with hearts attuned to the movement of Your spirit. May their voices in unison be heard around the Earth.

As they work toward a just society through the enactment of law, fill them with compassion and care for all who are suffering from oppression or loss. In them, let Your spirit find creative expression that will lift the hearts of those who yearn to hear the melodious promise of security and peace. Peace is Your gift, now and forever.

Amen.

CALL OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER. The Clerk will utilize the electronic system to ascertain the presence of a quorum.

Members will record their presence by electronic device.

The call was taken by electronic device, and the following Members responded to their names:

[Roll No. 1]

Abercrombie	Combest	Goode	Kildee	Moran (KS)	Sherman
Ackerman	Condit	Goodlatte	Kilpatrick	Moran (VA)	Sherwood
Aderholt	Cooksey	Gordon	King (NY)	Morella	Shimkus
Akin	Cox	Goss	Kingston	Murtha	Shows
Allen	Coyne	Graham	Kirk	Myrick	Shuster
Andrews	Cramer	Granger	Klecza	Nadler	Simmons
Armey	Crane	Graves	Knollenberg	Neal	Simpson
Baca	Crenshaw	Green (TX)	Kolbe	Nethercutt	Skeen
Bachus	Crowley	Green (WI)	Kucinich	Ney	Skelton
Baird	Cubin	Greenwood	LaFalce	Northup	Smith (MI)
Baker	Culberson	Grucci	LaHood	Norwood	Smith (NJ)
Baldacci	Cummings	Gutknecht	Lampson	Nussle	Smith (TX)
Baldwin	Cunningham	Hall (OH)	Langevin	Oberstar	Smith (WA)
Barcia	Davis (CA)	Hall (TX)	Lantos	Obey	Souder
Barrett	Davis (IL)	Hansen	Larsen (WA)	Olver	Spratt
Bartlett	Davis, Jo Ann	Harman	Latham	Ose	Stearns
Bass	Davis, Tom	Hart	LaTourette	Otter	Stenholm
Bentsen	Deal	Hastert	Leach	Owens	Strickland
Bereuter	DeFazio	Hastings (FL)	Lee	Oxley	Stump
Berkley	Delahunt	Hastings (WA)	Levin	Pastor	Stupak
Biggert	DeLauro	Hayworth	Lewis (CA)	Paul	Sununu
Bilirakis	DeMint	Herger	Lewis (GA)	Pelosi	Sweeney
Bishop	Deutsch	Hill	Lewis (KY)	Pence	Tancredo
Blunt	Diaz-Balart	Hilliard	Linder	Peterson (MN)	Tanner
Boehlert	Dingell	Hobson	Lipinski	Petri	Tauscher
Boehner	Doggett	Hoeffel	LoBiondo	Phelps	Tauzin
Boozman	Dooley	Hoekstra	Lofgren	Pitts	Taylor (MS)
Borski	Doolittle	Holden	Lowey	Platts	Terry
Boswell	Dreier	Holt	Lucas (KY)	Pombo	Thompson (CA)
Boucher	Duncan	Honda	Lucas (OK)	Price (NC)	Thompson (MS)
Boyd	Dunn	Horn	Luther	Putnam	Thornberry
Brady (PA)	Edwards	Hostettler	Lynch	Rahall	Thune
Brady (TX)	Ehlers	Hoyer	Maloney (CT)	Ramstad	Tiahrt
Brown (FL)	Ehrlich	Hulshof	Maloney (NY)	Regula	Tiberi
Brown (OH)	Emerson	Hunter	Manzullo	Rehberg	Tierney
Brown (SC)	Engel	Isakson	Markey	Reynolds	Toomey
Bryant	Eshoo	Israel	Mascara	Rivers	Towns
Buyer	Etheridge	Issa	Matheson	Rodriguez	Turner
Calvert	Evans	Istook	Matsui	Roemer	Udall (CO)
Camp	Farr	Jackson (IL)	McCarthy (MO)	Rogers (KY)	Udall (NM)
Cannon	Fattah	Jackson-Lee	McCollum	Rogers (MI)	Upton
Cantor	Ferguson	(TX)	McCrery	Ross	Velazquez
Capito	Filner	Jefferson	McDermott	Rothman	Visclosky
Capps	Flake	Jenkins	McGovern	Royce	Walden
Capuano	Fletcher	Johnson (CT)	McHugh	Rush	Walsh
Cardin	Foley	Johnson (IL)	McInnis	Ryan (WI)	Wamp
Carson (IN)	Forbes	Johnson, E. B.	McIntyre	Ryun (KS)	Watson (CA)
Castle	Ford	Johnson, Sam	McKeon	Sabo	Waxman
Chabot	Fossella	Jones (NC)	McKinney	Sanchez	Weiner
Chambliss	Frelinghuysen	Kanjorski	McNulty	Sandlin	Weldon (PA)
Clay	Frost	Kaptur	Meehan	Sawyer	Weller
Clayton	Ganske	Keller	Meek (FL)	Saxton	Wexler
Clement	Gekas	Kelly	Meeks (NY)	Schakowsky	Whitfield
Clyburn	Gilchrest	Kennedy (MN)	Mica	Schiff	Wicker
Coble	Gilman	Kennedy (RI)	Millender-McDonald	Schrock	Wilson (NM)
Collins	Gonzalez	Kerns	Miller, Dan	Scott	Wilson (SC)
			Miller, George	Sensenbrenner	Wolf
			Miller, Jeff	Serrano	Wynn
			Mollohan	Shadegg	Young (FL)
			Moore	Shaw	
				Shays	

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The SPEAKER. On this rollcall, 347 Members have recorded their presence by electronic device, a quorum.

Under the rule, further proceedings under the call are dispensed with.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Ms. SOLIS. Mr. Speaker, during rollcall vote No. 1 on quorum call I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "present."

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Utah (Mr. HANSEN) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. HANSEN 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 PRESIDENT

A message in writing from the President of the United States was communicated to the House by Ms. Wanda Evans, one of his secretaries.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Monohan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed with amendment in which the concurrence of the House is requested, bills of the House of the following titles:

H.R. 1892. An act to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for the acceptance of an affidavit of support from another eligible sponsor if the original sponsor has died and the Attorney General has determined for humanitarian reasons that the original sponsor's classification petition should not be revoked.

H.R. 2215. An act to authorize appropriations for the Department of Justice for fiscal year 2002, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the Senate insists upon its amendment to the bill (H.R. 2215) "An Act to authorize appropriations for the Department of Justice for fiscal year 2002, and for other purposes," requests a conference with the House on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and appoints Mr. LEAHY, Mr. KENNEDY, and Mr. HATCH, to be the conferees on the part of the Senate.

The message also announced that the Senate has passed with an amendment in which the concurrence of the House is requested, a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 3448. An act to improve the ability of the United States to prevent, prepare for, and respond to bioterrorism and other public health emergencies.

The message also announced that the Senate insists upon its amendment to the bill (H.R. 3448) "An Act to improve the ability of the United States to prevent, prepare for, and respond to bio-

terrorism and other public health emergencies," and requests a conference with the House on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and appoints Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. DODD, Mr. HARKIN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. GREGG, Mr. FRIST, Mr. ENZI, and Mr. HUTCHINSON, to be the conferees on the part of the Senate.

The message also announced that the Senate has passed with amendments in which the concurrence of the House is requested, a concurrent resolution of the House of the following title:

H. Con. Res. 211. Concurrent resolution commending Daw Aung San Suu Kyi on the 10th anniversary of her receiving the Nobel Peace Prize and expressing the sense of the Congress with respect to the Government of Burma.

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. 392. An act to grant a Federal charter to Korean War Veterans Association, Incorporated, and for other purposes.

S. 990. An act to amend the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act to improve the provisions relating to wildlife conservation and restoration programs, and for other purposes.

S. 1099. An act to increase the criminal penalties for assaulting or threatening Federal judges, their family members, and other public servants, and for other purposes.

S. 1214. An act to amend the Merchant Marine Act, 1936, to establish a program to ensure greater security for United States seaports, and for other purposes.

S. 1400. An act to amend the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 to extend the deadline for aliens to present a border crossing card that contains a biometric identifier matching the appropriate biometric characteristic of the alien.

S. 1608. An act to establish a program to provide grants to drinking water and wastewater facilities to meet immediate security needs.

S. 1622. An act to extend the period of availability of unemployment assistance under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act in the case of victims of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001.

S. 1637. An act to waive certain limitations in the case of use of the emergency fund authorized by section 125 of title 23, United States Code, to pay the costs of projects in response to the attack on the World Trade Center in New York City that occurred on September 11, 2001.

S. 1803. An act to authorize appropriations under the Arms Export Control Act and the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 for security assistance for fiscal years 2002 and 2003, and for other purposes.

S. 1834. An act for the relief of retired Sergeant First Class James D. Benoit and Wan Sook Benoit.

S. 1858. An act to permit the closed circuit televising of the criminal trial of Zacarias Moussaoui for the victims of September 11th.

S. 1864. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish a Nurse Corps and recruitment and retention strategies to address the nursing shortage, and for other purposes.

S. 1888. An act to amend title 18 of the United States Code to correct a technical error in the codification of title 36 of the United States Code.

S.J. Res. 12. Joint resolution granting the consent of Congress to the International Emergency Management Assistance Memorandum of Understanding.

S. Con. Res. 90. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress regarding the efforts of people of the United States of Korean ancestry to reunite with their family members in North Korea.

S. Con. Res. 92. Concurrent resolution recognizing Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty's success in promoting democracy and its continuing contribution to United States national interests.

DISPENSING WITH CALENDAR WEDNESDAY BUSINESS ON TODAY

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the business in order under the Calendar Wednesday rule be dispensed with on today.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

COMMITTEE TO NOTIFY THE PRESIDENT

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I offer a privileged resolution (H. Res. 331) providing for a committee to notify the President of the assembly of the Congress, and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 331

Resolved, That a committee of two Members be appointed by the Speaker on the part of the House of Representatives to join with a committee on the part of the Senate to notify the President of the United States that a quorum of each House has assembled and Congress is ready to receive any communication that he may be pleased to make.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

APPOINTMENT AS MEMBERS OF COMMITTEE TO NOTIFY THE PRESIDENT, PURSUANT TO HOUSE RESOLUTION 331

The SPEAKER. The Chair appoints as members of the committee on the part of the House to join a 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 that Congress is ready to receive any communication that he may be pleased to make, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. ARMEY) and the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. GEPHARDT).

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NOTIFICATION OF THE SENATE

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I offer a privileged resolution (H. Res. 332) to inform the Senate that a quorum of the House has assembled, and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows: