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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,  
February 26, 2002.

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 Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and every wonderful thing under the heavens, as the House of Representatives comes to order for legislative business today, we are mindful of our Jewish brothers and sisters as they "gather together with joy and happiness" for the feast of Purim.

The ancient prayer of Esther echoes in our prayer because of the circumstances surrounding our Nation now:

"Lord, our King, You alone are God. Help us. At times we feel alone and have no help but You. As children we learned from the people of this land and our founders that You, O Lord, chose us from among all peoples, and that You would fulfill all Your promises to them.

"Be mindful of us, O Lord, and manifest Yourself in this time of distress and give us courage.

"King of gods and ruler of every power, put in our mouths persuasive words. O God, more powerful than all, hear the voice of Your people in need. Save us from the power of the wicked and deliver us from all our fears."

In the end, Lord, You granted Your people victory and they rejoice to this very day. 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. Monahan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed without amendment a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 3699. An act to revise certain grants for continuum of care assistance for homeless individual and families.

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. 2646. An act to provide for the continuation of agricultural programs through fiscal year 2011.

The message also announced that the Senate insists upon its amendment to the bill (H.R. 2646) "An Act to provide for the continuation of agricultural programs through fiscal year 2011," requests a conference with the House on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses

thereon, and appoints Mr. HARKIN, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. HELMS, and Mr. COCHRAN, to be the conferees on the part of the Senate.

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

S. 980. An act to provide for the improvement of the safety of child restraints in passenger motor vehicles, and for other purposes.

S.J. Res. 32. Joint resolution congratulating the United States Military Academy at West Point on its bicentennial anniversary, and commending its outstanding contributions to the Nation.

### APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER TO REPRESENT THE HOUSE AT GEORGE WASHINGTON'S BIRTH- DAY CEREMONIES

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of Thursday, February 14, 2002, the Chair announces the Speaker's appointment of the following Member of the House to represent the House of Representatives at wreath-laying ceremonies at the Washington Monument for the observance of George Washington's birthday held on Friday, February 22, 2002:

Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland.

### PERMISSION TO INSERT PROGRAM AND REMARKS OF MEMBER REP- RESENTING THE HOUSE AT GEORGE WASHINGTON'S BIRTH- DAY CEREMONIES

Mr. PITTS. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the program and the remarks of the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. BARTLETT), the Member representing the House of Representatives at the wreath-laying ceremony at

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the Washington Monument for the observance of George Washington's birthday on Friday, February 22, 2002, be inserted in today's CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

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

There was no objection.

GEORGE WASHINGTON—THE 270TH  
CELEBRATION OF HIS BIRTH  
OPENING

Arnold Goldstein, Superintendent, National Capital Parks—Central, National Park Service.

PRESENTATION OF COLORS

Armed Forces Color Guard.

TO THE COLOR

The Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Arnold Goldstein.

RETIREMENT OF THE COLORS

WELCOME

Terry Carlstrom, Regional Director, National Park Service.

MUSICAL SELECTION

The Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps.

REMARKS

Fran Mainella, Director, National Park Service.

Honorable Roscoe G. Bartlett, Sixth District, Maryland, U.S. House of Representatives.

Delegate Eleanor Holmes Norton, Delegate, District of Columbia, U.S. House of Representatives.

James Symington, First Vice President, Washington National Monument Society.

PRESENTATION OF THE WREATHS

The Wreath of the U.S. House of Representatives, Honorable Roscoe Bartlett, Delegate Eleanor Holmes Norton.

The Wreath of the Washington National Monument Society, James Symington, Terry Carlstrom.

The Wreath of the National Park Service, Director Fran Mainella, Arnold Goldstein.

TAPS

CONGRESSMAN ROSCOE G. BARTLETT (R-MD), CEREMONY IN HONOR OF THE BIRTHDAY OF GEORGE WASHINGTON, WASHINGTON MONUMENT, WASHINGTON, DC, FEBRUARY 22, 2002

I am honored to have the privilege of representing my colleagues in the Congress at this commemoration of the 270th anniversary of the birth of George Washington on February 22, 1732 on the grounds of the Washington Monument in Washington, DC.

When I was growing up and for many years after, George Washington was popularly known as the Father of Our Country. Our young people in school and each new influx of immigrants to our country were taught that to understand American ideals, American government and what made America a great country, you had to begin by learning about the character, the conduct and the contributions of George Washington. Among the many giants of our nation's founders, George Washington was the single most, indeed the dispensable individual who was both most responsible for an who personified the ideals of the radically new form of government—a democratic republic—for a new and fragile nation, the United States of America.

There would have been no Declaration of Independence—if George Washington had not led the successful effort to break the British siege of Boston in the Spring of 1767.

The American Revolution would not have succeeded without George Washington lead-

ing a ragtag Continental Army through eight arduous and harrowing years against the most powerful military in the world, that of Great Britain.

Three would have been no Constitutional Convention and no Constitution—without George Washington leading it as its President and inspiration.

Our nation is being ably led by our 43rd President, George W. Bush. However, there would be no Presidency at all without George Washington is the only President of the United States ever elected unanimously—not just once, but twice.

There's an old saying that what's everybody's business is nobody's business.

In place of the study of George Washington and the celebration of "Washington's Birthday" has emerged the concept of "Presidents' Day."

Use of the term Presidents' Day insults the memory and ignores the contributions of George Washington. That is a disservice to all Americans, but especially to our young people and to the immigrants who come to America.

H.R. 420, a bill introduced by myself and my colleague Tom Tancredo (R-CO), would require all federal government entities to refer to the federal holiday that falls on the third Monday in February by its legal name, Washington's birthday. The bill also calls upon the President to issue a proclamation each year recognizing the anniversary of the birthday of President Abraham Lincoln.

I would like to share a statement by Congressman Tancredo:

"America has been blessed with many great presidents, and none greater than George Washington. The framers of the Constitution may have created the office of the President, but George Washington created the presidency, and infused it with the power to stand as a symbol of America's awesome potential."

"This February 22nd marks the 270th anniversary of our first president's birth, and our bill will help ensure that the true meaning of the holiday our nation observes in February is not lost. H.R. 420 simply mandates that officials and publications of the United States Government refer to this holiday by its proper legal name—Washington's Birthday."

"Lastly, it urges the president to issue a proclamation each year officially recognizing the anniversary of the birth of another great American president—Abraham Lincoln."

COMMUNICATION FROM STAFF  
MEMBER OF THE HONORABLE  
BOB SCHAFFER, MEMBER OF  
CONGRESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from Brandi Graham, Chief of Staff to the Honorable Bob SCHAFFER, Member of Congress:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
February 14, 2002.

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

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: This is to formally notify you, pursuant to Rule VIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, that I have been served with a second civil subpoena for documents and testimony issued by the Superior Court of the District of Columbia in a civil case pending there.

After consultation with the Office of General Counsel, I have determined that it is consistent with the precedents and privileges of the House to comply with the subpoena.

Sincerely,

BRANDI GRAHAM,  
Chief of Staff to Congressman Bob Schaffer.

DANIEL PEARL

(Mr. PITTS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PITTS. Madam Speaker, on the day we found out that Daniel Pearl was dead, the editors of the Wall Street Journal said, "His murder is an act of barbarism that makes a mockery of everything that Danny's kidnappers claimed to believe in."

"They claimed to be Pakistani nationalists, but their actions most surely bring shame to all true Pakistani patriots."

I think the editors of the Journal got it exactly right. Murder is never an act of patriotism, no matter what country one comes from.

Pakistan's President Pervez Musharraf is doing everything he can to track down Mr. Pearl's killers. Our own President says he is confident that Pervez Musharraf is doing everything possible to find them.

Pervez Musharraf has proven that he is a reliable ally in our war on terrorism. He has proven it by tracking down terrorists, even when they are citizens of his own country.

Daniel Pearl, another totally innocent victim in this war on terrorism, died seeking the truth. Let us make sure he did not die in vain. Let us help Pervez Musharraf find his killers, stop terrorism, and bring peace and democracy to the struggling nations of this world.

CONVEYING SYMPATHY TO THE  
FAMILY OF DANIEL PEARL

(Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Madam Speaker, the Chaplain this afternoon prayed that we might have persuasive words. Might I add my voice of outrage to the tragic and heinous killing of Daniel Pearl.

My sympathies to his family, my acknowledgment of his pregnant wife, and, as well, my sympathies to those of us who covet and love freedom.

Daniel Pearl died an outrageous and heinous and horrific and cruel death, and we must never forget that he stands for the expression of truth and the seeking of reconciliation. For that reason, we must bring the perpetrators of this violence to justice; and I would join with the administration, and I ask the Congress to join, as well, to ask that those who perpetrated this terrible act will be brought to justice in the United States of America.

Let us applaud the leadership of Pakistan, that they will pursue those to the very end. Let us not forget the message of Daniel Pearl and his wife, that reconciliation and peace, espousing freedom and justice throughout the world, is a valid value for the United States of America.