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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. SIMPSON).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
November 13, 2002.

I hereby appoint the Honorable MICHAEL K. SIMPSON to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

Dr. Jay Dennis, Senior Pastor, First Baptist Church at the Mall, Lakeland, Florida, offered the following prayer:

Our Heavenly Father, with issues facing this body that are historically significant, we pause to acknowledge You and to thank You. Thank You that our communication with You is a lifeline of hope. I ask Your hedge of protection, Your divine wisdom, and Your daily guidance upon each of these honorable men and women of the U.S. House of Representatives along with their families.

For our great country, we ask that You would hear our prayer for peace, protection, power over the enemies of freedom, and provision for our every need.

May Your plan become our purpose, may Your book become our guide, and

may Your presence be our ever-encouraging assurance.

May You bless these Members indeed. May You increase their influence and opportunities to change the world and make it better, and may You keep them and the United States in the hollow of Your hand.

In Jesus' name, 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 New Jersey (Mr. PALLONE) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. PALLONE 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.

WELCOMING DR. JAY DENNIS, SENIOR PASTOR, FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH AT THE MALL, LAKE-
LAND, FLORIDA

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

Mr. PUTNAM. Mr. Speaker, today's Guest Chaplain, Dr. Jay Dennis, is a constituent of mine serving the First Baptist Church at the Mall in Lakeland, Florida. I would like to take a moment to speak of his ministry, not only in central Florida, but around this Nation as well.

Throughout his tenure as pastor, Dr. Dennis' congregation has experienced extraordinary spiritual and physical growth, and has been identified by the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary as being among the top 4 percent of growing churches in America today. He is a gifted lecturer and author and broadcasts a daily radio and a weekly television show. Dr. Dennis is immediate past President of the Florida Baptist Convention.

But Dr. Dennis is in Washington on another matter today. In furtherance of their mission and ministry, Dr. Dennis and members of his congregation will be distributing a leather-bound study Bible to every Member of Congress, the Supreme Court and the administration.

We often speak in this Chamber about the dedication of individuals to their community and to their country. Dr. Dennis is making a difference in the lives of the people of central Florida and in so doing serves as an example for all of us to follow. I would like to take this moment to commend and thank Dr. Dennis on behalf of Congress for his ministry and commitment to the United States of America.

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May God continue to bless and guide these United States, Mr. Speaker.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will receive 10 one-minute speeches on each side.

CONGRESS SHOULD FINISH ITS WORK

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

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, the Republicans are about to take up a CR that keeps the government going until January 11. What they are not saying is that they are abdicating their responsibility to govern.

The Republican leadership in Congress has achieved one of the worst legislative breakdowns in the Nation's history. Of the 13 fiscal year 2003 appropriations bills, Congress will complete before the end of this session only Defense and Military Construction. Everything else is being carried over until the next year.

A review of the past half century of legislative calendars shows nothing close to such nonfeasance. Even in 2000 when Congress approved 21 continuing resolutions before completing its work December 15, the House at least had passed each of the 13 appropriations bills.

What is happening now is we are simply abdicating our responsibility. The Republicans do not want to do anything. They simply want to wait until

the new session of Congress. But the fact of the matter is that we have a responsibility to pass the budget, to pass the appropriations bills, to deal with them now, and to work between now in November as well as in December, not simply wait until the next session of Congress to address all of these issues.

REMEMBER THE MISSING AND EXPLOITED CHILDREN

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

Mr. LAMPSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to welcome our colleagues back and to remind everyone that while the media fervor of missing children has died down it does not mean that the cases have gone away.

It is my hope that we will continue in this body to focus and work on the issue of missing and exploited children. There is much that is going to be done. It is going to be years before we will address all of the problems that face children, so it will not be accomplished during this session or even the next Congress as well.

I would like to invite the new freshmen Members joining us to join the Congressional Caucus on Missing and Exploited Children. Children from every walk of life and every circumstance imaginable, stranger abduction, parental abduction, international abduction, runaways, and children being exploited, all deserve the attention we can give them.

Today as many of us return from the campaign trail where we have talked about our future and our children, I challenge my colleagues in Congress to

move toward more proactive and helpful positions on missing kids, all missing kids.

HONORING THE ANAHEIM ANGELS FOR THEIR VICTORY IN THE 2002 WORLD SERIES

(Ms. SANCHEZ asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. SANCHEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Anaheim Angels for winning the 2002 Major League Baseball World Series. I, for one, have been waiting for them to win this since 1966, the day I attended the first game when we built the Anaheim Stadium.

Under American League Manager of the Year Mike Scioscia, the Angels won a franchise record 99 games during the regular season on their way to the world championship. The Angels demonstrated their courage in a "never say die" attitude during their championship run, which included an incredible game number six of the World Series where they came five runs from behind to win and be in that World Series for the seventh game.

Although there were many outstanding individual contributions, it was the team's collective efforts that made the difference in the post season.

And I would like to recognize in particular the Rally Monkey for keeping the crowds excited and helping the Angels to come back and win time after time in the season.

With most of the players from this year's team returning next year, I bet we will win again.

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