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The House met at 1 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. TERRY).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
February 26, 2003.

I hereby appoint the Honorable LEE TERRY 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:

Come Holy Spirit, enlighten the hearts of those who are faithful and tireless in securing equal justice under the law. Fulfill the hopes of those who long for peace and security for their children. Guide and protect all elected officials and all who choose to serve this Nation and local communities through public service.

May Your will be done in and through those who pray for Divine Guidance and who trust in Divine Providence; even in the midst of conflicting opinions, philosophical differences, and the threat of violence.

Unite Your people and keep them focused on essentials that reflect Your kingdom. May the fire of Divine Love and human freedom renew the face of the Earth, 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 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 York (Mr. McNULTY) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. McNULTY 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.

RESIGNATION AS MEMBER OF COMMITTEE ON STANDARDS OF OFFICIAL CONDUCT

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following resignation as a member of the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, February 25, 2003.

Hon. DENNIS HASTERT,
Office of the Speaker, U.S. Capitol,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: I respectfully resign from the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct, having completed three terms as ranking member of the Committee.

Sincerely,

HOWARD L. BERMAN,
Member of Congress.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the resignation is accepted.

There was no objection.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO CERTAIN STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Democratic Caucus, I offer a privileged resolution (H. Res. 104) and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 104

Resolved, That the following named Members and Delegates be and are hereby elected

to the following standing committees of the House of Representatives:

(1) COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE: Mr. Lucas of Kentucky (to rank immediately after Mr. Boswell).

(2) COMMITTEE ON THE BUDGET: Mr. Kind.

(3) COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REFORM: Ms. Norton (to rank immediately after Mr. Ruppertsberger).

(4) COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS: Mrs. Christensen (to rank immediately after Mr. Ryan of Ohio), Mr. Davis of Illinois (to rank immediately after Mrs. Christensen), Mr. Gonzalez (to rank immediately after Mr. Davis of Illinois), Ms. Majette (to rank immediately after Ms. Bordallo).

Mr. MENENDEZ (during the reading). Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be considered as read and printed in the RECORD.

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

There was no objection.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Requests for 1 minutes are delayed until the end of business.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or on which the vote is objected to under clause 6, rule XX.

Any record vote on a postponed question will be taken later today.

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