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Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, February 3, 2003, at 10:00 a.m.

House of Representatives

FRIDAY, JANUARY 31, 2003

The House met at 10:00 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. PETRI).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
January 31, 2003.

I hereby appoint the Honorable THOMAS E. PETRI to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

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

PRAYER

The Reverend Eugene F. Hemrick, Diocese of Joliet, Illinois, offered the following prayer:

O Lord, on the walls of our Library of Congress, You tell us, wisdom is the principal thing; therefore, get wisdom; and with all thy getting, get understanding.

As we begin this day, may we dig deeper, ever so little more, to understand the awesome responsibilities we shoulder. May we understand, ever so little more, the difference we make in the lives of our people, our Nation, the world. May we endeavor, ever so little more, to be a person of understanding, always working to clarify, redefine and repeat in order to create better understanding.

Lord, may we take time, be it for only a few moments, to understand Your will in our work. Lord, we have

the saying, give it the old college try, meaning to do our best. May we do our best to understand that our business is really Your business, and in doing so, inspire our Nation with the wisdom and understanding that You are. 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 Alabama (Mr. ADERHOLT) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. ADERHOLT 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. Lundegran, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed without amendment a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 16. An act to authorize salary adjustments for Justices and judges of the United States for fiscal year 2003.

The message also announced that the Senate has passed a bill of the fol-

lowing title in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 101. An act to authorize salary adjustments for Justices and judges of the United States for fiscal year 2003.

The message also announced that pursuant to Public Law 106-286, the Chair, on behalf of the President of the Senate, and after consultation with the Democratic Leader, appoints the following Members to serve on the Congressional-Executive Commission on the People's Republic of China—

the Senator from Montana (Mr. BAUCUS),

the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN),

the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN), and

the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN).

The message also announced that pursuant to provisions of Public Law 107-202, the Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, announces the appointment of the following individuals as members of the Benjamin Franklin Tercentenary Commission—

the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SPECTER), and Dr. Dennis Wint of Pennsylvania.

The message also announced that pursuant to Public Law 94-304, as amended by Public Law 99-7, the Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, appoints the Senator from Colorado (Mr. CAMPBELL) as Co-Chairman of the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (Helsinki) during the One Hundred Eighth Congress.

The message also announced that pursuant to Public Law 94-304, as

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amended by Public Law 99-7, the Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, appoints the following Senators to the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe during the One Hundred Eighth Congress—

the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD),
the Senator from Florida (Mr. GRAHAM),
the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. FEINGOLD), and
the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON).

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, January 30, 2003.

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

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in 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 January 30, 2003 at 12:39 p.m.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.J. Res. 13.

With best wishes, I am
Sincerely,

JEFF TRANDAHL,
Clerk of the House.

APPOINTMENT OF HON. THOMAS E. PETRI TO ACT AS SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE TO SIGN EN- ROLLED BILLS AND JOINT RESO- LUTIONS THROUGH JANUARY 31, 2003

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

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
THE SPEAKER'S ROOMS,
Washington, DC, January 31, 2003.

I hereby appoint the Honorable THOMAS E. PETRI to act as Speaker pro tempore to sign enrolled bills and joint resolutions on this day.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the appointment is approved.

There was no objection.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO COMMITTEE ON THE BUDGET

Mr. ADERHOLT. Mr. Speaker, I offer a resolution (H. Res. 47), and I ask unanimous consent for its immediate consideration in the House.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will report the resolution.

The Clerk read as follows:

H. RES. 47

Resolved, That the following named Members be, and are hereby, elected to the following standing committee of the House of Representatives:

Committee on the Budget: Mr. Portman to rank after Mr. Hastings of Washington; Mr. Crenshaw to rank after Mr. Brown of South Carolina; Mr. Wicker and Mr. Hulshof to rank after Mr. Putnam; and Mr. Vitter to rank after Mr. Tancredo.

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

There was no objection.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

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:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
Washington, DC, January 29, 2003.

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

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, I have the honor to transmit a sealed envelope received from the White House on January 29, 2003 at 4:20 p.m. and said to contain a message from the President whereby he transmits a 6-month periodic report concerning the Western Balkans.

With best wishes, I am
Sincerely,

JEFF TRANDAHL,
Clerk of the House.

PERIODIC REPORT ON NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO THE WESTERN BALKANS—MES- SAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following message from the President of the United States; which was read and, together with the accompanying papers, without objection, referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered to be printed:

To the Congress of the United States

As required by section 401(c) of the National Emergencies Act, 50 U.S.C. 1641(c), and section 204(c) of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, 50 U.S.C. 1703(c), I transmit herewith a 6-month report prepared by my Administration on the national emergency with respect to the Western Balkans that was declared in Executive Order 13219 of June 26, 2001.

GEORGE W. BUSH,
THE WHITE HOUSE, January 29, 2003.

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U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, January 29, 2003.

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

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, I have the honor to transmit a sealed envelope received from the White House on January 29, 2003 at 4:20 p.m., and said to contain a message from the President whereby he transmits a semiannual report concerning emigration policies of the Newly Independent States of the former Soviet Union.

With best wishes, I am
Sincerely,

JEFF TRANDAHL,
Clerk of the House.

SEMIANNUAL REPORT CON- CERNING EMIGRATION POLICIES OF NEWLY INDEPENDENT STATES OF FORMER SOVIET UNION—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following message from the President of the United States; which was read and, together with the accompanying papers, without objection, referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and ordered to be printed:

To the Congress of the United States:

On September 21, 1994, then-President Clinton determined and reported to the Congress that the Russian Federation was not in violation of paragraphs (1), (2), or (3), of subsection 402(a) of the Trade Act of 1974, or paragraphs (1), (2), or (3), of subsection 409(a) of that Act. On June 3, 1997, he also determined and reported to the Congress that Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Moldova, and Ukraine were not in violation of the same provisions, and made an identical determination on December 5, 1997, with respect to Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan. These actions allowed for the continuation of normal trade relations for these countries and certain other activities without the requirement of an annual waiver.

On June 29, 2000, pursuant to section 302(b) of Public Law 106-200, then-President Clinton determined that title IV of the Trade Act of 1974 should no longer apply to Kyrgyzstan, and on December 29, 2000, pursuant to section 3002 of Public Law 106-476, he determined that title IV of the Trade Act of 1974 should no longer apply to Georgia.

As required by law, I am submitting an updated report to the Congress that was prepared by my Administration concerning the emigration laws and policies of Armenia, Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Moldova, the Russian Federation, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, and Uzbekistan. The report indicates continued compliance of these countries with international