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House of Representatives

The House met at 2 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. GILCREST).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
July 7, 2003.

I hereby appoint the Honorable WAYNE T. GILCREST 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:

As the Nation celebrated Independence Day this year, we thank You again, Lord, and we praise You still. You have blessed this land with abundance and hold us together in our diversity.

Let freedom continue to ring out from the Nation's capital as leaders in government turn to You in prayer and seek Your guidance in the days ahead. Strengthen and protect our military troops at home and abroad, for the gift of this Nation holds promise for peoples around the world.

May the songs of equal justice and religious truths heard this weekend at the Capitol Fourth concert on the Mall and from the Mormon Tabernacle Choir at Wolf Trap continue to sound across this Nation and stir America's soul in her desire to be "the land of the free and the home of the brave," 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 Virginia (Mr. WOLF) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. WOLF 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 agreed to the following resolution:

S. RES. 191

Whereas the Honorable J. Strom Thurmond conducted his life in an exemplary manner, an example to all of his fellow citizens;

Whereas the Honorable J. Strom Thurmond was a devoted husband, father, and most recently, grandfather;

Whereas the Honorable J. Strom Thurmond gave a great measure of his life to public service;

Whereas having abandoned the safety of high position, the Honorable J. Strom Thurmond served his country during World War II, fighting the greatest threat the world had thus far seen;

Whereas the Honorable J. Strom Thurmond served South Carolina in the United States Senate with devotion and distinction;

Whereas his service on behalf of South Carolina and all Americans earned him the esteem and high regard of his colleagues; and

Whereas his death has deprived his State and Nation of a most outstanding Senator: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate has heard with profound sorrow and deep regret the announcement of the death of the Honorable J. Strom Thurmond, former Senator and President Pro Tempore Emeritus from the State of South Carolina.

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate communicate these resolutions to the House of Representatives and transmit an enrolled copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

Resolved, That when the Senate adjourns today, it stand adjourned as a further mark of respect to the memory of the Honorable J. Strom Thurmond.

The message also announced that the Senate has passed with an amendment a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 1474. An act to facilitate check truncation by authorizing substitute checks, to foster innovation in the check collection system without mandating receipt of checks in electronic form, and to improve the overall efficiency of the Nation's payments system, and for other purposes.

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

S. 148. An act to provide for the Secretary of Homeland Security to be included in the line of Presidential succession.

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, June 27, 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 June 27, 2003 at 12:49 p.m.

That the Senate passed without amendment H. Con. Res. 231.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

MARTHA C. MORRISON,
Deputy Clerk of the House.

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OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, June 27, 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 June 27, 2003 at 5:06 p.m.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 2350.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 2474.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

DANIEL STRODEL,
Assistant to the Clerk.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER
PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 4 of rule I, Speaker pro tempore TOM DAVIS of Virginia signed the following enrolled bills on Monday, June 30, 2003:

H.R. 2350, to reauthorize the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families block grant program through fiscal year 2003, and for other purposes;

H.R. 2474, to authorize the Congressional Hunger Center to award Bill Emerson and Mickey Leland Hunger Fellowships for fiscal years 2003 and 2004.

HOUR OF MEETING ON TOMORROW

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today it adjourn to meet at 10:30 a.m. tomorrow for morning hour debates.

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

There was no objection.

CORRECTION TO THE CONGRESSIONAL
RECORD OF THURSDAY,
JUNE 26, 2003, AT PAGE H6259

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. DELAY. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to.

SENATE BILL REFERRED

A bill of the Senate of the following title was taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. 148. An act to provide for the Secretary of Homeland Security to be included in the line of Presidential succession; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Mr. Trandahl, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly enrolled bills of

the House of the following titles, which were thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 2350. An act to reauthorize the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families block grant program through fiscal year 2003, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2474. An act to authorize the Congressional Hunger Center to award Bill Emerson and Mickey Leland Hunger Fellowships for fiscal years 2003 and 2004.

BILLS PRESENTED TO THE
PRESIDENT

Jeff Trandahl, Clerk of the House reports that on June 30, 2003 he presented to the President of the United States, for his approval, the following bills.

H.R. 2350. To reauthorize the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families block grant program through fiscal year 2003, and for other purposes.

Jeff Trandahl, Clerk of the House reports that on July 2, 2003 he presented to the President of the United States, for his approval, the following bills.

H.R. 825. To redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 7401 West 100th Place in Bridgeview, Illinois, as the "Michael J. Healy Post Office Building".

H.R. 917. To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1830 South Lake Drive in Lexington, South Carolina, as the "Floyd Spence Post Office Building".

H.R. 925. To redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1859 South Ashland Avenue in Chicago, Illinois, as the "Cesar Chavez Post Office".

H.R. 981. To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 141 Erie Street in Linesville, Pennsylvania, as the "James R. Merry Post Office".

H.R. 985. To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 111 West Washington Street in Bowling Green, Ohio, as the "Delbert L. Latta Post Office Building".

H.R. 1055. To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1901 West Evans Street in Florence, South Carolina, as the "Dr. Roswell N. Beck Post Office Building".

H.R. 2474. To authorize the Congressional Hunger Center to award Bill Emerson and Mickey Leland Hunger Fellowships for fiscal years 2003 and 2004.

Jeff Trandahl, Clerk of the House reports that on July 3, 2003 he presented to the President of the United States, for his approval, the following bills.

H.R. 1368. To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 7554 Pacific Avenue in Stockton, California, as the "Norman D. Shumway Post Office Building".

H.R. 1465. To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4832 East Highway 27 in Iron Station, North Carolina, as the "General Charles Gabriel Post Office".

H.R. 1596. To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2318 Woodson Road in St. Louis, Missouri, as the "Timothy Michael Gaffney Post Office Building".

H.R. 1609. To redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 201 West Boston Street in Brookfield, Missouri, as the "Admiral Donald Davis Post Office Building".

H.R. 1704. To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1502 East Kiest Boulevard in Dallas, Texas, as the

"Dr. Caesar A.W. Clark, Sr. Post Office Building".

H.R. 2030. To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 120 Baldwin Avenue in Paia, Maui, Hawaii, as the "Patsy Takemoto Mink Post Office Building".

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 2 o'clock and 8 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Tuesday, July 8, 2003, at 10:30 a.m., for morning hour debates.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS,
ETC.

Under clause 8 of rule XII, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

2937. A letter from the transmitting a proposed emergency supplemental appropriations request totaling \$32.2 million for fiscal year 2003 to fund non-recurring expenses associated with new Article III judgeships and to pay for higher than anticipated Criminal Justice Act representations and juror days; to the Committee on Appropriations.

2938. A letter from the Principal Deputy Under Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting a report entitled "Interim Report to Congress on Corrosion Matters in the Department of Defense" May 2003, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 2228 (1067) (c) Public Law 107-314; to the Committee on Armed

2939. A letter from the Deputy Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's certification that the costs of Wedges 2 through 5, of the Pentagon Renovation will be within the specified limitation; to the Committee on Armed Services.

2940. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting the Department's final rule — Open Competition and Government Neutrality Towards Government Contractors' Labor Relations on Federal and Federally Funded Construction Projects [Docket No. FR-4695-I-01] (RIN: 2501-AC98) received June 5, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

2941. A letter from the Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System, transmitting the thirteenth annual report on the Profitability of Credit Card Operations of Depository Institutions, pursuant to 15 U.S.C. 1637 note, Public Law 100-583, section 8 (102 Stat. 2969); to the Committee on Financial Services.

2942. A letter from the General Counsel, National Credit Union Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Rules of NCUA Board Procedure; Promulgation of NCUA Rules and Regulations; Public Observance of NCUA Board Meetings — received June 24, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

2943. A letter from the General Counsel, National Credit Union Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Involuntary Liquidation of Federal Credit Unions and Adjudication of Creditor Claims Involving Federally Insured Credit Unions in Liquidation — received June 24, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

2944. A letter from the Director, OSHA Standards and Guidance, Department of