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

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
September 3, 2003.

I hereby appoint the Honorable EDWARD L. SCHROCK 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:

Almighty Father, our strength and our holy inspiration, be present to the Members of the House of Representatives as they begin the work of this fall session of the 108th Congress of the United States of America. Since responsibilities here have called Members to distance themselves, in some way from their loved ones, bless their spouses, their families and friends. Keep them safe and at peace.

May all those who work in this House of legislative business be blessed in their deepest commitments. May they know Your loving presence in the midst of daily activities and in every interaction with others.

Be especially gracious to those who are new in their service to this noble institution with its honored history and lofty standards. This very building is a symbol of freedom and justice for the world.

May the unfolding story of this Congress strengthen this Nation in its security and prosperity and renew the people's confidence in government.

Lord, make us fit instruments to accomplish Your holy will 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 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 with amendments in which the concurrence of the House is requested, bills of the House of the following titles:

H.R. 13. An act to reauthorize the Museum and Library Services Act, and for other purposes.

H.R. 659. An act to amend section 242 of the National Housing Act regarding the requirements for mortgage insurance under such Act for hospitals.

H.R. 2417. An act to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2004 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the Senate insists upon its amendment to the bill (H.R. 2417) "An Act to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2004 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Dis-

ability System, and for other purposes," requests a conference with the House on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and appoints from the Select Committee on Intelligence: Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. HATCH, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. BOND, Mr. LOTT, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. WARNER, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. LEVIN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. BAYH, Mr. EDWARDS, and Ms. MIKULSKI; Committee on Armed Services: Mr. ALLARD and Mr. NELSON of Florida; to be the conferees on the part of the Senate.

The message also announced that the Senate has passed with amendments in which the concurrence of the House is requested, a concurrent resolution of the House of the following title:

H. Con. Res. 209. Concurrent resolution commending the signing of the United States-Adriatic Charter, a charter of partnership among the United States, Albania, Croatia, and Macedonia.

The message also announced that the Senate has passed bills and concurrent resolutions of the following titles in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 523. An act to make technical corrections to laws relating to Native Americans, and for other purposes.

S. 678. An act to amend chapter 10 of title 39, United States Code, to include postmasters and postmasters organizations in the process for the development and planning of certain policies, schedules, and programs, and for other purposes.

S. 926. An act to amend section 5379 of title 5, United States Code, to increase the annual and aggregate limits on student loan repayments by Federal agencies.

S. 929. An act to direct the Secretary of Transportation to make grants for security improvements to over-the-road bus operations, and for other purposes.

S. 1547. An act to amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to make a technical correction with respect to the definition of qualifying State.

S. 1571. An act to increase the Federal Housing Administration mortgage commitment level to carry out the purposes of section 203(b) of the National Housing Act.

□ This symbol represents the time of day during the House proceedings, e.g., □ 1407 is 2:07 p.m.

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S. Con. Res. 25. Concurrent resolution recognizing and honoring America's Jewish community on the occasion of its 350th anniversary, supporting the designation of an "American Jewish History Month", and for other purposes.

S. Con. Res. 63. Concurrent resolution authorizing the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for the unveiling of the portrait bust of Vice President Dan Quayle on September 10, 2003.

SETTING PRIORITIES, KEEPING PROMISES

(Mr. DELAY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. DELAY. Mr. Speaker, between now and adjournment, the House's top-three priorities will focus squarely on correcting the missed opportunities of the recent past. This summer's blackout revealed the urgency of one of them. America needs a national policy to meet the energy demands of a 21st-century information economy, and it is our job to make that policy. House and Senate negotiators are hard at work developing a final bill; and when it is done, we will have our first comprehensive energy policy in a decade, more than 2 years since the House first passed it.

We are also working with the Senate to complete a Medicare bill that includes prescription drugs to finally strengthen and improve health care for American seniors.

This has been a top domestic priority for several years. We have already passed prescription drug legislation three times over Democrat partisanship, and we are committed to finishing the job this time. And finally, this fall we will complete the remainder of the Federal spending bills for the coming year.

We said all along that saving time during the budget process would save us money during the spending process, and now we have a chance to live up to that promise. Recent Congressional Budget Office projections of future deficits should serve as a warning to all of us about the need for spending restraint. These deficits are spending-driven deficits, and the only way to get the budget back to balance is through spending restraint and economic growth. Thanks in part to the tax relief the Republican Congress has passed in recent years, the American people are starting to revive the national economy, and the best thing we can do to help them is to maintain the fiscal discipline laid out in the budget proposed by the President and passed by the House. The last thing we want is to explode the deficit with new spending like the almost-\$1 trillion worth proposed by the minority so far this year.

Mr. Speaker, the Republican majority is committed to maintaining spending discipline and keeping the Federal budget on a glide-path to balance just as we are committed to completing the American people's unfinished business.

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, August 1, 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, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on August 1, 2003 at 11:00 a.m.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 1018.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 1412.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 1761.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 2195.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 2465.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 2738.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 2739.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 2854.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 2859.

That the Senate passed with an amendment H. Con. Res. 259.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

JEFF TRANDAH, L.
Clerk of the House.

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 Friday, August 1, 2003:

H.R. 1018, to designate the building located at 1 Federal Plaza in New York, New York, as the "James L. Watson United States Court of International Trade Building";

H.R. 1761, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 9350 East Corporate Hill Drive in Wichita, Kansas, as the "Garner E. Shriver Post Office Building";

H.R. 2465, to extend for six months the period for which chapter 12 of title 11 of the United States Code is reenacted;

H.R. 2859, making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2003;

S. 1015, to authorize grants through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for mosquito control programs to prevent mosquito-borne diseases, and for other purposes;

S. 1435, to provide for the analysis of the incidence and effects of prison rape in Federal, State, and local institutions and to provide information, resources, recommendations, and funding to protect individuals from prison rape.

And Speaker pro tempore BARTLETT of Maryland signed the following enrolled bills on Tuesday, August 5, 2003:

H.R. 1412, to provide the Secretary of Education with specific waiver authority to respond to a war or other military operation or national emergency;

H.R. 2195, to provide for additional space and resources for national collections held by the Smithsonian Institution, and for other purposes;

H.R. 2738, to implement the United States-Chile Free Trade Agreement;

H.R. 2739, to implement the United States-Singapore Free Trade Agreement;

H.R. 2854, to amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to extend the availability of allotments for fiscal years 1998 through 2001 under the State Children's Health Insurance Program, and for other purposes.

COMMUNICATION FROM CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE

The Speaker pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the chairman of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure; which was read and, without objection, referred to the Committee on Appropriations:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE,

Washington, DC, July 23, 2003.

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

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Enclosed please find resolutions approved by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure on July 23, 2003, in accordance with 40 U.S.C. § 3307.

Sincerely,

DON YOUNG,
Chairman.

Enclosures.

SITE AND DESIGN, SAN YSIDRO—U.S. BORDER STATION, SAN DIEGO COUNTY, CA

Resolved by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the U.S. House of Representatives, That pursuant to 40 U.S.C. § 3307, appropriations are authorized for site and relocation and design of a 311,000 gross square foot United States Border Station, including 400-500 parking spaces, located in San Diego County, California, at a site and relocation cost of \$25,630,000 and design cost of \$8,581,000 for a combined estimated cost of \$34,211,000, a prospectus for which is attached to, and included in, this resolution.

AMENDMENT—CONSTRUCTION, U.S. BORDER STATION, JACKMAN, ME

Resolved by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the U.S. House of Representatives, That pursuant to 40 U.S.C. § 3307, additional appropriations are authorized for the construction of a 53,217 gross square foot United States Border Station, including 12 inside parking spaces, located in Jackman, Maine, at an additional estimated construction cost of \$6,267,000 (estimated construction cost of \$7,967,000 was previously authorized) and additional site, design and management and inspection cost of \$1,445,000 (site, design and management inspection cost of \$2,095,000 was previously authorized) for a combined estimated cost of \$7,712,000, a prospectus for which is attached to, and included in, this resolution. This resolution amends a Committee resolution dated June 26, 2002, which authorized estimated construction cost and management and inspection cost of \$9,194,000, which amended a Committee resolution dated July 18, 2001, which