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## House of Representatives

The House met at noon and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. THORNBERRY).

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,  
March 12, 2004.

I hereby appoint the Honorable MAC THORNBERRY 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:

Today, the United States, in solidarity with Spain, laments the many deaths and injuries inflicted upon innocent people by terrorists, and we pray with them some lines from Psalm 10.

Lord, do not stand aloof. Why hide in times of distress? Proudly have wicked people harassed Your afflicted ones. In his pride the wicked say, "He will not punish. There is no God." Such are his thoughts.

His mouth is full of cursing, guile, and deceit; mischief and disaster lie under his tongue. He lurks in hiding to seize the passerby. His eyes spy upon the unfortunate. He springs like a lion and murders the innocent.

Rise up, O Lord, lift up Your mighty arm. Forget not Your afflicted. You lovingly behold the misery and sorrow. Take them into Your hands.

Break the strength of the wicked and all evildoers. Be a strong defense for Your faithful ones. And be Lord over all nations as their Savior King forever and ever.

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. The Chair will lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The SPEAKER pro tempore 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 without amendment a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 3915. An act to provide for an additional temporary extension of programs under the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 through April 2, 2004, and for other purposes.

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

H.R. 254. An act to authorize the President of the United States to agree to certain amendments to the Agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the United Mexican States concerning the establishment of a Border Environment Cooperation Commission and a North American Development Bank, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 411(b)(1)(B) of Public Law 108-16, the Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, appoints the following individual to serve as a member

of the National Commission on Small Community Air Service:

Mayor Bob Corker of Chattanooga, Tennessee.

### APPOINTMENT OF HONORABLE MAC THORNBERRY TO ACT AS SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE TO SIGN ENROLLED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS THROUGH MARCH 15, 2004

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

WASHINGTON, DC,  
March 12, 2004.

I hereby appoint the Honorable MAC THORNBERRY to act as Speaker pro tempore to sign enrolled bills and joint resolutions through March 15, 2004.

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

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

There was no objection.

### ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Mr. Trandahl, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly enrolled a bill of the House of the following title, which were thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 3915. An act to provide for an additional temporary extension of programs under the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 through April 2, 2004, and for other purposes.

### ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the House stands adjourned until 12:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 16, 2004, for morning hour debates.

There was no objection.

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 4 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the

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#### EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

7151. A letter from the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations, Department of Defense, transmitting notification of the decision to convert to contractor performance; to the Committee on Armed Services.

7152. A letter from the Assistant to the Board, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting the Board's final rule — Credit by Brokers and Dealers; List of Foreign Margin Stocks [Regulation T] received March 4, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

7153. A letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans and Designation of Areas for Air Quality Planning Purposes; Alabama; Redesignation of Birmingham Ozone Non-attainment Area to Attainment for Ozone [AL-63-200412; FRL-7634-9] received March 11, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

7154. A letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Virginia; Revisions to Regulations for General Compliance Activities and Source Surveillance [VA133-5066a; FRL-7635-9] received March 11, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

7155. A letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of State Plans For Designated Facilities; Puerto Rico [Region 2 Docket No. PR11-267c; FRL-7634-2] received March 11, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

7156. A letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revisions [FRL-7633-2] received March 11, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

7157. A letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Massachusetts; Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revisions; State-Specific Modification to Federal Hazardous Waste Regulations, pursuant to ECOS Program Proposal; Extension of Site-Specific Regulations for New England Universities' Laboratories XL Projects [FRL-7634-4] received March 11, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

7158. A letter from the Director, International Cooperation, Department of Defense, transmitting a copy of Transmittal 01-04 informing of an intent to sign the fifth supplement to the Memorandum of Understanding concerning the Production and Support Phase of the Guided Multiple Launch Rocket System Program between the United States and the United Kingdom, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2767(f); to the Committee on International Relations.

7159. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting as re-

quired 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), and pursuant to Executive Order 13313 of July 31, 2003, the final six-month periodic report on the national emergency blocking property of persons undermining democratic processes or institutions in Zimbabwe that was declared in Executive Order 13288 of March 6, 2003; to the Committee on International Relations.

7160. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Policy, Management and Budget; Chief Financial Officer, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's combined Annual Performance and Accountability Report (PAR) for Fiscal Year 2003, pursuant to the Government Performance and Results Act of 1993; to the Committee on Government Reform.

7161. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Management, Budget and Evaluation/ Acting Chief Financial Officer, Department of Energy, transmitting a report pursuant to Pub. L. 105-270, "The Federal Activities Inventory Reform Act of 1998"; to the Committee on Government Reform.

7162. A letter from the Attorney Advisor, Department of Transportation, transmitting a report pursuant to the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998; to the Committee on Government Reform.

7163. A letter from the Director, Office of Surface Mining, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — Maryland Regulatory Program [MD-051-FOR] received March 8, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

7164. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Land and Minerals Management, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's "Major" final rule — Oil and Gas and Sulfur Operations in the Outer Continental Shelf-Relief or Reduction in Royalty Rates — Deep Gas Provisions (RIN: 1010-AD01) received March 4, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

7165. A letter from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, USCG, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Sturgeon Bay Ship Canal, Sturgeon Bay, WI [CGD09-04-003] (RIN: 1625-AA09) received March 4, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

7166. A letter from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, USCG, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Drawbridge Operation Regulations; Albemarle and Chesapeake Canal, AICW, Virginia [CGD05-04-041] (RIN: 1625-AA-09) received March 4, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

7167. A letter from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, USCG, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Drawbridge Operation Regulations; Ocean Springs, MS [CGD08-04-011] received March 4, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

7168. A letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revision [FRL-7634-3] received March 11, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

7169. A letter from the Director, Regulations Management, Office of Regulation, Policy, and Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting the Department's

final rule — Delegation of Authority--Property Management Contractor (RIN: 2900-AL85) received March 4, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

7170. A letter from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Determination of Interest Rate (Rev. Rul. 2004-26) received March 5, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

#### PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. ROGERS of Alabama (for himself, Mr. COX, Mr. HUNTER, Mr. BOEHNER, Mr. PICKERING, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mr. KENNEDY of Minnesota, Mr. CALVERT, Mr. KING of Iowa, Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland, Mr. SOUDER, Mr. CULBERSON, Mr. ENGLISH, Mr. AKIN, Mr. KOLBE, Mr. PEARCE, Mr. ROHRBACHER, Mr. TOOMEY, and Ms. HARRIS):

H.R. 3966. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, and the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to improve the ability of the Department of Defense to establish and maintain Senior Reserve Officer Training Corps units at institutions of higher education, to improve the ability of students to participate in Senior ROTC programs, and to ensure that institutions of higher education provide military recruiters entry to campuses and access to students that is at least equal in quality and scope to that provided to any other employer; to the Committee on Armed Services, and in addition to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. THOMAS:

H.R. 3967. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to credit the Highway Trust Fund with the full amount of fuel taxes, to combat fuel tax evasion, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. HOLT (for himself, Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California, Mr. KILDEE, Ms. WOOLSEY, Mr. HINOJOSA, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. FROST, Mr. BOUCHER, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD, Mr. DELAHUNT, Mr. MCNULTY, Ms. CARSON of Indiana, Mr. MCDERMOTT, and Mr. BROWN of Ohio):

H.R. 3968. A bill to provide access and assistance to increase college attendance and completion by part-time students; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. TAUZIN:

H.R. 3969. A bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to strengthen the limitations on the holding of any license, permit, operating authority by a foreign government or any entity controlled by a foreign government; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

#### ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

Under clause 7 of rule XII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions as follows:

H.R. 1160: Mr. TIAHRT.  
H.R. 3676: Ms. MAJETTE.  
H.R. 3771: Ms. DELAURO.