

APPOINTMENT AS MEMBERS OF COMMITTEE TO NOTIFY THE PRESIDENT, PURSUANT TO HOUSE RESOLUTION 486

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to House Resolution 486, and the order of the House of December 8, 2003, the Chair announces his appointment of the following Members to the committee on the part of the House to join a committee on the part of the Senate to notify the President of the United States that a quorum of each House has been assembled and that Congress is ready to receive any communication that he may be pleased to make:

The gentleman from Texas (Mr. DELAY) and the gentlewoman from California (Ms. PELOSI).

NOTIFICATION TO THE SENATE

Mr. DELAY. Mr. Speaker, I offer a privileged resolution (H. Res. 487) to inform the Senate that a quorum of the House has assembled, and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 487

Resolved, That the Clerk of the House inform the Senate that a quorum of the House is present and that the House is ready to proceed with business.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

DAILY HOUR OF MEETING

Mr. DELAY. Mr. Speaker, I offer a privileged resolution (H. Res. 488) and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 488

Resolved, That unless otherwise ordered, before Monday, May 31, 2004, the hour of daily meeting of the House shall be 2 p.m. on Mondays; noon on Tuesdays; and 10 a.m. on all other days of the week; and from Monday, May 31, 2004, and for the remainder of the 108th Congress, the hour of daily meeting of the House shall be noon on Mondays, 10 a.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays; and 9 a.m. on all other days of the week.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

JOINT SESSION OF THE CONGRESS—STATE OF THE UNION MESSAGE

Mr. DELAY. Mr. Speaker, I offer a privileged concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 349) and ask for its immediate consideration.

The SPEAKER. The Clerk will report the concurrent resolution.

The Clerk read the concurrent resolution, as follows:

H. CON. RES. 349

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That the two Houses of Congress assemble in the Hall of the House

of Representatives on Tuesday, January 20, 2004, at 9 p.m., for the purpose of receiving such communication as the President of the United States shall be pleased to make to them.

The concurrent resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

MAKING IN ORDER MORNING HOURS DEBATE

Mr. DELAY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that during the remainder of the 108th Congress:

(1) on legislative days of Monday when the House convenes pursuant to House Resolution 488, the House shall convene 90 minutes earlier than the time otherwise established by that resolution solely for the purpose of conducting morning-hour debate;

(2) on legislative days of Tuesday when the House convenes pursuant to House Resolution 488:

(a) before May 31, 2004, the House shall convene for morning-hour debate 90 minutes earlier than the time otherwise established by that resolution; and (b) after May 31, 2004, the House shall convene for morning-hour debate 1 hour earlier than the time otherwise established by that resolution;

(3) on legislative days of Tuesday after May 31, 2004, when the House convenes for morning-hour debate pursuant to a separate order of the House, the House shall resume its session 90 minutes after such convening;

(4) the time for morning-hour debate shall be limited to 30 minutes allocated to each party (except that on Tuesdays after May 31, 2004, a 1-hour period shall be limited to 25 minutes allocated to each party and may not continue beyond 10 minutes before the hour appointed for the resumption of the session of the House); and

(5) the form of proceeding to morning-hour debate shall be as follows:

the prayer by the Chaplain, the approval of the Journal, and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag shall be postponed until resumption of the session of the House; initial and subsequent recognitions for debate shall alternate between the parties; recognition shall be conferred by the Speaker only pursuant to lists submitted by the Majority leader and by the Minority leader; no Member may address the House for longer than 5 minutes, except the Majority leader, the Minority leader, or the Minority whip; and following morning-hour debate, the Chair shall declare a recess pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I until the time appointed for the resumption of the session of the House.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

GRANTING MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE PRIVILEGE TO EXTEND REMARKS AND INCLUDE EXTRANEOUS MATERIAL IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD FOR THE SECOND SESSION OF THE 108TH CONGRESS

Mr. DELAY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that for the remainder of the 108th Congress, all Members be permitted to extend their remarks and to include extraneous material within the permitted limit in that section of the RECORD entitled "Extensions of Remarks."

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

DISPENSING WITH CALENDAR WEDNESDAY BUSINESS ON TOMORROW

Mr. DELAY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the business in order under the Calendar Wednesday rule be dispensed with tomorrow.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

COMMUNICATION FROM HON. NANCY PELOSI, DEMOCRATIC LEADER

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following communication from the Honorable NANCY PELOSI, Democratic Leader:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
OFFICE OF THE DEMOCRATIC LEADER,
Washington, DC, December 16, 2003.

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

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to section 1238(b)(3) of the Floyd D. Spence National Defense Authorization Act of Fiscal Year 2001 (P.L. 106-398), I hereby reappoint Ms. Carolyn Bartholomew of the District of Columbia, for a two-year term that expires December 31, 2005, to the United States-China Review Commission. Her current one-year term expires December 31, 2003.

Best regards,
NANCY PELOSI.

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U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
OFFICE OF THE DEMOCRATIC LEADER,
December 16, 2003.

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

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to section 214(a) of the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (42 U.S.C. 15344), I hereby appoint Willie L. Brown, Jr. of San Francisco, California to the Election Assistance Commission Board of Advisors. Mr. Brown is appointed for a 2 year term.

Best Regards,
NANCY PELOSI.