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

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,

June 4, 2004.

I hereby appoint the Honorable RICK RENZI to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

J. DENNIS HASTERT,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Reverend John Boyles, President, Faith Prepared Network, National Capital Presbytery, Washington, D.C., offered the following prayer:

O Lord God, we come before You now to ask that You would bless and sanctify the service of this body on this day.

O Lord, bring both wisdom and knowledge to bear upon this Chamber's governance, that its rules of law, its business, done by and for this Nation's people, through those representing them here today, might in turn be an inspiration and example to those of other lands, who can now, in new time of liberation, begin to act together on a new path of freedom. May what is done here today in this body be a model for all of righteous governance.

May this Chamber and its offices, its Members and staffs, have Your strengthening, O God, for their work and draw upon Your guidance for their planning, Your vision for their path, Your compassion for their service to the people of our Nation. 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 a bill and a concurrent resolution of the following titles in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 2363. An act to revise and extend the Boys and Girls Clubs of America.

S. Con. Res. 114. Concurrent resolution concerning the importance of the distribution of food in schools to hungry or malnourished children around the world.

The message also announced that the Senate agrees to the amendment of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 1233) entitled "An Act to authorize assistance for the National Great Blacks in Wax Museum and Justice Learning Center."

SENATE BILLS REFERRED

A bill and a concurrent resolution of the Senate of the following titles were taken from the Speaker's table, and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. 2363. An act to revise and extend the Boys and Girls Clubs of America; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

S. Con. Res. 114. Concurrent resolution concerning the importance of the distribution of food in schools to hungry or malnour-

ished children around the world; to the Committee on International Relations.

ADJOURNMENT

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

There was no objection.

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 3 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Tuesday, June 8, 2004, at 12:30 p.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:

8393. A letter from the Assist. Gen. Counsel, Div. of Regulatory Services, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Education, transmitting the Department's final rule — Institutional Eligibility Under the Higher Education Act of 1965, as Amended (HEA); Patricia Roberts Harris Fellowship Program, Student Assistance General Provisions; Federal Perkins Loan Program; Federal Work-Study Programs; Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant Program; Federal Family Education Loan Program; William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program; Federal Pell Grant Program; and National Early Intervention Scholarship and Partnership Program (RIN: 1840-AC47) Received May 6, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

8394. A letter from the Assist. Gen. Counsel, Div. of Regulatory Services, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Education, transmitting the Department's final rule — Federal Perkins Loan Program, Federal Family Education Loan Program, and William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program (RIN: 1840-AC84) received May 6, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

8395. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Administration and Management, Department of Labor, transmitting the Department's final rule — Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Age in Programs or Activities

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Receiving Federal Financial Assistance From the Department of Labor (RIN: 1291-AA21) received May 7, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

8396. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Employee Benefits Security Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting the Department's final rule — Class Exemption for the Acquisition and Sale of Trust REIT Shares by Individual Account Plans Sponsored by Trust REITS [Prohibited Transaction Exemption 2004-07; Application Number D-10659] received April 29, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

8397. A letter from the Director, Corp. Policy and Research Dept., Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's final rule — Participant Notice Voluntary Correction Program (RIN: 1212-AB00) received May 7, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

8398. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. ACT 15-438, "American College of Cardiology and the American College of Cardiology Foundation Real Property Tax Exemption Act of 2004," pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform.

8399. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. ACT 15-435, "Retail Incentive Act of 2004," pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform.

8400. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. ACT 15-434, "Teacher Retirement Incentive Program Temporary Amendment Act of 2004," pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform.

8401. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. ACT 15-433, "Honoraria Temporary Amendment Act of 2004," pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform.

8402. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. ACT 15-432, "Use of Fraudulent Temporary Identification Tags and Automobile Forfeiture Temporary Amendment Act of 2004," pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform.

8403. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. ACT 15-426, "Deed Recordation Tax and Related Amendments Amendment Act of 2004," pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform.

8404. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. ACT 15-425, "Sibley Memorial Hospital Equitable Real Property Tax Relief Act of 2004," pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform.

8405. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. ACT 15-431, "Lot 878, Square 456 Tax Exemption Clarification Temporary Act of 2004," pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform.

8406. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. ACT 15-430, "Lead-Based Paint Abatement and Control Temporary Amendment Act of 2004," pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform.

8407. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a

copy of D.C. ACT 15-429, "Lower Income, Long-Term Homeowner Credit Administration Temporary Act of 2004," pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform.

8408. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. ACT 15-428, "National Capital Medical Center Memorandum of Understanding Approval Act of 2004," pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform.

8409. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. ACT 15-427, "Office of Administrative Hearings Independence Preservation Amendment Act of 2004," pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform.

8410. A letter from the Vice Chair, United States Sentencing Commission, transmitting the Commission's amendments to the sentencing guidelines, policy statements, and official commentary, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 994(p); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. POMBO: Committee on Resources.
H.R. 3932. A bill to amend Public Law 99-338 to authorize the continued use of certain lands within the Sequoia National Park by portions of an existing hydroelectric project; with amendments (Rept. 108-525). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. POMBO:

H.R. 4513. A bill to provide that in preparing an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement required under section 102 of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 with respect to any action authorizing a renewable energy project, no Federal agency is required to identify alternative project locations or actions other than the proposed action and the no action alternative, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. POMBO:

H.R. 4514. A bill to provide for exploration, development, and production of oil and gas resources on the Arctic Coastal Plain of Alaska, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. POMBO:

H.R. 4515. A bill to promote natural gas production from the abundant natural gas hydrate resources on the outer Continental Shelf and Federal lands in Alaska by providing royalty incentives, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mrs. BIGGERT (for herself and Mr. DAVIS of Tennessee):

H.R. 4516. A bill to require the Secretary of Energy to carry out a program of research and development to advance high-end computing; to the Committee on Science.

By Mr. BARTON of Texas:

H.R. 4517. A bill to provide incentives to increase refinery capacity in the United States; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. SMITH of Texas (for himself, Mr. CONYERS, and Mr. BERMAN):

H.R. 4518. A bill to extend the statutory license for secondary transmissions under section 119 of title 17, United States Code; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. HINCHEY:

H.R. 4519. A bill to amend the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 to promote better nutrition among school children participating in the school breakfast and lunch programs; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. THOMAS (for himself, Mr. CRANE, Mr. SHAW, Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut, Mr. HOUGHTON, Mr. HERGER, Mr. McCRERY, Mr. CAMP, Mr. RAMSTAD, Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas, Ms. DUNN, Mr. COLLINS, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. ENGLISH, Mr. HAYWORTH, Mr. HULSHOF, Mr. MCINNIS, Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky, Mr. FOLEY, Mr. BRADY of Texas, and Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin):

H.R. 4520. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to remove impediments in such Code and make our manufacturing, service, and high-technology businesses and workers more competitive and productive both at home and abroad; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, 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.

MEMORIALS

Under clause 3 of rule XII, memorials were presented and referred as follows:

350. The SPEAKER presented a memorial of the Senate of the State of Tennessee, relative to Senate Resolution No. 110 memorializing the President and Congress of the United States to restore funding for the Juvenile Accountability Block Grant; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

351. Also, a memorial of the General Assembly of the State of Tennessee, relative to Senate Joint Resolution No. 64 memorializing the Congress of the United States to require that government uniforms and equipment be manufactured in the United States; to the Committee on Government Reform.

352. Also, a memorial of the House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana, relative to House Resolution No. 39 memorializing the Congress of the United States to oppose the proposed federal funding cuts to maintenance and operation of locks and dams along the Ouachita and Black River navigational system; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

353. Also, a memorial of the Senate of the State of Illinois, relative to Senate Resolution No. 168 supporting the maintaining of the current federal truck size and weight limitations and opposing proposals to experiment with longer and heavier trucks on public highways; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

354. Also, a memorial of the Legislature of the State of Hawaii, relative to Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 126 memorializing the Congress of the United States to increase funding for the continuation and expansion of veterans benefits and services; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

355. Also, a memorial of the Legislature of the State of Louisiana, relative to Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 60 memorializing the Congress of the United States to continue to provide southwest Louisiana veterans a community based outpatient clinic in Jennings, Louisiana; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.