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The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. BURNS).

DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
June 22, 2004.

I hereby appoint the Honorable MAX BURNS to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

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

MORNING HOUR DEBATES

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of January 20, 2004, the Chair will now recognize Members from lists submitted by the majority and minority leaders for morning hour debates. The Chair will alternate recognition between the parties, with each party limited to not to exceed 25 minutes, and each Member, except the majority leader, the minority leader, or the minority whip, limited to not to exceed 5 minutes, but in no event shall debate extend beyond 9:50 a.m.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until 10 a.m. today.

Accordingly (at 9 o'clock and 2 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess until 10 a.m.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. HEFLEY) at 10 a.m.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer:

Lord of creation, out of chaos You breathed forth the cosmos; out of disorder You arranged an order in nature. You invite leadership in government to continue in this creative act by bringing clarity and consensus to complex issues facing society today. By law and the ways of justice, You bring a settlement to communities across this country and plant seeds of world peace.

As You have acted in and through Your people in the past, so now act in the present. As You can always create anew, so now move and act in our personal lives and in our lives as a Nation. Out of love, You fashion and free us to reach our full potential both 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 without amendment bills of the House of the following titles:

H.R. 4322. An act to provide for the transfer of the Nebraska Avenue Naval Complex in the District of Columbia to facilitate the establishment of the headquarters for the Department of Homeland Security, to provide for the acquisition by the Department of the Navy of suitable replacement facilities, and for other purposes.

H. Con. Res. 458. Concurrent resolution directing the Secretary of the Senate to make technical corrections in the enrollment of the bill S. 2238.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 214 of title II, Public Law 107-252, the Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, appoints the following individual to serve as a member of the Election Assistance Board of Advisors:

Wesley R. Kliner, Jr. of Tennessee.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 411(b)(1)(B), Public Law 108-176, 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:

Philip H. Trenary, of Tennessee.

JOHN KERRY'S MISGUIDED CAMPAIGN TACTIC

(Mr. PITTS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PITTS. Mr. Speaker, yesterday, JOHN KERRY joined the growing chorus of those who are just plain confused on stem cell research.

There are two different types of stem cell research: adult and embryonic. Adult stem cell research works. Embryonic stem cells do not.

Look at the science. The private sector knows this. The Juvenile Diabetes Foundation claims that embryo stem cell research is the most promising research. Yet, it devotes only \$3 million of its \$80 million research and education budget for embryo stem cell research. They spent \$15 million on adult stem cell research.

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Why do they say embryo stem cell research has the most potential, but they spend five times as much money on adult stem cell research? Adult stem cells have already successfully treated Parkinson's, blindness, Lupus, rheumatoid arthritis, leukemia, non-Hodgkin's lymphomas, multiple sclerosis, and the list goes on. There have been no successful treatments with embryo stem cells. None.

Let the truth prevail on this. Let us fund what works. Let us fund what is saving lives. Let us do the right thing and not play politics.

FINAL DRAFT OF "PATTERNS OF GLOBAL TERRORISM" REFLECTS THE FACTS

(Mr. EMANUEL asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. EMANUEL. Mr. Speaker, finally, today, the State Department will release the complete and authoritative report on the "Patterns of Global Terrorism," a correction requested by our colleague, the gentleman from California (Mr. WAXMAN).

The original report issued by Secretary Powell claimed terrorist incidents hit their lowest level in 34 years; but, in fact, terrorist attacks were at their highest in 20 years. A funny thing happened on the way to the printer.

Unfortunately, this is not the first, second, or even the third time, for that matter, that a Bush Cabinet Secretary is having to rewrite a report from their own department. Time and again, Bush Cabinet Secretaries have been forced to abandon their own report after public scrutiny.

Whether it is a State Department report on terrorism, inaccurate reports published by Health and Human Services on racial disparities in health care, the cost of the Medicare prescription drug bill, or the EPA's mercury report, each time one thing in common happens: the first draft reflects the administration's ideology and political objectives, and the rewrite reflects the facts.

The final draft reflects the facts, and as Ronald Reagan used to say, facts are a stubborn thing.

It appears that a pattern exists of either gross incompetence or gross political manipulation, and neither is worthy of a Cabinet Secretary.

Mr. Speaker, today we welcome Secretary Powell's report in coming clean on the true facts on the war on terrorism.

BUSH ADMINISTRATION FALLS SHORT ON PROMISES TO VETERANS

(Ms. BERKLEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. BERKLEY. Mr. Speaker, on the 4th of July, families in Las Vegas will

celebrate the anniversary of our Nation's independence with great fanfare, including parades, watching the fire works, singing our National Anthem, honoring our veterans. Also on this day, I will join in the local effort to provide meals to the homeless veterans in my community.

Sadly, the Bush administration and many in Congress have fallen short on the promises made to our veterans. President Bush shortchanged our veterans when he proposed to increase the prescription drug copay and create a \$250 user fee for veterans who use the VA. Republicans shortchanged our veterans when they underfunded important veterans programs and underfunded veterans health care by \$1 billion.

We must not only remember and thank our veterans on holidays like Independence Day; we must send a message to them every day that we as Americans are eternally grateful for their service and sacrifice by meeting our promises, the promises made to our veterans to provide health care and other important benefits.

RULE OF LAW MAY FINALLY RULE IN IRAQ

(Mr. McDERMOTT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. McDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, the rule of law may finally apply to U.S. military and civilian commanders running the President's war in Iraq. The American people may finally learn the truth behind the prisoner abuse scandal at Abu Ghraib.

A U.S. military judge has ruled that lawyers defending low-ranking soldiers can question top U.S. commanders. It is the first step in getting the truth, and it is about time. A lawyer for one soldier summed up a widely held view: "No one can suggest with a straight face that these MPs acted alone." Yet that is exactly what this administration keeps trying to do.

Congress and the American people have heard the tortured logic from the administration and its spin doctors. No rational person is buying it.

Those who flaunted the law, regardless of rank in the military or the administration, must be brought to justice. To rebuild our credibility, the world must know that we are a nation of laws, not of men and their ideas.

WHAT THE REPUBLICANS ARE NOT TELLING US

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

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, when President Bush took office, he inherited a \$236 billion budget surplus and an economy that had created 22 million jobs over 8 years, and lowered poverty levels to their lowest rate in 20 years. Four years later, 8.2 million Americans

are looking for work, unemployment is 30 percent higher, 1.9 million private sector jobs and 2.7 million manufacturing jobs have been lost, and the average household income has decreased by almost \$1,500.

However, recent statements by the Bush administration and my Republican colleagues in Congress are beginning to paint an increasingly cheery picture of our economy.

What the Republicans are not telling us is that about 90 percent of the new jobs they are boasting about pay an average hourly wage that is less than the national average. What they are not telling us is that in States like New Jersey, my State, those lower-paying jobs are 11 percent less likely to include health care coverage.

Combine all that with rising education costs: tuition in New Jersey has gone up 36 percent; and rising gas prices: the average price of gas in New Jersey is over \$2 a gallon.

Mr. Speaker, middle class Americans are being squeezed by Republican policies that have allowed these prices to skyrocket and create record deficits. What they are not telling us is that middle-class American families are paying the price.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or on which the vote is objected to under clause 6 of rule XX.

RECORD votes on postponed questions will be taken later today.

CONGRATULATING KENYON COLLEGE LADIES SWIMMING AND DIVING TEAM FOR WINNING 2004 NCAA DIVISION III WOMEN'S SWIMMING AND DIVING NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Mr. TIBERI. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 634) congratulating the Kenyon College Ladies swimming and diving team for winning the 2004 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division III Women's Swimming and Diving National Championship.

The Clerk read as follows:

H. RES. 634

Whereas on March 13, 2004, the Kenyon College Ladies swimming and diving team won the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division III Women's Swimming and Diving National Championship for the 20th time with a score of 506 points;

Whereas the Ladies won 10 of the 20 championship events, including all five relay events for the second straight season;

Whereas Head Coach Jim Steen has won 41 NCAA Division III Swimming and Diving National Championships as coach of both the men's and women's swimming and diving teams at Kenyon College;