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## Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, April 11, 2005, at 2 p.m.

## House of Representatives

FRIDAY, APRIL 8, 2005

The House met at 10 a.m. 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:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, April 8, 2005.

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

Dr. Alan N. Keiran, Chief of Staff, Office of the Senate Chaplain, offered the following prayer:

Heavenly Father, as the world grieves the loss of Pope John Paul II, we pause to thank You for a life well-lived and the positive impact this incredible man had on our world.

We thank You also for the men and women of this House of Representatives and ask that You grant them the wisdom, power, and opportunity to honor You in all they are and all they do.

Bless our Nation's fighting forces serving at home, at sea, under the sea, in the air, and in foreign lands. Grant special favor to all who are in harm's way. Shield them in Your sovereign grace.

Be with their family members in the lonely hours of the night, as they prayerfully await their loved ones return.

All this I ask in Your powerful name.  
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.

### 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, April 7, 2005.

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 April 7 at 1:37 pm:

That the Senate agreed to without amendment H. Con. Res. 34.

Appointments: Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

JEFF TRANDAHL,  
Clerk of the House.

### OMISSION FROM THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD OF TUESDAY, MARCH 15, 2005, AT PAGE NO. 1504

### SENATE BILL REFERRED

A bill of the Senate of the following title was taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. 256. An act to amend title 11 of the United States Code, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary; in addition to the Committee on Financial Services 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.

### ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the House stands adjourned until 12:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 12, 2005, for morning hour debate.

There was no objection.

Accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 3 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Tuesday, April 12, 2005, at 12:30 p.m. for morning hour debate.

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

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