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The House met at 12:30 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. DANIEL E. LUNGREN of California).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
June 13, 2005.

I hereby appoint the Honorable DANIEL E. LUNGREN 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 4, 2005, 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 30 minutes, and each Member, except the majority leader, the minority leader, or the minority whip, limited to not to exceed 5 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Florida (Mr. STEARNS) for 5 minutes.

TIME FOR REAL REFORM AT THE UNITED NATIONS

Mr. STEARNS. Mr. Speaker, last December we created an independent panel to simply come up with ways to make the United Nations more transparent and more effective. Today it is being reported that the panel's work is done, and their 174-page report will soon be made available to all of us. I am very interested to see what this bipartisan panel has to say about changing and reforming the United Nations.

I understand from this report that its recommendations perhaps do not go far enough. It does criticize the U.N. for being too bureaucratic, but it hardly lays the blame where I think we all know it belongs, of course, to the Secretary General Kofi Annan. It squarely should be on his shoulders.

Here is what has occurred at the U.N. under Mr. Annan's watch: We have had genocide in the Sudan; countries such as Cuba, Libya, and China are on the U.N. Commission on Human Rights; kicking the United States off the U.N.'s Narcotic Trafficking Commission; claims of sexual harassment in the United Nations; an attempt to impose global gun control. The U.N. even thought about sending observers over here to assess and evaluate our election process here in the United States.

It is noted also that our Supreme Court Justices are using a U.N. treaty to justify abolishing capital punishment for minors. And, of course, there is the infamous Oil For Food Program. This is a scandal. It is a program which has resulted in over \$20 billion being stolen from those who need it in Iraq and which enriched the totalitarian regime of Saddam Hussein. And most recently, U.N. peacekeeping soldiers in the Congo have been discovered soliciting sex from local girls, some as young as 12 years old, in exchange for money and food.

Mr. Speaker, too many times the United Nations has gone against American values. I happen to believe that the American people should not be required to pay for this organization unless there is a huge amount of reform and change. We are the biggest donor to the United Nations, contributing 22 percent of the regular operating budget and nearly 27 percent of the peacekeeping budget.

How many American taxpayer dollars went to Saddam Hussein or are paying for immoral U.N. peacekeepers?

Now more than ever we need to reassess our involvement with this trou-

bled organization. This week we will debate two measures that have to do with the United Nations. First, we will be debating the Science, State, Justice and Commerce appropriations bill in which we propose to pay the United Nations over \$400 million in our annual dues. I plan on speaking on this and perhaps introducing an amendment to make sure that none of these funds go to pay for new headquarters that Kofi Annan desires. This headquarters is estimated to cost \$1.2 billion.

I have previously introduced legislation to move the United Nations headquarters out of New York City and out of the United States altogether. I still believe, in the aftermath of all of these scandals and all of these corruptions and all of this anti-Americanism, and this massive waste of U.S. taxpayer dollars, that Turtle Bay is no longer an appropriate place for the United Nations. There are many other cities in Europe that perhaps could have the headquarters, such as Paris, France; Geneva, Switzerland; or Bonn, Germany that would be perfect hosts for the United Nations. We should give these countries the opportunity to have the United Nations. I just hope they do not plan on collecting for parking tickets from the diplomats who do not pay.

Later this week we will also consider the Hyde proposal to enact serious and substantive reform at the United Nations. This bill appears to provide real reform with teeth, and I look forward to debating and discussing this measure.

Last, Mr. Speaker, in other U.N. reform related news, hopefully this week John Bolton may finally get his up or down vote in the Senate. The President's choice to be Ambassador to the United Nations is the right man at the right time to shake up the U.N. establishment and provide real reform to the institution before it becomes even more obsolete and outdated.

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It is critically important that we enact these serious and substantive reforms, both for America and the rest of the world. As John Bolton once said, "American leadership is critical to the success of the United Nations, an effective U.N., one that is true to the original intent of its charter's framers."

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until 2 p.m.

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 36 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess until 2 p.m.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida) at 2 p.m.

PRAYER

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

Almighty and merciful Lord, Father of all, Your ways are inscrutable, Your glory without blemish, Your compassion for Your people without limits and Your forgiveness for all our faulty judgments is inexhaustible. In the mystery of Your presence we find peace.

Hear our prayer which rises before You from a world scorched by violence and desperation because You are forgotten, Your holy name is not invoked with reverence, Your laws are questioned and Your presence is doubted. Because we do not know You, we have no peace.

Help this Nation and the leaders of government to resolve inner contradictions that words may again contain meaning; deliberated actions may give evidence to words, by providing vision; and agreements may unify the energies of Your people.

In You, O Lord, we place our hope for peace 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 her approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. BROWN of Ohio 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 laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, June 10, 2005.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,
The Speaker, U.S. 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 June 10, 2005 at 10 a.m.

That the Senate passed without amendment H. Con. Res. 159.

Appointments: Mexico-United States Interparliamentary Group.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

JEFF TRANDAHL,
Clerk of the House.

RESTORING ORDER TO THE UNITED NATIONS

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

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, Saddam Hussein was able to siphon off almost \$10 billion from a UN-administered program that was designed to provide food and care to the Iraqi people. As Iraq continues to recover from Hussein's rule of dictatorship, I will urge the United Nations to recover these funds for the Iraqi people.

Unfortunately, the Oil-for-Food scandal was only one example of a long litany of scandals associated with the United Nations. This week Congress will vote on the United Nations Reform Act of 2005, which will ensure efficiency, accountability and effectiveness at the U.N. If the organization fails to enact these changes, America's contributions to the U.N. assessed budget will be reduced by 50 percent.

These reforms will assure the American people that their dollars are used only for legitimate and valuable U.N. projects. When we contribute billions of American dollars to the United Nations each year, the United States should not continue to pay for U.N. programs that operate with essentially a blank check.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September 11.

TIME TO RENEGOTIATE CAFTA

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

Mr. BROWN of Ohio. Madam Speaker, the administration, desperate after a series of failed attempts to gin up support for the Central America Free Trade Agreement, now has resorted to making all sorts of fantastic promises: bridges, highways and other pork projects, and outrageous threats.

The Washington Post reported yesterday that Tom Donohue, President of the United States Chamber of Commerce, warned a group of Hill leaders and business people, "If you are going to vote against it, it is going to cost you."

We know from past experience that if CAFTA comes to the House floor, it will come in the middle of the night, when votes are held open, threats are made on the House floor and a one-vote margin is secured to force through what most of us in Congress agree is bad policy.

Fast track won by only one vote. The same Mr. Donohue said back then, "A one-vote margin is all that we could afford."

Madam Speaker, this agreement has languished in Congress for more than a year. It is time for the President and Ambassador Portman to stop wasting time with toothless, meaningless side deals. It is time to renegotiate a better Central American Free Trade Agreement.

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 after 6:30 p.m. today.

PATIENT NAVIGATOR OUTREACH AND CHRONIC DISEASE PREVENTION ACT OF 2005

Mr. GILLMOR. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 1812) to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize a demonstration grant program to provide patient navigator services to reduce barriers and improve health care outcomes, and for other purposes, as amended.

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 1812

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Patient Navigator Outreach and Chronic Disease Prevention Act of 2005".

SEC. 2. PATIENT NAVIGATOR GRANTS.

Subpart V of part D of title III of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 256) is amended by adding at the end the following:

"SEC. 340A. PATIENT NAVIGATOR GRANTS.

"(a) GRANTS.—The Secretary, acting through the Administrator of the Health Resources and Services Administration, may make grants to eligible entities for the development and operation of demonstration programs to provide patient navigator services to improve health care outcomes. The Secretary shall coordinate with, and ensure the participation of, the Indian Health Service, the National Cancer Institute, the Office