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House of Representatives

The House met at 2 p.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:

WASHINGTON, DC,
May 12, 2006.

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

The Reverend Dr. Barry C. Black, Chaplain, United States Senate, offered the following prayer:

Our gracious Redeemer, we have loved You, but not enough. We have sought You, but not diligently. We have seen, but not perceived. We have heard, but not understood. We have desired things heavenly, but clung to the things on earth.

Strengthen the Members of this body to do Your will. As they learn to love, seek, perceive, desire, and understand Your will, give them the peace that comes from trusting You.

We pray in Your holy 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.

REPORT ON H.R. 5384, AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2007

Mr. LEWIS of California, from the Committee on Appropriations, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 109-463) on the bill (H.R. 5384) making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, and for other purposes, which was referred to the Union Calendar and ordered to be printed.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 1, rule XXI, all points of order are reserved on the bill.

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, May 12, 2006.

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 May 12, 2006, at 10:50 a.m.:

That the Senate passed S. 2245.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely,

MARJORIE C. KELAHER,
Deputy Clerk of the House.

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. 2245. An act to establish an Indian youth telemental health demonstration project; to the Committee on Resources, in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce 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

Mr. LEWIS of California. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 2 o'clock and 5 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Monday, May 15, 2006, at 2 p.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 8 of rule XII, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

7485. A letter from the Under Secretary, Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics, Department of Defense, transmitting a Report on Activities and Programs for Countering Proliferation and NBC Terrorism, pursuant to Public Law 107-314, section 1208; to the Committee on Armed Services.

7486. A letter from the Attorney, Pipeline & Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Hazardous Materials: Requirements for Lighters and Lighter Refills [Docket No. RSPA-2004-18795 (HM-237)] (RIN: 2120-AD88) received April 27, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C.

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

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801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

7487. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Modification of Class E Airspace; Gothenburg, Quinn Field, NE [Docket No. FAA-2006-23545; Airspace Docket No. 06-ACE-1] received April 25, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

7488. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Establishment of Class D Airspace; and Revision of Class E Airspace; Big Delta, Allen Army Airfield, Fort Greely, AK [Docket No. FAA-2005-20643; Airspace Docket No. 05-AAL-13] received April 25, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

7489. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Revision of Class E Airspace; Koliganek, AK [Docket No. FAA-2005-22538; Airspace Docket No. 05-AAL-30] received April 25, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

7490. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Establishment of High Altitude Area Navigation Routes; South Central United States [Docket No. FAA-2005-22398; Airspace Docket No. 05-ASO-7] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received April 25, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

7491. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Modification of the Minneapolis Class B Airspace Area; MN [Docket No. FAA-2003-15471; Airspace Docket No. 03-AWA-6] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received April 25, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

7492. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Application of Section 338 to Insurance Companies [TD 9257] (RIN: 1545-AY49) received April 17, 2006, pursuant to 26 U.S.C. 5704 Public Law 106-476, section 4002(e); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

7493. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Gulf Opportunity Zone Bonds, Gulf Opportunity Zone Advance Refunding Bonds, and Gulf Tax Credit Bonds [Notice 2006-41] received April 17, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

7494. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Statutory Mergers and Consolidations [TD 9259] (RIN: 1545-BF36) received April 25, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

7495. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Application of Separate Limitations to Dividends from Noncontrolled Section 902 Corporations [TD 9260] (RIN: 1545-BF46) received April 25, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

7496. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Administrative, Procedural, and Miscellaneous (Rev. Proc. 2006-23) received May 2, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

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. BONILLA: Committee on Appropriations. H.R. 5384. A bill making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, and for other purposes (Rept. 109-463). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII,

Mr. COSTELLO introduced a resolution (H. Res. 814) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4755) to amend title 49, United States Code, to modify the mediation and implementation requirements of section 40122 regarding changes in the Federal Aviation Administration personnel management system, and for other purposes; which was referred to the Committee on Rules.

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

Under clause 7 of rule XII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions as follows:

H.R. 952: Mr. THOMPSON of California.
H.R. 1652: Mr. INSLEE.
H.R. 2812: Mr. CONYERS.
H.R. 4197: Mrs. MCCARTHY.
H.R. 4215: Mr. CASE.
H.R. 4229: Mr. SANDERS.
H.R. 4313: Mr. DOOLITTLE.
H.R. 4932: Mr. LANTOS.
H.R. 5052: Mr. VAN HOLLEN.
H.R. 5148: Mr. RAHALL and Mr. BISHOP of Georgia.
H.R. 5336: Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida.
H. Con. Res. 390: Mr. SENSENBRENNER, Mr. RYUN of Kansas, and Mr. SOUDER.

DISCHARGE PETITIONS— ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS

The following Members added their names to the following discharge petitions:

Petition 6 by Mr. ABERCROMBIE on House Resolution 543: Darlene Hooley.
Petition 7 by Ms. HERSETH on House Resolution 568: Darlene Hooley and Rosa L. DeLauro.
Petition 12 by Mr. MARKEY on H.R. 4263: Tom Lantos and Wm. Lacy Clay.

AMENDMENTS

Under clause 8 of rule XVIII, proposed amendments were submitted as follows:

H.R. 4200

OFFERED BY Mr. POMBO

AMENDMENT NO. 1: Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE AND TABLE OF CONTENTS.

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as “Forest Emergency Recovery and Research Act”.

(b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents for this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title and table of contents.

Sec. 2. Findings.

Sec. 3. Definitions.

TITLE I—RESPONSE TO CATASTROPHIC EVENTS ON FEDERAL LANDS

Sec. 101. Development of research protocols and use in catastrophic event research projects.

Sec. 102. Catastrophic event recovery evaluations.

Sec. 103. Compliance with National Environmental Policy Act.

Sec. 104. Availability and use of pre-approved management practices.

Sec. 105. Availability and use of emergency procedures.

Sec. 106. Administrative and judicial review.

Sec. 107. Guidance regarding reforestation in response to catastrophic events.

Sec. 108. Effect of title.

Sec. 109. Standards for tree retention.

TITLE II—RESTORING LANDSCAPES AND COMMUNITIES IMPACTED BY CATA- STROPHIC EVENTS

Subtitle A—Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act of 1978

Sec. 201. Assistance under Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act of 1978 to restore landscapes and communities affected by catastrophic events.

Subtitle B—Department of the Interior Assistance

Sec. 211. Restoring landscapes.

Sec. 212. Restoring communities.

TITLE III—EXPERIMENTAL FORESTS

Sec. 301. Findings.

Sec. 302. Availability and use of pre-approved management practices on National Forest experimental forests.

Sec. 303. Limited consideration of alternatives for projects on National Forest experimental forests.

TITLE IV—GENERAL PROVISIONS

Sec. 401. Regulations.

Sec. 402. Dedicated source of funds for research and monitoring.

Sec. 403. Other funding sources.

Sec. 404. Effect of declaration of major disaster or emergency.

SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

Congress finds the following:

(1) The number and severity of catastrophic events causing resource damage to Federal land has significantly increased over the last 20 years, and such catastrophic events also create serious adverse environmental, social, and economic consequences for Federal land and adjacent non-Federal land and communities.

(2) Catastrophic events often devastate forest or rangeland ecosystems and eliminate sources of seed for desired tree and plant species, which—

(A) delays or even precludes the reestablishment of appropriate forest or plant cover on millions of acres of Federal land;

(B) increases the susceptibility of the damaged land to wildfire and noxious or harmful species and reduces the economic value of the damaged land's resources;

(C) increases the susceptibility of adjacent undamaged land to insect infestations, disease, and noxious weeds;

(D) pollutes municipal water supplies and damages water delivery infrastructure;

(E) exacerbates sediment production that adversely impacts native fish habitat and soil productivity;

(F) results in unsafe campgrounds, trails, roads, and other infrastructure; and

(G) adversely impacts the sustainability of ecosystems and the well-being of adjacent communities.