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House of Representatives

The House met at noon.

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

Lord God, ever present, source of all wisdom and self-giving love, the sacred scriptures reveal Your continued guidance in human affairs. We thank You for the many blessings granted this Nation throughout its history.

Today, as a new page is turned, fill the hearts of Your people with even greater confidence and renewed faith in Your promises to be near us and attentive to our needs.

As work begins on this Second Session of the 109th Congress, we seek Your mercy and rely on Your revelation to guide and protect this legislative body. As this House of Representatives and the United States Senate anticipate a joint session and await the State of the Union message of President George W. Bush, we pray to You for his health, enlightenment, and well-being. Together with the Supreme Court, may all three branches of this government be drawn into Your Spirit of wisdom and good judgment. With renewed standards of ethics and a deeper commitment of accountability, may all who serve in public office be Your steady instrument in unifying, protecting, and guiding the American people of this democracy to increasing virtue, greater prosperity, and a witness to goodness for the world.

Lord, bless America and its people who place their trust in You, now and forever.

Amen.

RESIGNATION FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following resignation from the House of Representatives:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, January 16, 2006.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

MR. SPEAKER: For the past thirteen years I have had the great honor and privilege of serving the people of New Jersey as a Member of the United States House of Representatives.

As Governor Jon S. Corzine of New Jersey has told me his intention to appoint me to fulfill the remainder of his term in the United States Senate upon his inauguration as Governor, I submit my resignation as a Member from the House of Representatives, effective close of business on Monday, January 16, 2006.

I accept my new position with enthusiasm but also a sense of gratitude for the trust and confidence the voters of the Thirteenth Congressional District have placed in me over the years. I have always tried to reflect credit on the District, the great state of New Jersey, and this body. It has been a distinct pleasure to work and serve with many good friends and colleagues in the House of Representatives.

I look forward to continuing my service to the people of the State of New Jersey through my service as a Member of the United States Senate.

Sincerely,

ROBERT MENENDEZ,
Member of Congress.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. Under clause 5(d) of rule XX, the Chair announces to the House that, in light of the resignation of the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ), the whole number of the House is adjusted to 433.

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,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, January 26, 2006.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,
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 January 26, 2006, at 10:15 am:

That the Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 77. Appointments:

Board of Visitors of the United States Military Academy.

Board of Visitors of the United States Naval Academy.

Board of Visitors of the United States Air Force Academy.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

KAREN L. HAAS,
Clerk of the House.

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,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, January 27, 2006.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,
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 January 27, 2006, at 3:00 pm:

That the Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 78.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

KAREN L. HAAS,
Clerk of the House.

RECESS

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the House stands in recess until approximately 3:30 p.m. today.

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

Matter set in this typeface indicates words inserted or appended, rather than spoken, by a Member of the House on the floor.



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Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 5 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess until approximately 3:30 p.m.

□ 1530

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order at 3 o'clock and 30 minutes p.m.

CALL OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER. The Clerk will utilize the electronic system to ascertain the presence of a quorum.

Members will record their presence by electronic device.

The call was taken by electronic device, and the following Members responded to their names:

[Roll No. 1]

Abercrombie	Clay	Goode
Ackerman	Cleaver	Goodlatte
Aderholt	Clyburn	Gordon
Akin	Coble	Granger
Alexander	Cole (OK)	Graves
Allen	Conaway	Green (WI)
Andrews	Cooper	Green, Al
Baca	Costa	Green, Gene
Bachus	Costello	Gutierrez
Baird	Cramer	Gutknecht
Baker	Crenshaw	Hall
Baldwin	Crowley	Harman
Barrett (SC)	Cubin	Harris
Barrow	Cuellar	Hart
Bartlett (MD)	Cummings	Hastert
Barton (TX)	Davis (AL)	Hastings (FL)
Bass	Davis (CA)	Hastings (WA)
Bean	Davis (IL)	Hayes
Beauprez	Davis (KY)	Hayworth
Becerra	Davis (TN)	Hefley
Berkley	Davis, Jo Ann	Hensarling
Berry	Davis, Tom	Hergert
Biggart	Deal (GA)	Herseth
Bilirakis	DeFazio	Higgins
Bishop (GA)	Delahunt	Hinojosa
Bishop (NY)	DeLauro	Hobson
Bishop (UT)	Dent	Hoekstra
Blackburn	Diaz-Balart, M.	Holden
Blumenauer	Dicks	Holt
Blunt	Dingell	Honda
Boehlert	Doggett	Hostettler
Boehner	Doolittle	Hoyer
Bonilla	Doyle	Hulshof
Bonner	Drake	Inglis (SC)
Bono	Dreier	Inslee
Boozman	Duncan	Israel
Boren	Ehlers	Issa
Boswell	Emanuel	Jackson (IL)
Boucher	Emerson	Jackson-Lee
Boustany	Engel	(TX)
Boyd	English (PA)	Jefferson
Bradley (NH)	Eshoo	Jenkins
Brady (TX)	Etheridge	Jindal
Brown (OH)	Evans	Johnson (CT)
Brown (SC)	Everett	Johnson (IL)
Brown, Corrine	Farr	Johnson, E. B.
Brown-Waite,	Fattah	Jones (NC)
Ginny	Feeney	Jones (OH)
Burgess	Ferguson	Kanjorski
Burton (IN)	Filner	Kaptur
Buyer	Fitzpatrick (PA)	Keller
Calvert	Flake	Kelly
Camp (MI)	Foley	Kennedy (MN)
Campbell (CA)	Forbes	Kennedy (RI)
Cannon	Ford	Kildee
Cantor	Fortenberry	Kilpatrick (MI)
Capito	Fox	Kind
Capps	Frank (MA)	King (NY)
Capuano	Franks (AZ)	Kingston
Cardin	Frelinghuysen	Kirk
Cardoza	Gallely	Kline
Carnahan	Garrett (NJ)	Knollenberg
Carson	Gerlach	Kolbe
Carter	Gibbons	Kucinich
Case	Gilchrest	Kuhl (NY)
Castle	Gillmor	LaHood
Chabot	Gingrey	Langevin
Chandler	Gohmert	Lantos
Chocola	Gonzalez	Larsen (WA)

Larson (CT)	Oliver	Shaw
Latham	Ortiz	Shays
LaTourette	Osborne	Sherman
Leach	Otter	Sherwood
Lee	Owens	Shimkus
Levin	Oxley	Shuster
Lewis (CA)	Pallone	Simmons
Lewis (GA)	Pascarella	Simpson
Lewis (KY)	Pastor	Skelton
Lipinski	Paul	Smith (TX)
LoBiondo	Pearce	Snyder
Lofgren, Zoe	Pelosi	Soderl
Lowe	Pence	Solis
Lucas	Peterson (MN)	Souder
Lungren, Daniel	Peterson (PA)	Spratt
E.	Petri	Stearns
Mack	Platts	Stupak
Maloney	Poe	Sullivan
Marchant	Pombo	Sweeney
Markey	Pomeroy	Tancred
Marshall	Porter	Tanner
Matheson	Price (GA)	Tauscher
Matsui	Price (NC)	Taylor (MS)
McCarthy	Pryce (OH)	Terry
McCaul (TX)	Putnam	Thomas
McCollum (MN)	Radanovich	Thompson (CA)
McCotter	Rahall	Thompson (MS)
McCrery	Ramstad	Thornberry
McDermott	Regula	Tiahrt
McGovern	Rehberg	Tiberi
McHenry	Reichert	Tierney
McHugh	Renzi	Towns
McIntyre	Reyes	Turner
McKeon	Reynolds	Udall (CO)
McKinney	Rogers (AL)	Udall (NM)
McMorris	Rogers (MI)	Upton
McNulty	Rohrabacher	Van Hollen
Meek (FL)	Ros-Lehtinen	Velázquez
Meeks (NY)	Ross	Visclosky
Mica	Rothman	Walden (OR)
Michaud	Roybal-Allard	Walsh
Millender-	Royce	Wamp
McDonald	Ruppersberger	Wasserman
Miller (FL)	Ryan (OH)	Schultz
Miller (MI)	Ryan (WI)	Waters
Miller (NC)	Ryun (KS)	Watt
Mollohan	Sabo	Waxman
Moore (KS)	Salazar	Weiner
Moore (WI)	Sánchez, Linda	Weldon (PA)
Moran (VA)	T.	Weller
Murphy	Sanchez, Loretta	Westmoreland
Murtha	Saxton	Wexler
Musgrave	Schakowsky	Whitfield
Myrick	Schiff	Wicker
Nadler	Schmidt	Wilson (NM)
Napolitano	Schwartz (PA)	Wilson (SC)
Napoli	Schwarz (MI)	Wolf
Neugebauer	Scott (GA)	Woolsey
Ney	Scott (VA)	Wu
Norwood	Sensenbrenner	Wynn
Nunes	Serrano	Young (AK)
Nussle	Sessions	Young (FL)
Obey	Shadegg	

□ 1555

The SPEAKER. On this rollcall, 389 Members have recorded their presence by electronic device, a quorum.

Under the rule, further proceedings under the call are dispensed with.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. 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. Will the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. KILDEE) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. KILDEE 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.

COMMITTEE TO NOTIFY THE PRESIDENT

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, I offer a privileged resolution (H. Res. 649) providing for a committee to notify the President of the assembly of the Congress, and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 649

Resolved, That a committee of two Members be appointed by the Speaker on the part of the House of Representatives to join with a committee on the part of the Senate to notify the President of the United States that a quorum of each House has assembled and Congress is ready to receive any communication that he may be pleased to make.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

APPOINTMENT AS MEMBERS OF COMMITTEE TO NOTIFY THE PRESIDENT, PURSUANT TO HOUSE RESOLUTION 649

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to House Resolution 649, the Chair appoints as members of the committee on the part of the House to join a committee on the part of the Senate to notify the President of the United States that a quorum of each House has been assembled and that Congress is ready to receive any communication that he may be pleased to make:

The gentleman from Missouri (Mr. BLUNT) and

The gentlewoman from California (Ms. PELOSI).

NOTIFICATION TO THE SENATE

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, I offer a privileged resolution (H. Res. 650) to inform the Senate that a quorum of the House has assembled, and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 650

Resolved, That the Clerk of the House inform the Senate that a quorum of the House is present and that the House is ready to proceed with business.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

DAILY HOUR OF MEETING

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, I offer a privileged resolution (H. Res. 651) and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 651

Resolved, That unless otherwise ordered, before Monday, May 15, 2006, the hour of daily meeting of the House shall be 2 p.m. on Mondays; noon on Tuesdays; and 10 a.m. on all other days of the week; and from Monday, May 15, 2006, for the remainder of the 109th Congress, the hour of daily meeting of the House shall be noon on Mondays, 10 a.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays; and 9 a.m. on all other days of the week.