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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mrs. MILLER of Michigan).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
February 16, 2006.

I hereby appoint the Honorable CANDICE S. MILLER to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

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

PRAYER

Colonel Kenneth J. Leinwand, U.S. Army, Ft. Meade Installation Chaplain, Ft. Meade, Maryland, offered the following prayer:

Almighty and sovereign God, in reverent humility, we turn heart and mind to You as we begin today's deliberations on behalf of the American people. We are eternally grateful for the priceless privilege of living in this great land. May we be worthy guardians of our precious heritage of freedom and democracy which inspires millions worldwide who long to be free from the yoke of tyranny and despair.

We pray that Your spirit of justice and compassion will guide us as we wrestle with the enormous challenges facing our country. Grant us clear, prophetic vision, forthrightness, steadfast strength, and courage to legislate and secure the American Dream for all people. Let not impatience and expediency cloud our judgment and diminish the trust bestowed upon us by the citizens we represent.

Lastly, Lord, we pray Your protection for all Americans, especially those who serve in uniform in distant lands. Guard and protect these, Your faithful servants, under the shadows of Your

wings. Grant them mission success and return them home in safety and peace. 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. KUCINICH) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. KUCINICH 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.

WELCOMING COLONEL KENNETH J. LEINWAND

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Maryland for 1 minute.

There was no objection.

Mr. CARDIN. Madam Speaker, I want to join the United States House of Representatives today in welcoming Colonel Kenneth J. Leinwand, the installation chaplain for Ft. Meade. Colonel Leinwand is the highest-ranking active duty Jewish chaplain in the United States military.

The Colonel has been an active duty Army chaplain since 1977. He has served in Iraq, Desert Storm, Bosnia and Kosovo. From 2002 to 2004 he also served as the command chaplain for all U.S. Army ground forces in Europe. Colonel Leinwand has a deep respect and understanding of the religious plurality that exists in today's military. Throughout his almost 30-year military career, he has provided spiritual comfort and solace to soldiers of all faiths.

Colonel Leinwand has been awarded the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star, the Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters, and the Army Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster.

As installation chaplain for Ft. Meade, Colonel Leinwand has direct authority over four other chaplains and is responsible for all religious programs.

Madam Speaker, Colonel Leinwand has accomplished many firsts in the military as a rabbi and as a chaplain, and it is a great honor to have him with us today. I join the House of Representatives in welcoming him.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain up to 10 one-minute speeches on each side.

NSA TERRORIST SURVEILLANCE PROGRAM

(Ms. FOXX asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. FOXX. Madam Speaker, I don't know about you, but I want to use all the tools in our arsenal to catch the terrorists and prevent another 9/11. That doesn't mean I advocate any infringements on the privacy of law-abiding citizens. Contrary to what some might have you believe, that is not what the NSA's Terrorist Surveillance Program is about. This program is not about domestic surveillance of law-abiding American citizens. The NSA Terrorist Surveillance Program is narrowly focused and is aimed only at international calls and targeted to track al Qaeda and other known terrorist groups.

Madam Speaker, we are engaged in war right now, a war of the most unconventional means, and we need to be able to track, anticipate, and most importantly inhibit the actions of known

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terrorists who communicate with their comrades in the United States.

Madam Speaker, we need to protect the President's lawful authority to intercept terrorist communications in this country, not demean it. Otherwise we won't have anything to protect or defend at all.

DEMANDING DOCUMENTS ON PR CONTRACTS USED TO "SELL" THE WAR

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

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, the taxpayers of the United States of America have a right to know whether or not their tax dollars were or are being used to manipulate the news, falsify intelligence, or mislead the public.

Very serious questions have been raised about a number of contracts that have been given to public relations firms, firms that then went ahead and devised a whole plan to try to sell the war in Iraq to the American people. I have introduced a resolution of inquiry in the House of Representatives that demands all documents pertaining to contracts that the United States Government has signed with the intent to sell the war in Iraq.

This resolution directs the President, the Secretary of State, and the Secretary of Defense to provide the House with certain documents relating to any entity which the United States has contracted with for public relations purposes concerning Iraq.

The people of this country have a right to know if there was an effort to deliberately mislead them, and the taxpayers have a right to know how their tax dollars are being spent. Support the resolution of inquiry. Reclaim the power of Congress.

ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION IS A MATTER OF NATIONAL SECURITY

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

Mr. KELLER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to talk about the national security implications of illegal immigration. Last year, our Border Patrol agents arrested 155,000 illegal aliens from countries other than Mexico who attempted to cross into the United States by the Mexican border. They included illegal immigrants from Iran, Iraq and Afghanistan.

This poses a very serious national security problem, according to CIA director Porter Goss. On a recent trip to the Mexican-California border, I spoke with Border Patrol agents who had apprehended suspects on the terrorist watch list. On the day I was there, two illegals from Pakistan were captured. When we go to the airport, our names are checked against a terrorist watch list, we have to produce photo ID, we remove our shoes, we walk through a metal detector, and we send our lug-

gage through an X-ray machine to check for bombs.

Who is doing checks on the 8,000 people who arrive here illegally every day? The House has recently passed a tough border security bill. I urge the Senate to act now in the name of national security.

TOKYO ROSE—2006 STYLE

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

Mr. POE. Madam Speaker, during the great World War II, the Japanese were searching for a way to demoralize the American forces that they faced. The Japanese psychological propaganda warfare experts came up with a message that they thought would work very well for them. They gave the script to their famous broadcaster, Tokyo Rose. Every day she would broadcast this same message packaged in various ways hoping to have an impact on American GI morale.

What was the message? It had three points: One, your President is lying to you. Two, the war is illegal. Three, you cannot win this war.

Madam Speaker, does that sound familiar? Maybe that is because some in the media and some individuals have picked up the same message and are broadcasting it to our troops in Iraq and Afghanistan and to our enemies. The only difference is these people claim to support our troops before they demoralize them.

Come to think of it, Tokyo Rose used to tell our troops she was on their side, too. But the Tokyo Rose propaganda machine was unsuccessful, just as the propaganda cynics of today will be unsuccessful in this war on terror. And that's just the way it is.

POSITIVE ECONOMIC PREDICTIONS FOR 2006

(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, yesterday, as he delivered his first economic update to Congress, Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke from Dillon, South Carolina, reported that the American economy performed impressively in 2005. While hailing increases in payroll employment, gross domestic product and productivity, he noted that our economy achieved significant gains, overcoming incredible obstacles.

Chairman Bernanke also predicted that the economy will continue to grow in 2006. His positive economic outlook equals more jobs for American workers, more income for American families, and more opportunities for American consumers.

Today, I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting permanent tax cuts that will ensure economic expansion throughout our country. President

Bush's tax cuts started this strong wave of economic growth, creating 5 million jobs. We must remain committed to continuing this important policy.

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

WOMEN'S NATIONAL HEART MONTH

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

Mrs. CAPITO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize February as National Heart Month. Heart disease is the number one killer of women in America, taking the lives of nearly half a million women per year, about one per minute. It claims the lives of more women than the next five causes of death combined.

Unfortunately, only 13 percent of women view heart disease as a real threat. This is especially troubling, considering my home State of West Virginia consistently has one of the highest rates of heart disease among women in the Nation. We are making progress, but there is more to be done.

Thankfully, the American Heart Association encourages women to love their hearts through their Go Red For Women campaign. In the heart of every woman is the power to take care of herself and influence the decisions of those around her. By instilling healthy habits now, it will impact the heart health of the entire family. The key is to provide women with the necessary knowledge and tools so they can take positive action to reduce their risks of heart disease and stroke in their lives.

Women should learn more about heart disease and implement healthy habits to avoid future risks. Sixty-four percent of women who died suddenly of coronary heart disease had no previous symptoms. High blood pressure, smoking, and cholesterol are all risk factors.

Today, make your promise to make your heart healthy. By loving your own heart, you can save it. If women make a promise to be heart healthy, together we can wipe out the disease.

JUDY McDONALD

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

Mr. GOHMERT. Madam Speaker, I come today to the floor of the House to honor the achievements of one of my constituents in the First Congressional District of Texas, Judy McDonald. Judy has been a model citizen and someone who deserves to be honored because of the way she has honored East Texas. Her lifetime of work has made our country, East Texas, and Nacogdoches a better place to live.

As the first female mayor in Nacogdoches and one of the first female mayors in Texas, Judy worked tirelessly to increase economic opportunities and strengthen the local economy. She has been someone who has