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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. SIMPSON).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
July 12, 2006.

I hereby appoint the Honorable MICHAEL K. SIMPSON to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

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

PRAYER

The Reverend Michael Jackson, Pastor, New Life Assembly of God, Janesville, Wisconsin, offered the following prayer:

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. We need You here, today, now. Help us, we pray. Confer upon us Your wisdom; grant to us Your favor.

Lord, those who serve in this esteemed Chamber are people created by You to be extensions of You. Touch their bodies. Give them Your strength. Be with their families as well as their constituents. Grant to them Your peace, O God.

Their job is not easy. The weight of their many responsibilities has to weigh heavily upon them. Help them to run and not be weary; to walk and not faint. May the pressures of the day squeeze grace and goodness out of them. May the challenges of the day wring patience and humility out of them. Theirs is a noble task; may they be noble as they carry it out.

In the name of Jesus my Lord, 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. Will the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. RYAN) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin 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.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Ms. Curtis, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed without amendment a concurrent resolution of the House of the following title:

H. Con. Res. 427. Concurrent resolution permitting the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for a ceremony to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the establishment of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

The message also announced that the Senate has passed bills of the following titles in which concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 1509. An act to amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to add non-human primates to the definition of prohibited wildlife species.

S. 2041. An act to provide for the conveyance of a United States Fish and Wildlife Service administrative site to the city of Las Vegas, Nevada.

S. 2430. An act to amend the Great Lakes Fish and Wildlife Restoration Act of 1990 to provide for implementation of recommendations of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service contained in the Great Lakes Fishery Resources Restoration Study.

S. 2918. An act to provide access to newspapers for blind or other persons with disabilities.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 1295b(h) of title 46,

United States Code, the Chair, on behalf of the Chairman of the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, appoints the following Senators to the Board of Visitors of the United States Merchant Marine Academy:

The Senator from Mississippi (Mr. LOTT), from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

The Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUYE), from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

WELCOMING REVEREND MICHAEL JACKSON

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

Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, it is my great pleasure to honor and welcome Pastor Michael Jackson here today as our guest chaplain. He has come all the way from my hometown of Janesville, Wisconsin, to lead us in prayer today, and we are blessed to have his guidance as we begin our legislative day.

Since November of 1999, Pastor Jackson has served as the senior pastor of New Life Assembly of God in Janesville, Wisconsin, and he has used his many talents to reach out to our entire community and help more and more people open their hearts to the Lord's grace.

While the church itself has grown and produced offshoots throughout nearby communities, as well as New Life Hispanic Church and the Korean Fellowship in Janesville, Pastor Jackson has not only served as a leader of a thriving church body, he has been a leader throughout our whole entire area.

Just one example of this is the annual Freedom Fest Patriotic Rally that the New Life Assembly of God has during the 4th of July. My wife and our kids enjoy this every single year. It is

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simply one of the many gifts that New Life Assembly of God gives to area residents.

The church has also helped initiate a Day of Compassion in Janesville, which provides those in need with access to free food, health screening, spiritual counsel, and other assistance.

Pastor Jackson brings 36 years of experience as a pastor to his work in the church, the community, and to the House floor today.

Pastor, thank you so much for sharing your wisdom and praying with us this morning.

LYME AND TICK-BORNE DISEASE PREVENTION, EDUCATION, AND RESEARCH ACT

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

Mrs. KELLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to urge passage of the Lyme and Tick-borne Disease Prevention Act. I have co-introduced this bill because a more coordinated Federal effort to fight Lyme disease is long overdue.

Lyme disease is one of the most mysterious and misunderstood illnesses that our families, including our children, face every day. Our health care community faces extremely difficult challenges in diagnosing and treating Lyme disease.

The epicenter of Lyme disease is in my district in the Hudson Valley, but incidence rates have increased dramatically throughout the country in the past few years. There are 49 States that have experienced Lyme disease cases.

It is time for the Federal Government to assume greater Lyme fighting responsibilities. Our bill will help develop a realistic and reliable diagnostic test, it will help increase Lyme disease research, and it will create an advisory committee of patient advocates and specialized physicians to help Health and Human Services develop and implement a vastly improved national strategy to fight Lyme disease.

We can't leave the burden of controlling Lyme disease to our local health agencies alone. By passing this bipartisan legislation, more work will be done at the Federal level to help our local communities. Please help me pass this legislation.

NATIONAL HEALTH CARE

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

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, at least 30 percent of the \$3.2 trillion spent annually for health care in the United States goes to the for-profit system while 50 million Americans, many of them working, are without health insurance. About \$660 billion goes for corporate profits, executive salaries, stock options, advertising, marketing, and the cost of paperwork.

If we took all that money and we put it into a public health system, a national health care plan, we would have enough money to cover everything for everyone, all medically necessary care, including dental care, vision care, mental health care, prescription drug and long-term care.

Health care is a big money maker for corporate America, however, and people we know can't afford necessary health care because premiums, co-pays, and deductibles keep going up. About half of the bankruptcies in America are health-care related.

It is time for this country to break free of the shackles of the insurance companies, and we can do that by Members of Congress supporting H.R. 676, the Conyers-Kucinich-McDermott bill, which calls for a universal health care plan where all people are conferred and, finally, we meet the moral challenge that this country has of providing health care for all.

REPUBLICANS VICTORIOUS IN ANNUAL CONGRESSIONAL BASEBALL GAME

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

Mr. OXLEY. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to announce that the Republican baseball team once again was victorious in the annual congressional game by a 12-1 score on June 29.

I particularly want to thank our sponsors. We were able to raise over \$100,000 for charities. Once again, the charities were the big winners, the Boys and Girls Clubs of the Washington area as well as the Adult Literacy Council.

I want to also congratulate my counterpart, MIKE DOYLE, the manager of the Democrat team, JOE BACA, the pitcher and the most valuable player on the part of the Democrats, with KENNY HULSHOF the MVP on the Republican side, and JOHN SHIMKUS, our extraordinary pitcher, who came back from heart surgery this year to pitch a complete game.

So congratulations to everybody for a wonderful evening of camaraderie and a good time and a nice victory as well. This is my last opportunity to do a little bit of bragging here as the manager.

Also, I want to congratulate the long-time manager of the Democrats, MARTIN OLAV SABO, who is retiring this year. He turned over the reins to MIKE DOYLE, but he was inducted into the Roll Call Hall of Fame, well deserved for a great sportsman and a great individual, MARTIN OLAV SABO.

Again, thank you, everybody. It was a great victory.

LESSONS LEARNED

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

Mr. EMANUEL. Mr. Speaker, yesterday, the President said we would continue to be wise about how we spend the people's money. Now, this is true. We actually have a Director of Lessons Learned at the White House, who is paid over \$100,000.

Maybe I can save the taxpayers \$100,000 by running through a few lessons this White House should have learned:

Lesson 1. When the Army Chief of Staff and the Secretary of State say you are going to war without enough troops, you are going to war without enough troops.

Lesson 2 learned. When \$8 billion is missing from Iraq's reconstruction and \$2 billion disappears from Katrina relief, you need a little accountability.

Lesson 3 learned. When you have turned the corner in Iraq more times than Danica Patrick at the Indy 500, it means you are going in circles.

Lesson 4 learned. When the National Weather Service tells you a category 5 hurricane is heading for New Orleans, a category 5 hurricane is heading for New Orleans.

I would also ask the President why we are paying for two Ethics Advisors and a Director of Fact Checking. They must be the only people in Washington who get more vacation time than the President. Maybe the White House can consolidate these positions into a Director of Irony.

It is time for a new direction.

SELLING OUR NATIONAL FORESTS

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

Mr. KELLER. Mr. Speaker, the bureaucrats are at it again. First, they came up with the idea of selling off 300,000 acres of our precious national forest lands, including 1,000 acres of the Ocala National Forest in my district. They made this reckless budget proposal without any input whatsoever from Members of Congress or the American public.

After the fact, 130,000 Americans wrote in to oppose this proposal. This week, the United States Department of Agriculture bureaucrats arrogantly told the press they want to move forward anyway, despite Congress and the American public. The pathetic attempt of the Department of Agriculture bureaucrats to sell our national forests is financially short-sighted and environmentally reckless.

You can lead a bureaucrat to water, but you can't make him think. Well, we are going to do the thinking for you and reject this insane proposal.

REPUBLICANS NOT SERIOUS ABOUT SECURING OUR BORDERS

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