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The House met at 10:30 a.m.

The Reverend William Hegedusich, St. Peter's Catholic Church, Washington, DC, offered the following prayer:

Father in heaven, God of power and Lord of mercy, direct our steps in our everyday efforts. May the changing moods of the human heart and the limits which our failings impose on hope never blind us to You, source of every good.

Lord God Almighty, look with favor upon these Your servants, our Members of Congress. Enable them to communicate truth, to foster love, and to uphold justice and right. Let them promote and support that peace between peoples, which comes from You.

Today, our country and the world remember the tragic events which took place 6 years ago. Our prayers today are for those who lost their lives in the World Trade Center Towers, the Pentagon, and in a field near Shanksville, Pennsylvania. Comfort those who remain. Watch over all who are in harm's way. This we ask, now and forever. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. 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. The Chair will lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The SPEAKER 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.

MOMENT OF SILENCE COMMEMORATING THE 9/11 ATTACKS

The SPEAKER. The Chair would ask all persons in the Chamber to rise and observe a moment of silence in memory of the victims of the terrorist attacks against our Nation on September 11, 2001.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky (at the request of Mr. BOEHNER) for September 10 on account of attending and presenting at an awards ceremony in the district.

BILL PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Lorraine C. Miller, Clerk of the House, reports that on September 10, 2007 she presented to the President of the United States, for his approval, the following bill.

H.R. 2358. To require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint and issue coins in commemoration of Native Americans and the important contributions made by Indian tribes and individual Native Americans to the development of the United States and the history of the United States, and for other purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the House stands adjourned until 10 a.m. on Friday, September 14, 2007.

There was no objection.

Accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 36 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Friday, September 14, 2007, at 10 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

3250. A letter from the Chief Counsel, FEMA, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations — received August 6, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

3251. A letter from the Chief Counsel, FEMA, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Final Flood Elevation Determinations — received August 6, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

3252. A letter from the Chief Counsel, FEMA, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations — received August 6, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

3253. A letter from the Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting the Department's final rule — Indian Housing Block Grant Program-Extension of Annual Performance Report Due Date [Docket No. FR-5109-F-02] (RIN: 2577-AC74) received August 9, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

3254. A letter from the Director, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's final rule — Financial Crimes Enforcement Network; Anti-Money Laundering Programs; Special Due Diligence Programs for Certain Foreign Accounts (RIN: 1506-AA29) received August 3, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

3255. A letter from the Director, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's final rule — Management Official Interlocks [Docket ID OTS-2007-0013] (RIN: 1550-AC09) received August 14, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

3256. A letter from the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Amendments to Regulation SHO [Release No. 34-56212; File No. S7-12-06] (RIN: 3235-AJ57) received August 10, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

3257. A letter from the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting

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the Commission's final rule — Definition of the Term Significant Deficiency [RELEASE NOS. 33-8829; 34-56203; File No. S7-24-06] (RIN: 3235-AJ58) received August 9, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

3258. A letter from the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Prohibition of Fraud by Advisers to Certain Pooled Investment Vehicles [Release No. IA-2628; File No. S7-25-06] (RIN: 3235-AJ67) received August 9, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

3259. A letter from the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Short Selling in Connection with a Public Offering [Release No. 34-56206; File No. S7-20-06] (RIN: 3235-AJ75) received August 9, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

3260. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting pursuant to Section 620C(c) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended, and in accordance with section 1(a)(6) of Executive Order 13313, a report prepared by the Department of State and the National Security Council on the progress toward a negotiated solution of the Cyprus question covering the period June 1, 2007 through July 31, 2007; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

3261. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Summer Flounder Fishery; Emergency Rule Extension [Docket No. 061020273-7001-03; I.D. 010307A] (RIN: 0648-AT60) received August 9, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

3262. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Labor, transmitting the Department's report entitled, "2006 Findings on the Worst Forms of Child Labor," pursuant to 19 U.S.C. 2464; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

3263. A letter from the Under Secretary for Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's report on enrollment in Defense Dependent's Education System of dependents of foreign military members assigned to the Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers, Europe, pursuant to 20 U.S.C. 923(a) Public Law 109-364, section 571(b); jointly to the Committees on Armed Services and Education and Labor.

3264. A letter from the Regulations Coordinator, Department of Health and Human

Services, transmitting the Department's final rule — Medicare Program; Physicians' Referrals to Health Care Entities With Which They Have Financial Relationships (Phase III) [CMS-1810-F] (RIN: 0938-AK67) received August 31, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); jointly to the Committees on Energy and Commerce and Ways and Means.

3265. A letter from the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's report on implementing and enforcing the Underground Storage Tank Program in Indian Country, pursuant to Public Law 109-58, section 1529; jointly to the Committees on Energy and Commerce and Natural Resources.

3266. A letter from the Board Members, Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting the Board's 2007 report for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2006, pursuant to the provisions of section 7(b)(6) of the Railroad Retirement Act and section 12(1) of the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act; jointly to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure and Ways and Means.

3267. A letter from the Regulations Coordinator, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule — Medicare Program; Hospice Wage Index for Fiscal Year 2008 [CMS-1539-F] (RIN: 0938-AO72) received August 31, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); jointly to the Committees on Ways and Means and Energy and Commerce.

3268. A letter from the Under Secretary for Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense, transmitting the Combined Annual Report for years 2005 and 2006 of the National Security Education Program, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1906 Public Law 102-183, section 806; jointly to the Committees on Intelligence (Permanent Select) and Education and Labor.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mrs. DAVIS of California (for herself and Ms. CARSON):

H.R. 3523. A bill to develop a generation of school leaders who are committed to, and effective in, increasing student achievement and to ensure that all low-income, under-performing schools are led by effective school leaders who are well-prepared to foster student success; to the Committee on Education and Labor.

By Ms. WATERS (for herself, Mr. SHAYS, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. WATT, and Mr. COHEN):

H.R. 3524. A bill to reauthorize the HOPE VI program for revitalization of severely distressed public housing, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. WAXMAN:

H.J. Res. 49. A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services within the Department of Health and Human Services relating a cost limit for providers operated by units of government and other provisions under the Medicaid Program; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

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

H.R. 281: Mr. UDALL of New Mexico.

H.R. 2910: Mr. SPACE.

H. Res. 351: Mr. BURTON of Indiana.

PETITIONS, ETC.

Under clause 3 of rule XII, petitions and papers were laid on the clerk's desk and referred as follows:

156. The SPEAKER presented a petition of the City of Long Beach, California, relative to Resolution No. RES-07-0102 urging the Congress of the United States to enact the "Employee Free Choice Act," H.R. 800; to the Committee on Education and Labor.

157. Also, a petition of the City of Takoma Park, Maryland, relative to Resolution 2007-29 petitioning the Congress of the United States to institute proceedings to investigate the activities of President George W. Bush and Vice President Richard B. Cheney; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

158. Also, a petition of the Town of Williamsburg, Massachusetts, relative to a Resolution petitioning the Congress of the United States to institute an investigation of the activities of President George W. Bush and Vice President Richard B. Cheney; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

159. Also, a petition of the City of Rock Falls, Illinois, relative to requesting funds in the form of a grant through the FEMA Fire Act; to the Committee on Science and Technology.