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The House met at 2 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. LAMPSON).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC.
February 5, 2007.

I hereby appoint the Honorable NICK LAMPSON to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

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

Grateful for both the Republican and Democratic congressional retreats which took place these past 2 weeks, Lord God, we pray that the collaboration experienced and the insights gained may not dissipate with time, but permeate all the work of the 110th Congress.

A clearer understanding of the two separate branches of government was achieved, and the importance of bipartisan cooperation to solve large problems was realized in the honored presence and honest dialogue with President George Bush at both retreats. For these deeper perceptions which benefit all Americans, we praise You and bless You, Almighty God.

Time for prayer and reflection revealed a solid relationship with You, Lord God, while both retreats manifested everyone's gratitude and commitment to our Armed Forces and veterans. Precious time with spouses and children renewed the love and appreciation of family members who make daily sacrifices so that Members may serve the Nation and the common interest of others.

May all those who serve and sacrifice their time and talent for the common good of this Nation be rewarded by You both now and forever.

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 Texas (Mr. DOGGETT) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. DOGGETT 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 with amendments in which the concurrence of the House is requested, a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 434. An act to provide for an additional temporary extension of programs under the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 through December 31, 2007, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the Senate has passed without amendment in which the concurrence of the House is requested, a concurrent resolution of the House of the following title:

H. Con. Res. 34. Concurrent resolution honoring the life of Percy Lavon Julian, a pioneer in the field of organic chemistry research and development and the first and only African American chemist to be in-

ducted into the National Academy of Sciences.

The message also announced pursuant to section 276h-276k of title 22, United States Code, as amended, the Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, appoints the following Senator as Chairman of the Senate Delegation to the Mexico-United States Interparliamentary Group during the 110th Congress:

The Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD).

THE PRESERVE HISTORIC AMERICA ACT

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

Mr. CARNAHAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to announce the introduction of H.R. 610, the Preserve Historic America Act. This bill would expand and facilitate the use of Federal historic preservation tax credit and create a new historic preservation tax credit for our homeowners. The economic incentives created by the bill will produce historic preservation, economic growth, and spawn jobs.

A study of the Missouri Historic Preservation Tax Credit program, a widely respected program that expands upon the current Federal program, showed State assistance of \$74 million in tax credits contributed to \$267 million in Missouri income, \$381 million in gross State product and 10,278 Missouri jobs.

The State of Missouri has led the way in creating the most utilized historic preservation tax credit in the country, and I am proud to bring my home State's successes to the Federal level. H.R. 610 will provide the economic incentive necessary to save our historic treasures, while simultaneously creating a far-reaching monetary benefit.

I urge my colleagues to cosponsor this legislation.

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