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

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
April 16, 2007.

I hereby appoint the Honorable JASON ALTMIRE 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: Lord God, the beginning and the end of all things, our spring celebrations speak to our national identity and to the soul of each individual. Out of the cold of winter comes new life, fragile yet wonderful.

The Passover renewed and the eternal meaning of Easter usher in an abiding sense of being the free children of God because we celebrate Your presence once again revealed in the course of history and in the ordinary affairs of daily life. May the cloud of Your mystery guide us day and night and never be lifted from our conscious endeavors.

Be with Congress as it takes up the affairs of state. Both by law and policy, this government seeks to establish a world fresh with creativity, born out of freedom and brilliant with hope, because faith is renewed and trust is placed more squarely in You who live and reign forever and ever.

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 South Carolina (Mr. WILSON) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina 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.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, April 11, 2007.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
The Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM 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 April 11, 2007, at 10:40 a.m.:

That the Senate passed S. 521.

That the Senate passed S. 801.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 137.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 753.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely,

LORRAINE C. MILLER,
Clerk of the House.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following commu-

nication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, April 12, 2007.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
The Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM 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 April 12, 2007, at 9:56 am:

That the Senate passed S. 5.

That the Senate passed S. 30.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely,

LORRAINE C. MILLER,
Clerk of House.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, April 13, 2007.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
The Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM 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 April 13, 2007, at 11:00 am:

That the Senate passed S. 229.

That the Senate passed S. 1104.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely,

LORRAINE C. MILLER,
Clerk of the House

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 4 of rule I, the following enrolled bill was signed:

By Speaker pro tempore VAN HOLLEN on Wednesday, April 11, 2007:

□ 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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S. 1002, to amend the Older Americans Act of 1965 to reinstate certain provisions relating to the nutrition services incentive program.

VISITING THE FAR EAST

(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. Mr. Speaker, I had the honor 2 weeks ago of joining Congressman SOLOMON ORTIZ for a codel across the Far East. We were privileged to meet with officials in Guam, U.S.A.; China; South Korea; and Vietnam. Having visited most of those capitals before, this most recent trip reaffirmed my hope for the future. This extraordinarily fast growing region presents great opportunity for growing friendships for America.

In Korea and Guam, where America begins its day, we visited our servicemembers who are an inspiration of dedication, providing front line security for American families.

In Vietnam and China, we saw dynamic developing free-market economies. Amazingly, Vietnam has become one of the fastest growing modern economies on Earth, and its number one trading partner is America.

I am confident that phenomenal economic transformation can lead to expanded freedoms for the people of Vietnam and China.

In conclusion, God bless our troops and we will never forget September 11. Our prayers are with Virginia Tech families.

HONORING SERGEANT HOWARD PLOUFF

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

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of SGT Howard Plouff who was killed last month while answering the call for help from sheriffs deputies in Winston-Salem. Sergeant Plouff was known as an honorable man who selflessly served his family and community for more than 17 years in the Winston-Salem Police Department.

He was dedicated to community development and service. He was an assistant coach in the Southwest Forsyth Little League and was a member of the Holy Family Catholic Church in Clemmons. His is a legacy of the spirit of service that permeates this great country, and I am saddened by the profound loss that his death will be to his family, his police colleagues, his friends and our community.

He grew up on Long Island in New York City. He joined the Winston-Salem Police Department in 1989 and was promoted to sergeant in 1999.

Sergeant Plouff's career as a police officer was punctuated by his commitment to serving our community in North Carolina with distinction and honor. He earned the respect of his fel-

low officers and did not hesitate to go above and beyond the call of duty. In fact, during his time with the Winston-Salem Police Department, he was awarded its highest honor, the Medal of Valor, in 2003 for helping to prevent the suicide of a woman who had threatened to jump to her death from her apartment building. His death leaves a gaping hole not only with his family but within the ranks of Winston-Salem's Police Department.

He left behind a loving wife, Joyce, who is a third grade teacher at Southwest Elementary School, and his 13-year-old daughter, Brandy, and 11-year-old daughter, Holly.

Mr. Speaker, my thoughts and prayers are with Sergeant Plouff's wife and daughters and his extended family. May God bless them and comfort them during this difficult time. The city of Winston-Salem is fortunate to have been served by such an honorable and brave officer. He was a blessing to the many whose lives he touched. He will be sorely missed.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE HONORABLE MARILYN MUSGRAVE, MEMBER OF CONGRESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Honorable MARILYN MUSGRAVE, Member of Congress:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, April 4, 2007.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: This is to notify you formally, pursuant to Rule VIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, that I have received a subpoena, issued in the County Court for Weld County, Colorado, for testimony and documents in a criminal case.

After consultation with the Office of General Counsel, I have determined that compliance with the subpoenas is inconsistent with the precedents and privileges of the House.

Sincerely,

MARILYN MUSGRAVE,
Member of Congress.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE HONORABLE DARRELL E. ISSA, MEMBER OF CONGRESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Honorable DARRELL E. ISSA, Member of Congress:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, April 4, 2007.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: This is to formally notify you, pursuant to Rule VIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, that I have been served with a judicial subpoena for documents issued by the United States District Court for the District of Columbia.

After consulting with the Office of General Counsel, I will make the determinations required by House Rule VIII.

Sincerely,

DARRELL E. ISSA,
Member of Congress.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE HONORABLE DUNCAN HUNTER, MEMBER OF CONGRESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Honorable DUNCAN HUNTER, Member of Congress:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, April 4, 2007.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: This is to formally notify you, pursuant to Rule VIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, that I have been served with a judicial subpoena for documents issued by the United States District Court for the District of Columbia.

After consulting with the Office of General Counsel, I will make the determinations required by House Rule VIII.

Sincerely,

DUNCAN HUNTER,
Member of Congress.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or on which the vote is objected to under clause 6 of rule XX.

Record votes on postponed questions will be taken tomorrow.

LIEUTENANT TODD JASON BRYANT POST OFFICE

Ms. WATSON. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 988) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 5757 Tilton Avenue in Riverside, California, as the "Lieutenant Todd Jason Bryant Post Office".

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 988

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. LIEUTENANT TODD JASON BRYANT POST OFFICE.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 5757 Tilton Avenue in Riverside, California, shall be known and designated as the "Lieutenant Todd Jason Bryant Post Office".

(b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the facility referred to in subsection (a) shall be deemed to be a reference to the "Lieutenant Todd Jason Bryant Post Office".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentlewoman from California (Ms. WATSON) and the gentlewoman from North Carolina (Ms. FOXX) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from California.

GENERAL LEAVE

Ms. WATSON. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks.