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

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
July 10, 2007.

I hereby appoint the Honorable LUIS V. GUTIERREZ 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 our God, ancient days, like yesterday and tomorrow, are before You as ever present. Be with the House of Representatives as it resumes its many tasks of policy and legislation today and in the weeks to come.

Lord, every day we in America pray for our women and men in military service, especially those who are in harm's way in Iraq. Today, we expand the vision and embrace of our prayer as we commend to You all the people of Iraq. Having inserted ourselves into the life of this land of antiquity and biblical proportions, we cannot help but be moved by their fear, confusion, and suffering occasioned by war.

Help us as a young and powerful nation, Lord, to learn more about this ancient world with so much complexity, history, and so many contemporary issues which must be addressed.

Guide the United States, Iraq, and other nations to seek Your face and seek the way of peace for these people. Help all who are so concerned to speak responsibly, to act prudently, and to pray boldly for one another. For You alone can bring good out of contradic-

tory evil as You do 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 Massachusetts (Mr. MCGOVERN) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. MCGOVERN 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 Mr. Curtis, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed with an amendment in which the concurrence of the House is requested, bills of the House of the following titles:

H.R. 1. An act to provide for the implementation of the recommendations of the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States.

H.R. 710. An act to amend the National Organ Transplant Act to provide that criminal penalties do not apply to paired donations of human kidneys, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the Senate insists upon its amendment to the bill (H.R. 1) "An Act to provide for the implementation of the recommendations of the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States", requests a conference with the House on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and

appoints Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. CARPER, Mr. PRYOR, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. COLEMAN, and Mr. COBURN, to be the conferees on the part of the Senate; and from the

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Mr. DODD, and Mr. SHELBY;

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Mr. INOUE, and Mr. STEVENS; and

Committee on Foreign Relations: Mr. BIDEN, and Mr. LUGAR, to be the conferees on the part of the Senate.

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, June 29, 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 June 29, 2007, at 2:59 pm:

That the Senate passed S. 1612

That the Senate passed S. 966

That the Senate passed with an amendment H.R. 556

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 bills were signed by the Speaker on Friday, June 29, 2007:

H.R. 1830, to extend the authorities of the Andean Trade Preference Act until February 29, 2008;

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S. 277, to modify the boundaries of Grand Teton National Park to include certain land within the GT Park Sub-division, and for other purposes;

S. 1704, to temporarily extend the programs under the Higher Education Act of 1965, and for other purposes.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under clause 5(d) of rule XX, the Chair announces to the House that, in light of the resignation of the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. MEEHAN), the whole number of the House is 432.

WELCOME BACK

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

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. Speaker, since we have all been gone, the Glasgow Airport has been bombed, Piccadilly Circus in London was the site of an attempted terrorist attack, another attempt on a hospital, and within 48 hours, the British Intelligence Agency rounded up several credible suspects. Their use of intelligence should be commended. They have faced terrorist attacks on their soil for over 30 years and put in place the tools to deal with these.

On the other hand, it seems the liberal leadership of this Congress wants to backtrack in our attempts to track and survey potential terrorists by scaling back our critical intelligence-gathering efforts.

They took issue with the program designed to monitor phone calls from potential terrorists. They railed against the PATRIOT Act. They even shifted funds from critical intelligence-gathering programs to put it into a slush fund to study global warming. Mr. Speaker, the last time I checked, global warming didn't have one single thing to do with putting a bomb in Piccadilly Circus or trying to blow up the JFK airport. Global warming didn't bomb the USS *Cole* or take down the Twin Towers. Climate change can be studied, but it need not be done at the expense of human intelligence needed to help eliminate international terrorism. We need to adjust our priorities. It's time to get to work.

BORDER CROSSINGS AND TRAFFIC TICKETS

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

Mr. POE. Mr. Speaker, news from the lawless southern border: Homeland Security is claiming illegal entry is decreasing. According to their reports, the number of illegals arrested on the Mexico-U.S. border has decreased almost 25 percent.

Armed with these statistics, these bureaucrats are thus claiming fewer

illegals are trying to sneak into the United States. Interesting enough, just last month the Homeland Security Secretary said, while he was lobbying for the now defeated Senate amnesty plan, that he cannot secure the U.S. borders. Now he claims illegal crossings are down because apprehensions on the border are down. That is like saying there are fewer cars on the road because the police are issuing fewer traffic tickets.

The American people are not fooled by this statistical game. Rather than claiming these glowing statistics mean that all is well on the southern front, Homeland Security should stop issuing propaganda statements and give the border protectors the support, equipment, and manpower to protect the border from infiltration. Homeland Security must quit being delightfully ignorant of the truth and not claim border victory because it issues fewer traffic tickets.

And that's just the way it is.

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 after 6:30 p.m. today.

CESAR ESTRADA CHAVEZ STUDY ACT

Mr. SARBANES. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 359) to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of sites associated with the life of Cesar Estrada Chavez and the farm labor movement, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 359

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

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "César Estrada Chávez Study Act".

SEC. 2. SPECIAL RESOURCE STUDY.

(a) *IN GENERAL.*—Not later than 3 years after the date on which funds are made available to carry out this Act, the Secretary of the Interior (referred to in this Act as the "Secretary") shall complete a special resource study of sites in the State of Arizona, the State of California, and other States that are significant to the life of César E. Chávez and the farm labor movement in the western United States to determine—

(1) *appropriate methods for preserving and interpreting the sites; and*

(2) *whether any of the sites meets the criteria for listing on the National Register of Historic Places or designation as a national historic landmark under—*

(A) *the Act of August 21, 1935 (16 U.S.C. 461 et seq.); or*

(B) *the National Historic Preservation Act (16 U.S.C. 470 et seq.).*

(b) *REQUIREMENTS.*—*In conducting the study under subsection (a), the Secretary shall—*

(1) *consider the criteria for the study of areas for potential inclusion in the National Park System under section 8(b)(2) of Public Law 91-383 (16 U.S.C. 1a-5(b)(2)); and*

(2) *consult with—*

(A) *the César E. Chávez Foundation;*

(B) *the United Farm Workers Union; and*

(C) *State and local historical associations and societies, including any State historic preservation offices in the State in which the site is located.*

(c) *REPORT.*—*On completion of the study, the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate a report that describes—*

(1) *the findings of the study; and*

(2) *any recommendations of the Secretary.*

SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as are necessary to carry out this Act.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. SARBANES) and the gentlewoman from Tennessee (Mrs. BLACKBURN) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Maryland.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. SARBANES. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the bill under consideration.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Maryland?

There was no objection.

Mr. SARBANES. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, H.R. 359 authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of the sites associated with the life of Cesar Estrada Chavez and the farm labor movement.

Representative HILDA SOLIS, my colleague on the Natural Resources Committee, has worked tirelessly for the last 6 years to move this important legislation forward. I am proud to join Representative SOLIS and 68 other Representatives as a cosponsor of this bill, and I want to thank Ms. SOLIS for her efforts and leadership in getting this important study authorized.

In 1962, Cesar Chavez founded the National Farm Workers Association, which later became the United Farm Workers of America, working to protect farm workers' rights. Chavez led the United Farm Workers for 31 years and gained increases in wages and better working conditions for farm laborers. Through his work, Chavez became a national leader on civil rights and social justice and an inspiration to millions of Americans and people around the world.

H.R. 359 directs the Secretary of the Interior to consider sites in Arizona, California, and other States that are significant to the life of Cesar Chavez and the farm labor movement in the western United States. The bill requires the Secretary to determine the appropriate methods for preserving and