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Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, July 30, 2007, at 2 p.m.

House of Representatives

FRIDAY, JULY 27, 2007

The House met at 9 a.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,
July 27, 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: Our God and Savior, at times we seem to be like sheep gone astray; yet here we are gathered together.

Called by Your voice, make us attentive to Your word. Being restless in our world, grant us Your peace.

Gathered as representatives of government by the people, we ask You to bless the Members of Congress today and this weekend. They have come to serve Your purpose and are pledged to serve Your people.

Attentive to the diverse needs of so many, help them respond as best they can. Having found common ground in principles of sound government, guide them to accomplish deeds of justice and good order for all citizens.

We commend this Nation to You as the shepherd and guardian of our souls 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 gentlewoman from Pennsylvania (Ms. SCHWARTZ) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. SCHWARTZ 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 agrees to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate 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."

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain up to five 1-minute speeches from each side.

CHAMP ACT

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

Ms. SCHWARTZ. Mr. Speaker, early this morning the Children's Health Insurance and Medicare Protection Act, which extends access to quality care for both our Nation's children and our Nation's seniors, was passed out of committee.

With this important legislation, we are wisely investing in the Children's Health Insurance Program to protect and extend access to health coverage for millions of America's uninsured children.

In its 10-year history, CHIP has had strong bipartisan support not only because of what it accomplishes but how it meets its goal, with a flexible, cost-effective market approach to access to health insurance. Yet it has become the object of scorn by this President and with Republican leaders in Congress forcefully opposing this successful public-private partnership which enables literally millions of hard-working American families to buy private health insurance for their children.

And this legislation strengthens and sustains Medicare for American seniors by securing payments for physicians and quality, innovative health care options for seniors.

Protecting Medicare and extending CHIP is the best opportunity this Congress has to address the need for affordable quality health insurance for Americans.

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