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House of Representatives

The House met at noon and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mrs. TAUSCHER).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
January 15, 2008.

I hereby appoint the Honorable ELLEN O. TAUSCHER 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:

As this 110th Congress resumes in this Second Session for debate and passage of new bills, we pray to You, the almighty and all-powerful Lord. With prophetic words, we plead that You would rip open the heavens and come down to be with us.

Then Your holy name will be known by true believers and enemies as well. Nations shall tremble before You and forge a new alliance together. No ear has ever heard, no eye has ever seen what great deeds You can accomplish for those who wait upon Your visitation.

Do not hold back, O Lord. Do not remain silent. Come upon us with Your grace and power. Make of us Your people, that we may accomplish Your holy will and give You praise now and forever. Amen.

RESIGNATION FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, December 31, 2007.
Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER, I hereby give notice of my resignation from the United States House of Representatives. Attached is the letter I submitted to Governor Haley Barbour.

With best wishes, I am
Sincerely yours,

ROGER F. WICKER.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, December 31, 2007.
Hon. HALEY BARBOUR,
Governor, State of Mississippi, Jackson, MS.

DEAR GOVERNOR BARBOUR, I hereby submit my resignation as United States Representative of the First District of Mississippi, effective 10:00 a.m., Eastern Standard Time, Monday, December 31, 2007.

With best wishes, I am
Sincerely yours,

ROGER F. WICKER.

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 resignations of the gentleman from Mississippi (Mr. WICKER) and the gentleman from Louisiana (Mr. JINDAL), the whole number of the House is adjusted to 431.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the House stands in recess until approximately 6:30 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 3 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess until approximately 6:30 p.m.

□ 1833

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order at 6 o'clock and 33 minutes p.m.

CALL OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER. The Clerk will utilize the electronic system to ascertain the presence of a quorum.

Members will record their presence by electronic device.

The call was taken by electronic device, and the following Members responded to their names:

[Roll No. 1]

YEAS—393

Abercrombie	Broun (GA)	Cubin
Ackerman	Brown (SC)	Cuellar
Aderholt	Brown, Corrine	Cummings
Akin	Brown-Waite,	Davis (AL)
Alexander	Ginny	Davis (CA)
Allen	Buchanan	Davis (IL)
Altmire	Burgess	Davis (KY)
Andrews	Burton (IN)	Davis, David
Arcuri	Butterfield	Davis, Tom
Bachmann	Buyer	Deal (GA)
Bachus	Camp (MI)	DeFazio
Baird	Campbell (CA)	DeGette
Baldwin	Cannon	DeLauro
Barrett (SC)	Capito	Dent
Bartlett (MD)	Capps	Diaz-Balart, L.
Barton (TX)	Capuano	Diaz-Balart, M.
Bean	Cardoza	Dicks
Becerra	Carnahan	Doggett
Berman	Carney	Donnelly
Berry	Carter	Doyle
Biggert	Castle	Drake
Billbray	Castor	Dreier
Billirakis	Chabot	Duncan
Bishop (GA)	Chandler	Edwards
Bishop (NY)	Clarke	Ehlers
Bishop (UT)	Clay	Ellison
Blumenauer	Cleaver	Ellsworth
Blunt	Clyburn	Emanuel
Boehner	Coble	Emerson
Bonner	Cohen	Engel
Bono Mack	Cole (OK)	English (PA)
Boozman	Conaway	Eshoo
Boren	Conyers	Etheridge
Boswell	Cooper	Everett
Boucher	Costa	Fallin
Boustany	Costello	Fattah
Boyd (FL)	Courtney	Feeney
Boyda (KS)	Cramer	Finer
Brady (PA)	Crenshaw	Flake
Brady (TX)	Crowley	

□ 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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Fortenberry	Lowey	Rothman
Fossella	Lucas	Roybal-Allard
Fox	Lungren, Daniel	Royce
Franks (AZ)	E.	Ruppersberger
Frelinghuysen	Lynch	Rush
Gallegly	Mack	Ryan (OH)
Garrett (NJ)	Mahoney (FL)	Ryan (WI)
Gerlach	Maloney (NY)	Salazar
Giffords	Manzullo	Sali
Gilchrest	Marchant	Sánchez, Linda
Gillibrand	Markey	T.
Gingrey	Marshall	Sanchez, Loretta
Gohmert	Matheson	Sarbanes
Gonzalez	Matsui	Saxton
Goode	McCarthy (CA)	Schakowsky
Goodlatte	McCarthy (NY)	Schiff
Gordon	McCauley (TX)	Schmidt
Granger	McCollum (MN)	Schwartz
Graves	McCotter	Scott (GA)
Green, Al	McDermott	Scott (VA)
Green, Gene	McGovern	Sensenbrenner
Grijalva	McHenry	Serrano
Hall (NY)	McHugh	Sessions
Hall (TX)	McIntyre	Sestak
Hare	McKeon	Shadegg
Harman	McMorris	Shays
Hastings (FL)	Rodgers	Shea-Porter
Hastings (WA)	McNerney	Sherman
Hayes	McNulty	Shimkus
Heller	Meek (FL)	Shuler
Hensarling	Melancon	Shuster
Herger	Mica	Sires
Hersteth Sandlin	Michaud	Skelton
Higgins	Miller (FL)	Slaughter
Hill	Miller (MI)	Smith (NE)
Hinche	Miller, George	Smith (NJ)
Hirono	Mitchell	Smith (TX)
Hobson	Mollohan	Smith (WA)
Hodes	Moore (KS)	Snyder
Holden	Moore (WI)	Solis
Holt	Moran (KS)	Souder
Hooley	Moran (VA)	Space
Hoyer	Murphy (CT)	Stearns
Hulshof	Murphy, Patrick	Stupak
Inglis (SC)	Murphy, Tim	Sullivan
Inlee	Murtha	Sutton
Israel	Musgrave	Tancredo
Issa	Myrick	Tanner
Jackson (IL)	Nadler	Tauscher
Jackson-Lee	Napolitano	Taylor
(TX)	Neal (MA)	Terry
Jefferson	Neugebauer	Thompson (CA)
Johnson (GA)	Nunes	Thompson (MS)
Johnson (IL)	Oberstar	Thornberry
Johnson, E. B.	Obey	Tiahrt
Johnson, Sam	Oliver	Tiberi
Jones (NC)	Ortiz	Tierney
Jones (OH)	Pallone	Towns
Jordan	Pascarell	Turner
Kagen	Pastor	Udall (CO)
Kanjorski	Payne	Udall (NM)
Keller	Pearce	Upton
Kennedy	Pelosi	Van Hollen
Kildee	Pence	Velázquez
Kilpatrick	Perlmutter	Visclosky
Kind	Peterson (MN)	Walden (OR)
King (IA)	Peterson (PA)	Walsh (NY)
King (NY)	Petri	Walz (MN)
Kingston	Pickering	Wamp
Kirk	Pitts	Wasserman
Klein (FL)	Platts	Schultz
Kline (MN)	Poe	Waters
Knollenberg	Porter	Watson
Kuhl (NY)	Price (GA)	Watt
LaHood	Price (NC)	Waxman
Lamborn	Putnam	Weiner
Lampson	Radanovich	Welch (VT)
Langevin	Rahall	Weldon (FL)
Larsen (WA)	Ramstad	Weller
Larson (CT)	Rangel	Westmoreland
Latham	Regula	Wexler
LaTourette	Rehberg	Whitfield (KY)
Latta	Reichert	Wilson (NM)
Lee	Reyes	Wilson (OH)
Levin	Reynolds	Wilson (SC)
Lewis (CA)	Richardson	Wittman (VA)
Lewis (GA)	Rodriguez	Wolf
Lewis (KY)	Rogers (AL)	Woolsey
Linder	Rogers (KY)	Wu
Lipinski	Rogers (MI)	Wynn
LoBiondo	Ros-Lehtinen	Yarmuth
Loeback	Roskam	Young (AK)
Lofgren, Zoe	Ross	Young (FL)

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the call). Due to a problem in the Rayburn House Office Building, the electronic voting system is partially inop-

erable. The portion of the system by which the Tally Clerk enters votes for Members on the basis of ballot cards submitted in the well is operable. That portion of the system is being used to tabulate the names of Members who have recorded their presence. Members who have submitted amber cards in the well have recorded their presence.

□ 1931

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. TAUSCHER). On this rollcall, 393 Members have recorded their presence, a quorum.

Under the rule, further proceedings under the call are dispensed with.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. 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 pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Texas (Mr. CONAWAY) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. CONAWAY 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.

PROVIDING FOR A COMMITTEE TO NOTIFY THE PRESIDENT OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CONGRESS

Mr. HOYER. Madam Speaker, I send to the desk a privileged resolution and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 913

Resolved, That a committee of two Members be appointed by the Speaker on the part of the House of Representatives to join with a committee on the part of the Senate to notify the President of the United States that a quorum of each House has assembled and Congress is ready to receive any communication that he may be pleased to make.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

APPOINTMENT AS MEMBERS OF COMMITTEE TO NOTIFY THE PRESIDENT, PURSUANT TO HOUSE RESOLUTION 913

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 913, the Chair appoints the following Members to the committee on the part of the House to join a committee on the part of the Senate to notify the President of the United States that a quorum of each House has assembled and that Congress is ready to receive any communication that he may be pleased to make:

The gentleman from Maryland (Mr. HOYER); and

The gentleman from Ohio (Mr. BOEHNER).

TO INFORM THE SENATE THAT A QUORUM OF THE HOUSE HAS ASSEMBLED

Mr. HOYER. Madam Speaker, I send to the desk a privileged resolution and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 914

Resolved, That the Clerk of the House inform the Senate that a quorum of the House is present and that the House is ready to proceed with business.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PROVIDING FOR THE HOUR OF MEETING OF THE HOUSE

Mr. HOYER. Madam Speaker, I send to the desk a privileged resolution and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 915

Resolved, That unless otherwise ordered, before Monday, May 12, 2008, the hour of daily meeting of the House shall be 2 p.m. on Mondays; noon on Tuesdays; and 10 a.m. on all other days of the week; and from Monday, May 12, 2008, for the remainder of the 110th Congress, the hour of daily meeting of the House shall be noon on Mondays, 10 a.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays; and 9 a.m. on all other days of the week.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

MAKING IN ORDER MORNING-HOUR DEBATE

Mr. HOYER. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the order of the House of January 4, 2007, providing for morning-hour debate be extended for the remainder of the 110th Congress, except that pursuant to House Resolution 915, the date of May 12, 2008, shall be used in lieu of May 14, 2007.

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

There was no objection.

DISPENSING WITH CALENDAR WEDNESDAY BUSINESS ON TOMORROW

Mr. HOYER. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the business in order under the Calendar Wednesday rule be dispensed with tomorrow.

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

There was no objection.

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: