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The House met at 10:30 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mrs. BOYDA of Kansas).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
January 18, 2008.

I hereby appoint the Honorable NANCY E. BOYDA 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: Forty years ago, President Lyndon Johnson said: "This I do believe. The dream of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. has not died with him. People who are white, people who are black, must and will now join together as never in the past to let all the forces of divisiveness know that America shall not be ruled by the bullet but only by the ballot of a free and just nation."

Lord our God, keep the dream of Dr. King alive in another generation of Americans. Bring an end to violence as the way to settle our differences and our difficulties.

May the gospel he preached and the message he brought to the world inspire all citizens, especially politicians and military, to become agents of reconciliation, nation building, and peace.

This we ask, calling upon Your holy name. Amen.

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. The Chair will lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The SPEAKER pro tempore 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.

RESIGNATION FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, January 17, 2008.

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

MADAM SPEAKER: Earlier today I informed Louisiana Governor Bobby Jindal that I am resigning my position as United States Representative for the Sixth Congressional District of Louisiana effective February 2, 2008.

I have been humbled to serve in the U.S. House of Representatives for the past 22 years. I want to thank all members for their friendship during this time and willingness to sacrifice to serve this great nation. In particular, I want to thank the Louisiana Congressional delegation for always keeping the best interests of our state as our highest priority.

I also want to thank President Bush, the U.S. Congress, and the American people for their generosity in Louisiana's most pressing time of need. The people of Louisiana are indeed grateful for the support of the nation in the aftermath of the 2005 hurricane season, and on their behalf I once again express our deep gratitude.

With warmest personal regards, I remain
Sincerely yours,

RICHARD H. BAKER.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC January 17, 2008.

Hon. BOBBY JINDAL,
Governor, State of Louisiana,
Baton Rouge, LA.

DEAR GOVERNOR JINDAL: On January 15, 2008, I announced to the people of Louisiana's Sixth Congressional District my decision to accept an offer to serve as the President & Chief Executive Officer of the Managed Funds Association. I am hereby resigning my position as the United States Representative for the Sixth Congressional District of Louisiana, effective February 2, 2008.

I count it a high privilege to have served the people of the Sixth District in the U.S. House of Representatives and to have worked with my colleagues in the Louisiana Congressional delegation to advance the interests of the great State of Louisiana. I want to wish you well as you begin your first term as governor and offer my support as your administration continues the work of building a better Louisiana for future generations.

With warmest personal regards, I remain
Sincerely yours,

RICHARD H. BAKER.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the House stands adjourned until 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday next for morning-hour debate.

There was no objection.

Accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 35 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Tuesday, January 22, 2008, at 12:30 p.m., for morning-hour debate.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 8 of rule XII, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

5051. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Transportation, transmitting the annual report of the Maritime Administration (MARAD) for Fiscal Year 2006, pursuant to 46 U.S.C. app. 1118; to the Committee on Armed Services.

5052. A letter from the Under Secretary for Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense, transmitting a letter on the approved

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retirement of Vice Admiral Terrance T. Etnyre, United States Navy, and his advancement to the grade of vice admiral on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

5053. A letter from the Principal Deputy Under Secretary for Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense, transmitting authorization of the enclosed list of officers to wear the insignia of the grade of brigadier general in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

5054. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Installations and Environment, Department of Defense, transmitting notification of the decision to cancel the public-private competition for the Naval Supply Systems Command's ocean terminal operations and maintenance services; to the Committee on Armed Services.

5055. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Energy, transmitting the Department's annual report on the status of efforts to secure material in Russia and the former Soviet States, pursuant to Public Law 106-398, section 3171; to the Committee on Armed Services.

5056. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's final rule—Identify Theft Red Flags and Address Discrepancies Under the Fair and Accurate Credit Transactions Act of 2003 [Docket ID OCC-2007-0017] (RIN: 1557-AC87) received December 20, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

5057. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's final rule—Fair Credit Reporting Affiliate Marketing Regulations [Docket ID: OCC-2007-0010] (RIN: 1557-AC88) received December 20, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

5058. A letter from the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—ACCEPTANCE FROM FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUERS OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PREPARED IN ACCORDANCE WITH INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL REPORTING STANDARDS WITHOUT RECONCILIATION TO U.S. GAAP [RELEASE NOS. 33-8879; 34-57026; INTERNATIONAL SERIES RELEASE NO. 1306; File No. S7-13-07] (RIN: 3235-AJ90) received January 4, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

5059. A letter from the Assistant Associate Administrator, SNP, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Applying for Free and Reduced Price Meals in the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program and for Benefits in the Special Milk Program and Technical Amendments [Docket No.: FNS-2007-0023] (RIN: 0584-AD54) received December 20, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and Labor.

5060. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator For Regulatory Programs, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Regulatory Amendment to Modify Recordkeeping and Reporting and Observer Requirements; Correction [Docket No. 071106654-7655-01] (RIN: 0648-AW20) received December 20, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

5061. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator For Regulatory Programs, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Adminis-

tration's final rule—Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Northeast Multispecies Fishery; Temporary Haddock Size Limit Extension [Docket No. 070709299-7300-01] (RIN: 0648-AV75) received December 20, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

5062. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator For Regulatory Programs, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Groundfish and Halibut Fisheries of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area and Gulf of Alaska, Seabird Avoidance Measures Revisions [Docket No. 070705262-7683-03] (RIN: 0648-AV38) received January 4, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

5063. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting a copy of a draft bill, "To amend title 38, United States Code, to establish within the Department of Veterans Affairs, the position of Assistant Secretary for Acquisition, Logistics, and Construction, and for other purposes."; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

5064. A letter from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting the Office's Fiscal Year 2006 annual report on Veteran's Employment in the Federal Government; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. CONYERS: Committee on the Judiciary. H.R. 3971. A bill to encourage States to report to the Attorney General certain information regarding the deaths of individuals in the custody of law enforcement agencies; with an amendment (Rept. 110-512). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. TIM MURPHY of Pennsylvania:
H.R. 5070. A bill to extend the suspension of duty on Polyfunctional aziridine; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. TIM MURPHY of Pennsylvania:
H.R. 5071. A bill to extend the suspension of duty on Poly(tolueno diisocyanate); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. TIM MURPHY of Pennsylvania:
H.R. 5072. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on Arcol Catalyst 3; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. TIM MURPHY of Pennsylvania:
H.R. 5073. A bill to extend the suspension of duty on Crelan VP LS 2147; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. TIM MURPHY of Pennsylvania:
H.R. 5074. A bill to extend the suspension of duty on Desmodur RF-E; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. TIM MURPHY of Pennsylvania:
H.R. 5075. A bill to extend the suspension of duty on Desmodur R-E; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. TIM MURPHY of Pennsylvania:
H.R. 5076. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on Mondur M Flaked; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. TIM MURPHY of Pennsylvania:
H.R. 5077. A bill to extend the suspension of duty on TSME; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. TIM MURPHY of Pennsylvania:
H.R. 5078. A bill to extend the suspension of duty on Desmodur BL XP 2468; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. TIM MURPHY of Pennsylvania:
H.R. 5079. A bill to extend the suspension of duty on Trimethylpropane tris(3-aziridinylpropanoate); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. TIM MURPHY of Pennsylvania:
H.R. 5080. A bill to extend the suspension of duty on Desmodur HL BA; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. TIM MURPHY of Pennsylvania:
H.R. 5081. A bill to extend the suspension of duty on Desmodur VP LS 2253; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. TIM MURPHY of Pennsylvania:
H.R. 5082. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on Desmodur VP LS 2253/1; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. TIM MURPHY of Pennsylvania:
H.R. 5083. A bill to extend the suspension of duty on Desmodur E 14; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. SHAYS:

H.R. 5084. A bill to require the Secretary of State to conduct ongoing assessments of the effectiveness of sanctions against Iran, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committees on Financial Services, Oversight and Government Reform, Ways and Means, and Agriculture, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. BAKER (for himself, Mr. MCCRERY, Mr. JEFFERSON, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. BOUSTANY, and Mr. MELANCON):

H. Res. 933. A resolution commending the Louisiana State University Tigers football team for winning the 2007 Bowl Championship Series national championship game; to the Committee on Education and Labor.

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS TO PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 7 of rule XII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions as follows:

H.R. 1398: Mr. TIM MURPHY of Pennsylvania.

H.R. 5036: Mrs. CAPPS, Mr. PRICE of North Carolina, Ms. SUTTON, Mr. ELLISON, and Mr. MCGOVERN.

H.J. Res. 76: Mr. BECERRA, Mr. BERRY, Mr. BISHOP of New York, Mr. BOREN, Ms. CORRINE BROWN of Florida, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. BUTTERFIELD, Mr. CAPUANO, Mr. CARDOZA, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. DOYLE, Mr. EMANUEL, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey, Mr. HILL, Ms. HOOLEY, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, Mrs. JONES of Ohio, Mr. KANJORSKI, Mr. KENNEDY, Ms. KILPATRICK, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. LOEBSACK, Ms. ZOE LOFGREN of California, Mr. MAHONEY of Florida, Mr. MEEK of Florida, Mr. MEEKS of New York, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota, Mr. PORTER, Mr. ROGERS of Michigan, Mr. SERRANO, Mr. SIRE, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. TERRY, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mr. WAXMAN, Mr. WILSON of Ohio, and Mr. YOUNG of Alaska.

H. Con. Res. 198: Mr. DOYLE.

H. Con. Res. 280: Mr. MARKEY, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, Mr. WYNN, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, and Mr. ELLISON.

H. Res. 909: Ms. CORRINE BROWN of Florida, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida, and Mr. SHERMAN.

H. Res. 932: Mr. WU, Mr. HARE, Ms. MATSUI, Mrs. TAUSCHER, and Mr. ETHERIDGE.