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The House met at 12:30 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. PERLMUTTER).

DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
June 9, 2008.

I hereby appoint the Honorable ED PERLMUTTER to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

MORNING-HOUR DEBATE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of January 4, 2007, the Chair will now recognize Members from lists submitted by the majority and minority leaders for morning-hour debate.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until 2 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 31 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess until 2 p.m.

☐ 1400

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. LARSEN of Washington) at 2 p.m.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer:

Lord God, by turning to You with faith, all can find lasting wisdom and clear direction, whether an individual or a nation. When in a cloud of confusion, You can offer a ray of light. When undecided because of many options, You can surface deepest convictions. When distracted or wandering around aimlessly, You can bring any of us back to center.

When bored with routine, You can create a surprise of new life. When smothered with disappointments, You can breathe the fresh breath of hope. When overwhelmed with an agenda, You can bring into focus priorities. When feeling most vulnerable, You are Our Strength 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 Ohio (Mr. LATTA) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. LATTA 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.

IMPORTANT ENERGY POLICIES

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

Mr. LATTA. Mr. Speaker, as another week passes and gas prices continue to

hit all-time record highs each day, our constituents want answers from Congress. Because there is no one single fix to stabilize the energy prices, we must have a comprehensive, realistic plan.

Last month I introduced House Resolution 1206 which promotes five important energy policies that I believe will assist Congress as we develop our comprehensive energy plan.

The five points within House Resolution 1206 include promotion and expansion of renewable alternative energy sources, increasing domestic refining capacity, promotion of conservation, increasing energy efficiency, expansion of research and development for domestic exploration, and enhancement of consumer education.

House Resolution 1206 is one piece of our energy puzzle, but an important one as Congress seeks to improve our Nation's comprehensive energy policy.

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 6, 2008.

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 6, 2008, at 9:10 a.m.:

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 3913.

That the Senate passed S. 2482.

That the Senate agreed to without amendment H. Con. Res. 311.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

LORRAINE C. MILLER,
Clerk of the House.

☐ This symbol represents the time of day during the House proceedings, e.g., ☐ 1407 is 2:07 p.m.

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