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## House of Representatives

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

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,  
July 8, 2008.

I hereby appoint the Honorable JESSE L. JACKSON, Jr., 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:  
We praise and bless You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have revealed to those of humble heart Your glorious presence. To all who gaze at the beauty of Your creation and are filled with wonder, You speak volumes and fill them with joy.

Children need no argument to know Your existence, they simply take delight in the world You give them and revel in love. The more mature notice You in the crossroads of their lives and praise You for opening the way before them. Encouraged by Your understanding of their goodness, they are willing to take greater risks because of their belief.

Be with all the seekers of truth and workers for justice; that their dreams for America and their hopes for a better world be realized. Together all believers in this Nation and in Your Providence give You glory 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 Guam (Ms. BORDALLO) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. BORDALLO 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.

### 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:

JUNE 27, 2008.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,  
*Speaker, The Capitol, 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 27, 2008, at 10:19 a.m.:

That the Senate concurs in the House amendment to the Senate amendment to the House amendment to the Senate amendment H.R. 2642.

That the Senate passed with an amendment H.R. 802.

That the Senate passed with an amendment H.R. 3986.

That the Senate passed S. 2565.

That the Senate passed S. 3218.

That the Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 379. With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely,

LORRAINE C. MILLER,  
*Clerk of the House.*  
DEBORAH M. SPRIGGS,  
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That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 3721.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 4185.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 5168.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 5395.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 5479.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 5517.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 528.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 3564.

That the Senate passed S. 3015.

That the Senate passed S. 3082.

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of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on July 8, 2008, at 9:35 a.m.:

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 3891.

That the Senate passed S. Res. 608.

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 Speaker pro tempore HOYER on Friday, June 27, 2008:

H.R. 2642, making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes

H.R. 5690, to remove the African National Congress from treatment as a terrorist organization for certain acts or events, provide relief for certain members of the African National Congress regarding admissibility, and for other purposes.

#### NONPROLIFERATION PROGRESS

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, last week was an extraordinary week of success for America in promoting nuclear nonproliferation.

On Friday, the North Koreans destroyed the cooling tower at their Yongbyon nuclear complex. This, plus other recent concessions by that regime, will lead to additional aid for the people of that impoverished nation.

In India, the U.S.-India civilian nuclear agreement appears to be closer to approval. This is an important step to bring clean nuclear energy to the citizens of fast-growing India.

In Iraq, there was the removal of the last remnants of Saddam Hussein's nuclear program when 550 metric tons of yellowcake, the seed material for higher-grade nuclear enrichment, was shipped to Canada.

However, the threat of Iran continues to grow. The Iranian Government has confirmed it will not comply with the U.N. Security Council resolutions requiring it to stop enriching uranium.

It is encouraging to see the people of North Korea, India and Iraq benefit from moral cooperation, but it is sad to see the misguided government of Iran further isolate its civilian population and put them at risk.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September the 11th.

#### REPUBLICANS WORK ON MEANINGFUL SOLUTIONS

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

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, while the Democrat Congress sits on its hands, House Republicans are answering the challenge of \$4 gas, taking our meaningful solutions to produce American-made energy, lower gas prices and promote energy independence directly to the American people.

When the French people were starving, the Queen said, "Let them eat cake." Speaker PELOSI's office says, "Right now our strategy on gas prices is drive small cars and wait for the wind."

The American people can't wait for the Democrats to decide what to do. They want answers now, and Republicans stand ready with solutions. The Republican plan will increase production of American-made energy in an environmentally safe way. It will promote new, clean, and reliable sources of energy while cutting red tape and increasing the supply of American-made fuel and energy. The House Republican plan also encourages greater energy efficiency by offering conservative tax credits to Americans who make their home, car and business more energy efficient.

So while Democrats continue to sit on the sidelines, House Republicans will continue to fight for meaningful solutions to lower gas prices and promote energy independence.

#### CONSERVATION TAX INCENTIVES

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

Mr. WITTMAN of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to discuss one of the most pressing issues facing our country today, and that is high gas prices. Soaring energy and gas prices are burdening American families and American businesses. We can encourage greater energy efficiency and offer some relief to families and businesses by offering conservation tax incentives. And we should make home energy efficiency upgrades tax deductible.

At a time when families are choosing between buying gas and buying food, we should make it easier for American families. Congress should provide incentives for home builders and homeowners to make their homes more energy efficient. Having more energy efficient homes will help families by leaving them with more money in their wallet to pay their bills. This is also good for the environment, and also reduces our dependence on foreign oil.

In addition to helping families, we should also offer investment expensing for industrial and commercial building efficiency upgrades. Helping businesses afford to be more energy efficient will help businesses afford to keep their workers employed.

Families cannot afford to wait any longer for relief at the pump. We need to start today to encourage greater energy efficiency by offering these tax incentives by helping families and busi-

nesses to save money and reduce their dependence on foreign oil.

#### START THE DRILL

(Mr. BROUN of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BROUN of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, right now America is drilling for ice on Mars; yet we cannot drill for oil in America. It's insane.

Coach Mark Richt of Georgia Bulldog football fame has three words, a phrase he uses to energize his football team: Finish the drill.

I have three words as a Congressman from Georgia and Representative of this body to energize America: Start the drill. Now.

#### DEMOCRAT MAJORITY COSTING AMERICAN PEOPLE

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

Mr. WESTMORELAND. Mr. Speaker, I come to you today to help with some statistics that I thought you might be interested in. The fact is that we have a new majority. We have had a new majority now for about 18 months or so in this body. I wanted to give you some statistics about what has happened since the new majority has taken over.

A gallon of gas has gone from \$2.35 to \$4.11, an increase of \$1.76. A loaf of bread has gone from \$1.14 to \$1.37, a 23-cent increase. A gallon of milk has gone from \$3 to \$3.76 a gallon. Dow Jones has gone from 12,463 to 11,812, losing 651 points.

Mr. Speaker, the American people I think were misled with the new majority. But I think business and Wall Street and the price to consumers is now telling the tale of exactly what high taxes and the threat of high taxes and the willingness to be energy dependent is costing the American people.

#### 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.

#### SHARK CONSERVATION ACT OF 2008

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 5741) to amend the High Seas Driftnet Fishing Moratorium Protection Act and the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management