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The House met at 10:30 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. MITCHELL).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
February 8, 2008.

I hereby appoint the Honorable HARRY E. MITCHELL to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

Dr. French B. Harmon, First Baptist Church, Somerset, Kentucky, offered the following prayer:

Heavenly Father, we offer praise to You as we begin this day with the Members of the 110th Congress. May Your presence fill this historic Chamber and Your light shine upon these Your servants. You have blessed the United States by bringing together, in this House of Representatives, men and women of tremendous courage, commitment, and character. We ask Your divine guidance in their momentous decisions this February day.

The Scriptures teach us:

But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

Lord, continue reminding us of Your loving kindness and grace. Please renew the strength of our military personnel that serve around the world and provide peace for each family that waits here at home.

We especially ask that You comfort the families of those who lost loved ones during the recent storms throughout the southern States. Be with our

President as he travels to this region of the country today and give wisdom to our leaders as they assist our fellow citizens.

In Your holy name I pray. 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 Kentucky (Mr. ROGERS) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky 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.

WELCOMING DR. FRENCH B. HARMON

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

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I am very pleased and proud to recognize the pastor of my hometown church in Somerset, Kentucky, Dr. French Harmon, who presides over the First Baptist Church, Somerset, Kentucky, where he has a valuable lesson for his congregation, which I am now proud to briefly repeat.

He says three important words every Sunday: celebrate, connect, and care. Dr. Harmon reminds us to celebrate Jesus Christ and what he sacrificed for us. He tells us to connect with one another in our communities, at work, and at home. And he tells us to care about

our fellow human beings, whether friends, strangers or mere acquaintances.

As the Congress goes about the people's business in this Chamber, let these words guide us as we strive to make the country a better place. As we press ahead with the issues of our time, let's follow the most basic lessons of our faiths that teach us to do right by others. Let's remember the higher power that we answer to and to whom we are ultimately accountable.

I am very proud of my hometown pastor who reminds me of what really counts, what's really important, and why we are here. Dr. Harmon is a leader. He has grown his congregation 50 percent to 600 over just the last year. He coaches little league baseball, he leads prayer breakfasts at the local chamber of commerce, just as he did yesterday at the National Prayer Breakfast here in Washington. He celebrates, connects, and cares, not just on Sunday but every day.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor Dr. French Harmon. His wife, Rachel, and three children and Rachel's parents are with him here in Washington.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Ms. Lorraine C. Miller, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly enrolled a bill of the House of the following title, which was thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 3541. An act to amend the Do-not-call Implementation Act to eliminate the automatic removal of telephone numbers registered on the Federal "do-not-call" registry.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 44 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the

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House adjourned until Tuesday, February 12, 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:

5283. A letter from the Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting the Department's final rule — Empowerment Zones: Performance Standards for Utilization of Grant Funds [Docket No. FR-4853-F-02] (RIN: 2506-AC16) received January 4, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

5284. A letter from the Regulatory Specialist Legislative and Regulatory Activities Division, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's final rule — Community Reinvestment Act Regulations [Docket ID OCC-2007-0021] (RIN: 1557-AD05) received January 2, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

5285. A letter from the General Counsel, Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board, transmitting the Board's final rule — Participants' Choices of TSP Funds — received January 4, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

TIME LIMITATION OF REFERRED BILL

Pursuant to clause 2 of rule XII the following action was taken by the Speaker:

H.R. 275. Referral to the Committee on the Judiciary extended for a period ending not later than February 22, 2008.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. PRICE of North Carolina:

H.R. 5332. A bill to extend the temporary suspension of duty on Desmedipham in bulk or mixtures; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

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H.R. 5333. A bill to extend the temporary suspension of duty on 2,6-dibromo-4-

cyanophenyl octanoate/heptanoate; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. PRICE of North Carolina:

H.R. 5334. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on product mixtures containing Methyl 2-[(4,6-dimethoxy-2-pyrimidinyl)amino]carbonyl]amino)sulfonyl]-4-

[(mesylamino)methyl]benzoate Methyl 4-iodo-2-[3-(4-methoxy-6-methyl-1,3,5-triazin-2-yl)ureidosulfonyl]benzoate, sodium salt; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. WAMP (for himself, Mr. ADERHOLT, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. LUCAS, Mr. LINCOLN DAVIS of Tennessee, Mr. DEAL of Georgia, Mr. COHEN, Mr. WHITFIELD of Kentucky, Mr. COLE of Oklahoma, Mr. SHULER, Mr. BERRY, Mr. DUNCAN, Mr. SNYDER, Mr. TANNER, Ms. FALLIN, Mr. GINGREY, and Mr. PRICE of Georgia):

H.R. 5335. A bill to amend the National Trails System Act to provide for the inclusion of new trail segments, land components, and campgrounds associated with the Trail of Tears National Historic Trail, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

MEMORIALS

Under clause 3 of rule XII, memorials were presented and referred as follows:

231. The SPEAKER presented a memorial of the Legislature of the State of Maine, relative to House Joint Resolution No. 1526 memorializing the President of the United States and the Congress of the United States to support the creation of a National Affordable Housing Trust Fund; to the Committee on Financial Services.

232. Also, a memorial of the General Assembly of the State of Colorado, relative to a House Joint Resolution concerning governmental obligation to establish peace, and peacemaking and conflict resolution methods for use even in belief based disputes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

233. Also, a memorial of the General Assembly of the State of Georgia, relative to Senate Resolution No. 139 urging the Congress of the United States to raise the allowable deduction for health savings accounts, to allow certain older citizens to contribute additional amounts, and to make all health insurance premiums pre-tax; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

234. Also, a memorial of the Senate of the State of Georgia, relative to Senate Resolution No. 646 urging the President of the United States and the Congress of the United States to adopt and implement an effective

and comprehensive federal immigration and border security plan in response to the increasing illegal immigration crisis facing the United States; jointly to the Committees on the Judiciary and Homeland Security.

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

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

H.R. 1147: Mr. LEVIN.

H.R. 2266: Mr. ROTHMAN.

H.R. 3175: Mr. ROTHMAN.

H.R. 3698: Mr. ROTHMAN.

H. Res. 102: Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California and Ms. ESHOO.

H. Res. 957: Mr. MCCOTTER, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas, and Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas.

PETITIONS, ETC.

Under clause 3 of rule XII, petitions and papers were laid on the clerk's desk and referred as follows:

215. The SPEAKER presented a petition of the National Council Junior Order United American Mechanics, relative to Resolution No. 14 expressing support and sincere appreciation to the brave and dedicated men and women of the Armes Forces of the United States of America, who are representing our country, both at home and abroad; to the Committee on Armed Services.

216. Also, a petition of the National Council Junior Order United American Mechanics, relative to Resolution No. 12 opposing any ordinance or doctrine which will restrict our freedom to choose an alternate source for conservative news or views, or to restrict our efforts to get the truth to the public; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

217. Also, a petition of the National Council Junior Order United American Mechanics, relative to Resolution No. 11 opposing any rewarding of lawbreakers by means of illegal invasion through the process of entering the United States of America illegally; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

218. Also, a petition of the National Council Junior Order United American Mechanics, relative to Resolution No. 13 demanding that the Congress of the United States find common language that will bring the immigration issues to resolution; jointly to the Committees on the Judiciary and Homeland Security.