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The House met at 2 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Ms. HIRONO).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
May 12, 2008.

I hereby appoint the Honorable MAZIE K. HIRONO 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:

God of the ages, Lord of mercy, You have made all things by Your Word. In Your wisdom You have commissioned Your people to provide order for the creatures produced by You, to govern the world in holiness and justice, and to render judgment with integrity of heart.

Give Wisdom, the attendant at Your throne, to the Members of Congress this week. Although they are only children of Your handmaids, all weak and short-lived, often lacking in comprehension of good judgment or abiding in just laws, You have called them to be Your servants and to guide this Nation to greatness in social order and in the ways of peace. By their judgments and their actions, may they 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 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.

ADJOURNMENT

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

There was no objection.

Accordingly (at 2 o'clock and 5 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Tuesday, May 13, 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:

6502. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a copy of the Department's ''Country Reports on Terrorism: 2007,'' pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2656f; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

6503. A letter from the Chair, Commission on International Religious Freedom, transmitting the Commission's 2008 Annual Report, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 6401 Public Law 105-292 section 102; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

6504. A letter from the Deputy Director, Defense Security Cooperation Agency, transmitting pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended, Transmittal No. 08-51 concerning the Department of the Army's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to Australia for defense articles and services; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

6505. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Cooperation Agency, transmitting pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended, Transmittal No. 08-49 concerning the Department of the Army's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to Canada for defense articles and services; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

6506. A letter from the Deputy Director, Defense Security Cooperation Agency, transmitting pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended, Transmittal No. 08-33 concerning the Department of the Navy's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to the United Kingdom for defense articles and services; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

6507. A letter from the Deputy Director, Defense Security Cooperation Agency, transmitting pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended, Transmittal No. 08-38 concerning the Department of the Air Force's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to the United Kingdom for defense articles and services; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

6508. A letter from the Deputy Director, Defense Security Cooperation Agency, transmitting pursuant to Section 62(a) of the Arms Export Control Act (AECA), notification concerning the Department of the Army's proposed extension of a lease of defense articles to the Government of the United Kingdom (Transmittal No. 08-07); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

6509. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting pursuant to Section 620C(c) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended, and in accordance with section 1(a)(6) of Executive Order 13313, a report prepared by the Department of State on the progress toward a negotiated solution of the Cyprus question covering the period February 1, 2008 through March 31, 2008; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

6510. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting the Department's report to Congress on the Millennium Challenge Corporation's activities for fiscal year 2007, pursuant to Public Law 108-199, section 613; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

6511. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a report for 2007 on the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Activities in countries described in Section

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307(a) of the Foreign Assistance Act, pursuant to Public Law 105-277, section 2809(c)(2); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

6512. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Transportation, transmitting as required by section 401(c) of the National Emergencies Act, 50 U.S.C. 1641(c), and section 204(c) of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, 50 U.S.C. 1703(c), and pursuant to Executive Order 13313 of July 31, 2003, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to significant narcotics traffickers centered in Colombia that was declared in Executive Order 12978 of October 21, 1995; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

6513. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting as required by section 401(c) of the National Emergencies Act, 50 U.S.C. 1641(c), and section 204(c) of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, 50 U.S.C. 1703(c), a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Syria that was declared in Executive Order 13338 of May 11, 2004; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

6514. A letter from the Summit Co-Host, International Women Leaders Global Security Initiative, transmitting the report of the International Women Leaders Global Security Summit, held November 15–17, 2007; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

6515. A letter from the Acting Staff Director, Commission on Civil Rights, transmitting notification that the Commission recently appointed members to the Missouri Advisory Committee; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

6516. A letter from the Acting Staff Director, Commission on Civil Rights, transmitting notification that the Commission recently appointed members to the South Carolina Advisory Committee; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

6517. A letter from the Acting Staff Director, Commission on Civil Rights, transmitting notification that the Commission recently appointed members to the Kansas Advisory Committee; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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. BERMAN: Committee on Foreign Affairs. H.R. 5916. A bill to reform the administration of the Arms Export Control Act, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 110–626). 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. FOSTER:

H.R. 6021. A bill to prohibit the purchase or lease of housing acquired using Federal loan or grant funds appropriated for the purchase and rehabilitation of foreclosed housing under the Neighborhood Stabilization Act of 2008 by any individual convicted under Federal or State law of a drug-dealing offense, a sex offense, or mortgage fraud; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. WELCH of Vermont (for himself, Mr. LAMPSON, and Mr. MARKEY):

H.R. 6022. A bill to suspend the acquisition of petroleum for the Strategic Petroleum Reserve, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Natural Resources, 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. AKIN (for himself, Mr. BOEHNER, Mr. CANTOR, Mr. BROWN of South Carolina, Mr. PITTS, Mr. WAMP, Mr. DOOLITTLE, Mrs. MYRICK, Mrs. BACHMANN, Mr. DAVID DAVIS of Tennessee, Mr. FEENEY, Mr. GINGREY, Mr. MARCHANT, Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland, Mr. BARRETT of South Carolina, Mr. MILLER of Florida, Mr. FRANKS of Arizona, Mr. KLINE of Minnesota, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mr. POE, Mr. CONAWAY, Mr. CHABOT, Mr. COBLE, Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. HELLER, Mr. BROUN of Georgia, and Mr. BISHOP of Utah):

H.R. 6023. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit certain forms of interference with military recruiting; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. UDALL of New Mexico:

H.R. 6024. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Commissioner of Reclamation, to assess the irrigation infrastructure of the Rio Grande Pueblos in the State of New Mexico and provide grants to, and enter into cooperative agreements with, the Rio Grande Pueblos to repair, rehabilitate, or reconstruct existing infrastructure, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

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

H.R. 2169: Mr. CARNAHAN.

H.R. 2506: Mr. INSLEE.

H.R. 2552: Mr. BISHOP of New York and Mr. GORDON.

H.R. 3397: Mr. JEFFERSON, Mr. DAVIS of Alabama, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. LYNCH, Mr. LANGEVIN, Mr. PERLMUTTER, Ms. CORRINE BROWN of Florida, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. HONDA, and Mr. REYES.

H.R. 3480: Mr. HILL, Mr. KLEIN of Florida, and Mr. LOBIONDO.

H.R. 4030: Mr. WU.

H.R. 4897: Mr. ELLSWORTH.

H.R. 5447: Mr. TIERNEY and Mr. GRIJALVA.

H.R. 5534: Mr. CLAY and Mr. CARSON.

H.R. 5595: Mr. EDWARDS and Mr. BLUMENAUER.

H.R. 5626: Ms. HIRONO.

H.R. 5669: Mr. YOUNG of Florida.

H.R. 5734: Mr. BLUMENAUER and Mr. WYNN.

H.R. 5740: Mr. TERRY and Mr. GOODE.

H.R. 5904: Mr. RADANOVICH.

H.R. 5911: Mrs. CUBIN.

H. Con. Res. 321: Ms. CLARKE and Mr. GONZALEZ.

H. Res. 415: Mrs. BOYDA of Kansas and Mr. UDALL of Colorado.

H. Res. 1056: Mr. MORAN of Virginia.

H. Res. 1164: Mrs. EMERSON and Mr. LEWIS of Georgia.

H. Res. 1181: Ms. SCHAKOWSKY and Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts.