

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. KILDEE) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. KILDEE 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.

## MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mrs. Curtis, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate had passed with an amendment a bill of the house of the following title.

H.R. 1400. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide penalties for aiming laser pointers at airplanes, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the Senate has passed bills of the following titles in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 119. An act to provide for the protection of unaccompanied alien children, and for other purposes.

S. 716. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to enhance services provided by vet centers, to clarify and improve the provision of breavement counseling by the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

S. 1182. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve health care for veterans, and for other purposes.

S. 1184. An act to waive the passport fees for a relative of a deceased member of the Armed Forces proceeding abroad to visit the grave of such member or to attend a funeral or memorial service for such member.

S. 1315. An act to require a report on progress toward the Millenium Development Goals, and for other purposes.

S. 2167. An act to amend the USA PATRIOT Act to extend the sunset of certain provisions of the Act and the lone wolf provision of the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004 to July 1, 2006.

S. 2170. An act to provide for global pathogen surveillance and response.

The message also announced that the Senate has agreed to concurrent resolutions of the following titles in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. Con. Res. 74. Concurrent resolution making appropriation for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes.

S. Con. Res. 75. Concurrent resolution encouraging all Americans to increase their charitable giving, with the goal of increasing the annual amount of charitable giving in the United States by 1 percent.

The message also announced that the Senate agreed to the report of the committee of conference on the further conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 3010) "An Act making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes."

The message also announced that the Senate agreed to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amend-

ment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 1815) "An Act to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2006 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes."

The message also announced that the Senate agreed to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (S. 1281) "An Act to authorize appropriations for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration for science, aeronautics, exploration, exploration capabilities, and the Inspector General, and for other purposes, for fiscal years 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, and 2010."

The message also announced that the Senate, having had under consideration the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the House to the bill (S. 1932) "An Act to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 202(a) of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2006 (H. Con. Res. 95)," it was

*Resolved*, That the Senate defeated the conference report by operation of the Budget Act; be it further

*Resolved*, That the Senate concur in the amendment of the House with further amendment.

## ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 4 of rule I, Speaker pro tempore WOLF signed the following enrolled bills on Wednesday, December 21, 2005:

S. 205, to authorize the American Battle Monuments Commission to establish in the State of Louisiana a memorial to honor the Buffalo Soldiers;

S. 652, to provide financial assistance for the rehabilitation of the Benjamin Franklin National Memorial in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and the development of an exhibit to commemorate the 300th anniversary of the birth of Benjamin Franklin;

S. 1238, to amend the Public Lands Corps Act of 1993 to provide for the conduct of projects that protect forests, and for other purposes;

S. 1310, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to allow the Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation to increase the diameter of a natural gas pipeline located in the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area, to allow certain commercial vehicles to continue to use Route 209 within Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area, and to extend the termination date of the National Park System Advisory Board to January 1, 2007;

S. 1481, to amend the Indian Land Consolidation Act to provide for probate reform;

S. 1892, to amend Public Law 107-153 to modify a certain date;

S. 1988, to authorize the transfer of items in the War Reserves Stockpile for Allies, Korea.

## 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, December 22, 2005.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,  
*The Speaker, House of Representatives,*  
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. 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 December 22, 2005, at 2:30 pm:

That the Senate passed without amendment—H. Con. Res. 59.

That the Senate passed without amendment—H. Con. Res. 196.

That the Senate passed without amendment—H. Con. Res. 230.

That the Senate passed without amendment—H. Con. Res. 324.

That the Senate passed without amendment—H.R. 972.

That the Senate passed without amendment—H.R. 2017.

That the Senate passed without amendment—H.R. 3179.

That the Senate passed without amendment—H.R. 4501.

That the Senate passed without amendment—H.R. 4525.

That the Senate passed without amendment—H.R. 4579.

That the Senate passed without amendment—H.R. 4635.

That the Senate passed without amendment—H.R. 4637.

With best wishes, I am  
Sincerely,

KAREN L. HAAS,  
*Clerk of the House.*

## USA PATRIOT ACT 1-MONTH EXTENSION

Mr. SENSENBRENNER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary and the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence be discharged from further consideration of the bill (H.R. 4647) to amend the USA PATRIOT ACT to extend the sunset of certain provisions of such Act, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Wisconsin?

There was no objection.

The Clerk read the bill, as follows:

H.R. 4647

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

## SECTION 1. EXTENSION OF CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE USA PATRIOT ACT.

Section 224(a) of the Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism (USA PATRIOT ACT) Act of 2001 (Public Law 107-56; 115 Stat. 295) is amended by striking "December 31, 2005" and inserting "February 3, 2006".

Mr. SENSENBRENNER. Mr. Speaker, in the wake of the September 11, 2001 attacks, Congress recognized that our Nation's intelligence and law enforcement communities lacked the