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

DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
July 15, 2002.

I hereby appoint the Honorable JOHN ABNEY CULBERSON to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Monahan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed with amendments in which the concurrence of the House is requested, a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 2069. An act to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 and the Global AIDS and Tuberculosis Relief Act of 2000 to authorize assistance to prevent, treat, and monitor HIV/AIDS in sub-Saharan Africa and other developing countries.

The message also announced that the Senate has passed without amendment in which the concurrence of the House is requested, concurrent resolutions of the House of the following titles:

H. Con. Res. 161. Concurrent resolution honoring the 19 United States servicemen who died in the terrorist bombing of the Khobar Towers military housing compound in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia, on June 25, 1996.

H. Con. Res. 378. Concurrent resolution commending the District of Columbia National Guard, the National Guard Bureau, and the entire Department of Defense for the assistance provided to the United States Capitol Police and the entire Congressional community in response to the terrorist and anthrax attacks of September and October 2001.

The message also announced that the Senate disagrees to the amendment of

the House of Representatives to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 3009) "An Act to extend the Andean Trade Preference Act, to grant additional trade benefits under that Act, and for other purposes.", and agrees to a conference asked by the House on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and appoints Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. BREAUX, Mr. GRASSLEY, and Mr. HATCH, to be the conferees on the part of the Senate.

MORNING HOUR DEBATES

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of January 23, 2002, the Chair will now recognize Members from lists submitted by the majority and minority leaders for morning hour debates. The Chair will alternate recognition between the parties, with each party limited to not to exceed 30 minutes, and each Member, except the majority leader, the minority leader, or the minority whip, limited to not to exceed 5 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. WELLER) for 5 minutes.

URGING MEMBERS TO JOIN IN OPPOSITION TO H.R. 3479, LEGISLATION WHICH EXPANDS O'HARE AIRPORT BUT EXCLUDES FUNDING FOR PEOTONE AIRPORT

Mr. WELLER. Mr. Speaker, today is the first day we are in session in the week. Usually on the first day we deal with noncontroversial issues, something called the Suspension Calendar.

It is my understanding we have almost 15 pieces of legislation before us today on what is normally a noncontroversial day. But I want to draw the attention of my colleagues to a very controversial piece of legislation that is on the Suspension Calendar, and I want to ask my colleagues to join me in opposition to this legislation,

legislation which, frankly, breaks a bipartisan agreement back in my home State in Illinois.

I am referring to H.R. 3479, legislation that is before us that we in the Chicago area know as the O'Hare bill, legislation that federally mandates construction of O'Hare and expansion of O'Hare. I want to ask my colleagues to join me today in opposition to this legislation.

Let me explain why. I stand here in strong support of O'Hare. I stand in strong support of Midway. I also believe we need to build a third airport to serve the Chicago region. As we know, air travel is going to double over the coming decade, and O'Hare and Midway in the Chicago area are today at capacity. We need to rebuild and modernize O'Hare, but we also need to build a third airport in south suburban Peotone to serve the Chicago region.

This past year, Governor Ryan and Mayor Daley entered into a historic agreement which provided for the reconfiguration and expansion of O'Hare, as well as development of Chicago's south suburban airport near Peotone, Illinois. My colleague, the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. LIPINSKI), introduced legislation which originally would have codified this agreement into law, modernizing O'Hare, and pushing development of a south suburban airport.

I had originally stood here and stated time after time that I wanted to support this legislation and that I was ready to cosponsor the bill if it truly reflected the integrity of the agreement between the Governor and the mayor.

However, this legislation, H.R. 3479, which will be before us this afternoon, does not reflect the agreement between the Governor and the mayor. In fact, the Governor has indicated he does not support the bill today in its current form. That is why I think it is important to note that H.R. 3479 breaks the bipartisan agreement between Governor Ryan and Mayor Daley on

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