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The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. BOOZMAN).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,

July 25, 2003.

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

J. DENNIS HASTERT,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer: Joshua said to all the people: "This is the Word of the Lord: I gave you land on which you had not labored, cities which you had never built; you have lived in these cities and you eat the produce of vineyards and olive groves which you did not plant. Therefore, hold the Lord in awe and worship Him with loyalty and truth."

Lord God, gratitude overwhelms Americans for all we have received since the very founding of this great Nation. Therefore we are filled with awe and worship You, O Lord.

Blessed to be Members of this House of Representatives by the election of the people and Divine Providence, this governing body is humbled by the responsibility it has for this land, its cities and its resources. So we choose to serve this Nation with loyalty to the oath we have taken; and we will always search the truth for what is best for this Nation. This is the pledge of the United States Congress; so, help us God. 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 Tennessee (Mr. COOPER) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. COOPER 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.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain five 1-minute speeches on each side.

HONORING 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF KOREAN WAR ARMISTICE

(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, on July 27 we will honor the 50th anniversary of the armistice that ended the fighting of the Korean War. On that day, I encourage all Americans to remember the courageous men and women who sacrificed to prevent the spread of Communism and restore the freedom of South Korea.

I am particularly proud to recognize an event to be held in Lexington, South Carolina, to honor those who served so bravely. Veterans speaking at the event will be E. Pickens Rish, a U.S. Army Ranger from Lexington who was awarded the Purple Heart, and Anthony Forker, a native Korean who served 30 years in the U.S. Army and is currently the President of the Korean

Association of Columbia, South Carolina.

As our military continues to fight in the War on Terrorism, we can find inspiration in remembering the Korean War victory over Communism, which reminds us that Americans have a long history of defeating enemies of freedom all over the world. In conclusion, God bless our troops.

WHERE IS COMPASSIONATE CONSERVATIVE?

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

Mr. COOPER. Mr. Speaker, this was a very important week in the House of Representatives. Hopefully we learned a lesson of bipartisan cooperation last night with the historic victory on the drug reimportation bill; and hopefully we also learned the dangers of arrogance, anger, and insensitivity when a House chairman had to apologize to this House.

I hope that we apply these lessons to the child care tax credit today. We need to help the 12 million poor children waiting for that assistance. The Senate has voted 94-2 to help these children. The White House is for it. Only a small group in the House Republican leadership is opposing it. People of goodwill on both sides of the aisle want this relief to be granted today. Where is compassionate conservative? As one of the House Republican leaders said, "It ain't going to happen."

Mr. Speaker, this House needs to get relief to these 12 million poor children.

EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT HELPS WORKING POOR

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

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