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

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
November 20, 2004.

I hereby appoint the Honorable DOUG OSE 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:

Lord of history and giver of all good and lasting gifts, America's Thanksgiving prayer seems to expand each year. Perhaps because human life seems all the more fragile in a globalized world where there is so much war and violence. Perhaps because we treasure freedom all the more as we learn about so many people in the world who have never experienced what true freedom means. Perhaps because we have come to see that so many blessings are not costly but freely given by You to all and that the most valuable blessings are not material but wrapped in spiritual meaning and not individually possessed but mutually shared with others.

No matter how we as persons calculate, measure, or recognize our blessings, Lord, may each of us here in America grow in gratitude this Thanksgiving Day because grateful people are usually more gracious; and as Americans, we not only see ourselves blessed, we also wish to be a blessing to the rest of the world.

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 South Carolina (Mr. WILSON) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina 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 receive up to five 1-minute speeches from each side.

GRATITUDE FOR U.S. MILITARY IN IRAQ

(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, yesterday the Washington Post reported the U.S. military has discovered in southern Fallujah the main head quarters of an al Qaeda organization of Abu Musab Zarqawi, who claims responsibility for bombings, kidnappings, and beheadings across Iraq.

As a grateful parent of three sons in the U.S. military, including an Army National Guard member in Iraq, as a proud veteran of 31 years of service in the Army National Guard and as a Member of Congress, I have never been

more proud of America's heroes fighting in the frontlines of the War on Terrorism in Iraq. Despite defeatists who slander every success, America's military will succeed to protect America's women and children from barbarian murderers.

It is more clear than ever President Bush is correct: "We will not waver, we will not tire, we will not falter, and we will not fail. Peace and freedom will prevail."

In conclusion, God bless our troops and we will never forget September 11.

WAIVING REQUIREMENT OF CLAUSE 6(a) OF RULE XIII WITH RESPECT TO CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN RESOLUTIONS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON RULES

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 846 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 846

Resolved, That the requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII for a two-thirds vote to consider a report from the Committee on Rules on the same day it is presented to the House is waived with respect to any resolution reported on or before the legislative day of November 20, 2004, providing for consideration or disposition of any of the following measures:

(1) A bill or joint resolution making continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2005, an amendment thereto, or a conference report thereon.

(2) A bill or joint resolution making general appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, an amendment thereto, or a conference report thereon.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Texas (Mr. SESSIONS) is recognized for 1 hour.

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, for the purpose of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the gentleman

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