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

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
July 10, 2006.

I hereby appoint the Honorable JUDY BIGGERT 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 God of the covenant and the cross, You gather by Your providence the 109th Congress today for another session of work.

As Members of this body, we stand with one another. Our strength is our union. Our weakness is found in our division. Unite us for Your purpose and for the good of this Nation.

May we truly represent the diversity of the American people, while we examine the issues of today according to sound principles of truth and justice, which will bring us together.

Help us by our actions to forge blazing hope for this country and for the world.

Lord God, from the many You make us one, both 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. Will the gentlewoman from Florida (Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida 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 Ms. Curtis, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed with an amendment in which the concurrence of the House is requested, a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 27. An act to enhance the workforce investment system of the Nation by strengthening one-stop career centers, providing for more effective governance arrangements, promoting access to a more comprehensive array of employment, training, and related services, establishing a targeted approach to serving youth, and improving performance accountability, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the Senate has passed a bill of the following title in which concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 2125. An act to promote relief, security, and democracy in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

IT GETS "WESTERN"

(Mr. POE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. POE. Madam Speaker, after spending last week with the Terrorism Subcommittee hearing testimony from the people who live and work on our southern border, the realization of the problem for failure to protect the border from invaders was dramatically

told by border agents, local law enforcement, and citizens.

Those who pretend we have no insurgency into America live in the Never Never Land of ignorance. Testimony showed that individuals in Mexican uniform, driving Mexican vehicles, still cross into our soil. Human smugglers and narcoterrorists operate fearlessly on our southern border.

Border Patrol Chief Reynaldo Garza put it clearly, "We do not have control of our border." This phrase should alarm even the border-appeaser crowd who take the side of illegals over Americans.

Former Texas Ranger Doyle Holdridge put it best when discussing what it is like on the Texas-Mexico border after sunset. He said, "It gets western."

Yes, it is lawlessness on this border that breeds violence, gunfire, drug trafficking, human smuggling and is a ripe place for terrorists to operate. It will continue to get western on our border until border security becomes a national security issue.

And that's just the way it is.

HOUSE REPUBLICANS PREFER STALLING RATHER THAN ACTING ON BORDER SECURITY

(Mr. PALLONE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, last week House Republicans held two field hearings on the issue of border security, and they plan to hold more hearings next month.

But, Madam Speaker, the time for hearings is over. It is unprecedented for House Republicans to be holding hearings on legislation that has already passed the House. Instead, it is time for the Senate and the House to begin the tough task of reconciling differences between the two bills so that we can pass a comprehensive border security and immigration bill this year.

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That is how things in Washington are supposed to be done. But this Republican "Do Nothing" Congress refuses to lead.

Last week President Bush said negotiations were already under way between the two Chambers. And that is simply not true. Negotiations are not taking place because House Republicans say they want to wait until they have conducted the hearings.

Now, it is bad enough that Washington Republicans refuse to properly fund border security efforts. But now they want to stall any movement on legislation that would secure our borders and reform our Nation's immigration laws. If comprehensive legislation is not passed this year, House Republicans will have nobody to blame but themselves.

BUSH TAX CUTS TACKLE FEDERAL DEFICIT

(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. Madam Speaker, in a rare display of accuracy, today the New York Times highlighted how the Bush tax cuts are helping tremendously reduce the Federal deficit. As the drive-by paper reported, an unexpected steep rise in tax revenues from corporations and the wealthy is driving down the projected deficit this year. On Friday, the Congressional Budget Office reported that corporate tax receipts for the 9 months ending in June hit \$250 billion, nearly 26 percent higher than the same time last year, and that overall revenues were \$206 billion higher than at this point in 2005.

This incredible increase in tax receipts demonstrates that Republican policies are truly benefiting all sectors of the American economy. By reducing taxes, we have helped American businesses create jobs and, in turn, contribute larger amounts, reducing the Federal deficit. House Republicans will continue to work to make these effective tax cuts permanent.

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

SUPPORTING THE FBI

(Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to alert my fellow Members to a deadline that passed with little comment over the weekend.

Following the FBI search of a Member of this body's office, President Bush sealed the collected files for a period of 45 days. That deadline passed over the weekend.

My question is, What next?

Will this House continue to shield one of its own from criminal investiga-

tion and hide behind a misreading of the speech or debate clause, or will we admit that no American is above the law, Member of Congress or not?

I have introduced a resolution making it clear that when law enforcement officers have a valid search warrant in pursuit of criminal misconduct, it is entirely within their rights to search the office of a Member of Congress.

Now that the 45-day hold has passed, I would hope that President Bush would allow law enforcement officers to continue their duties to investigate criminal misconduct wherever it may originate. Currently, there are 20 Members of this body on that resolution, and I would encourage any others who want to send a loud and clear message we are not above the law to join me in cosponsoring it.

OPPOSE THE REID-KENNEDY BILL

(Ms. FOXX asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. FOXX. Madam Speaker, House Republicans have put together a set of five principles on border security and immigration reform that we want to see included in any legislation that is sent to the President. These principles include making border security a top priority, providing our Border Patrol with the resources they need to do their jobs effectively, strengthening immigration law enforcement, punishing employers who knowingly hire illegal aliens, and opposing any efforts to reward those who break our laws.

Madam Speaker, House Republicans passed a great bill last December that incorporated all of these principles. Unfortunately, Democrats and some of our colleagues in the Senate are pushing for alternative legislation that would make our borders even more vulnerable, their Reid-Kennedy bill that would actually weaken our law enforcement and make our country far less secure.

Madam Speaker, the Reid-Kennedy bill would reward those who break our laws. This bill is not the answer to our immigration problems, and I strongly encourage my colleagues to oppose it.

COMMUNICATION FROM SENIOR POLICY ADVISOR, OFFICE OF HON. BOB NEY, MEMBER OF CON- GRESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from John Bennett, Senior Policy Advisor, Office of the Honorable BOB NEY, Member of Congress:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, July 5, 2006.

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

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: This is to notify you formally, pursuant to Rule VIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, that I have been served with a grand jury subpoena, issued by the U.S. District Court for the Dis-

trict of Columbia, for documents and testimony.

After consultation with counsel, I have determined that compliance with the subpoena is consistent with the precedents and privileges of the House.

Sincerely,

JOHN BENNETT,
Senior Policy Advisor.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or on which the vote is objected to under clause 6 of rule XX.

Record votes on postponed questions will be taken after 6:30 p.m. today.

EASTERN MUNICIPAL WATER DIS- TRICT RECYCLED WATER SYS- TEM PRESSURIZATION AND EX- PANSION PROJECT

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 122) to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Eastern Municipal Water District Recycled Water System Pressurization and Expansion Project, as amended.

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 122

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

SEC. 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Eastern Municipal Water District Recycled Water System Pressurization and Expansion Project".

SEC. 2. PROJECT AUTHORIZATION.

(a) *IN GENERAL.*—The Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act (Public Law 102-575, title XVI, 43 U.S.C. 390h et seq.) is amended by adding after section 16 ___ the following:

"SEC. 16 ___. EASTERN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT RECYCLED WATER SYSTEM PRESSURIZATION AND EXPANSION PROJECT, CALIFORNIA.

"(a) AUTHORIZATION.—The Secretary, in cooperation with the Eastern Municipal Water District, California, may participate in the design, planning, and construction of permanent facilities needed to establish operational pressure zones that will be used to provide recycled water in the district.

"(b) COST SHARING.—The Federal share of the cost of the project described in subsection (a) shall not exceed 25 percent of the total cost of the project.

"(c) LIMITATION.—Funds provided by the Secretary shall not be used for operation or maintenance of the project described in subsection (a).

"(d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section \$12,000,000.

"(e) SUNSET OF AUTHORITY.—The authority of the Secretary to carry out any provisions of this section shall terminate 10 years after the date of enactment of this section."

(b) *CLERICAL AMENDMENT.*—The table of sections in section 2 of Public Law 102-575 is amended by inserting after the item relating to section 16 ___ the following: