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

### DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,  
September 26, 2006.

I hereby appoint the Honorable ZACH WAMP to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

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

### MORNING HOUR DEBATES

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of January 31, 2006, 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 25 minutes, and each Member, except the majority leader, the minority leader, or the minority whip, limited to not to exceed 5 minutes, but in no event shall debate extend beyond 9:50 a.m.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. PALLONE) for 5 minutes.

### TURKISH PENAL CODE—ELIF SHAFAK'S TRIAL

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, last week Turkey put renowned novelist Elif Shafak on trial for charges that she insulted Turkishness because the character in her latest book refers to the deaths of 1.5 million Armenians in 1915 as genocide. Nine months pregnant, Shafak was forced to defend herself, or, more specifically, a fictional character in her book, to prevent going to jail.

Although Shafak was acquitted, Turkey continues to use forms of intimidation to deny its citizens their right to freedom of expression. It lobbies for its so-called rightful role in the international community, yet it does not live up to democratic principles and standards.

Mr. Speaker, in 1915 a systematic and deliberate campaign of genocide perpetrated by the Ottoman Empire against Armenians occurred. Over the following 8 years, over 1.5 million Armenians were tortured and murdered, and more than half a million were forced from their homeland into exile. To this day the Republic of Turkey refuses to acknowledge the fact that this massive crime against humanity took place in the name of Turkish nationalism.

When it comes to facing the judgment of history about the Armenian genocide, Turkey has chosen to trample on the rights of its citizens to maintain its lies. The trial of Ms. Shafak is a perfect example of the depths the Turkish authorities will go in order to deny the Armenian genocide. Their refusal simply has no limits.

Article 301 of the Turkish penal code was used against Shafak. It is the same law that was used against another author, Orhan Pamuk, in 2005. It states that any person who, quote, insults the republic can be jailed for between 6 months to 3 years.

Mr. Speaker, more than 60 similar cases have been brought against writers and artists in Turkey. The law is being used to silence political voices in the country. In this instance, it disturbingly was used to charge a made-up character in a book.

Mr. Speaker, I am extremely pleased that the European Parliament's Foreign Affairs Committee, on September 4, insisted Turkey make substantial changes in many areas before the nation could ever be accepted as a mem-

ber of the European Union. On September 4, that Foreign Affairs Committee of the European Parliament announced that Turkey had failed to align its laws with the European Union standards, and in particular, it noted Turkey's lack of recognition of the Armenian genocide, its illegal occupation of the northern third of Cyprus, religious inequality and its oppressive penal code. But Turkish authorities continue to deny their citizens the freedoms that Americans and other democracies across the world value so greatly. Without them, a true democracy does not exist.

Until Turkey can guarantee key principles of a democracy, it should not be allowed to join the European Union. In addition, Turkey needs to abide by international law in its dealings with its neighbors. Turkey continues the illegal blockade of Armenia. It refuses entrance of goods from Cyprus to its ports.

Mr. Speaker, the Turkish Prime Minister is expected to visit with President Bush sometime in early October, in the next few weeks. In light of these latest events, in light of the report of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the European Parliament, I would encourage the Bush administration to insist that Turkey clean up its act, both with regard to suppression of the rights of its own citizens, and illegal and aggressive acts against its neighboring countries.

### HONORING CHAIRMAN HENRY J. HYDE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of January 31, 2006, the gentlewoman from Florida (Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN) is recognized during morning hour debates for 5 minutes.

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I am delighted to take this opportunity to reflect on the awe-inspiring career of Chairman HENRY J. HYDE. It is difficult to imagine this House without

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HENRY's wisdom, his leadership and his wit. Chairman HYDE has led our International Relations Committee and the House Judiciary Committee, prior to his current chairmanship, with grace and fairness.

Vice President CHENEY summed up the essence of HENRY HYDE very well when he recently noted, as a committee chairman and in all of his dealings, HENRY HYDE has been the soul of fairness and balance. If you had any kind of trouble in your life, you would want someone like HENRY to plead your case, and you would want someone like HENRY to decide your case. He understands people. He knows that we live in an imperfect world, and he greets his fellow man with an openness, a generosity of spirit, and an easy manner that draws others to him.

HENRY is remarkable, not only for the formidable body of legislation that he has championed in his very long career, but also for the life of service and dedication that he continues to lead.

Born and raised in the Windy City, Chairman HYDE enlisted in the U.S. Navy at the age of 18 and served with distinction during World War II, eventually rising to the rank of commander before his retirement from the Naval Reserve in 1968. He attended Duke and Notre Dame before coming to the town that would eventually become his second home, earning a bachelor's from Georgetown in 1947. It is not difficult to picture HENRY in his undergraduate years musing to himself, "I'll be back."

HENRY and Jeanne were married soon thereafter. Then they returned to the great State of Illinois, settling in Chicago. HENRY earned a law degree from Loyola in 1949. He started life in office in 1966, and has forged ever upward ever since, rising through the Illinois State House and becoming majority leader before his election to represent the Sixth District of Illinois in Congress in 1974.

In the 32 years since joining this House, HENRY has made an indelible mark on the history of this institution and on the consciousness of our Nation. The eloquence of his speech, the elegance of his bearing, and the eternity of his convictions have won him a place as one of our Nation's most treasured legislators. HENRY has been lauded in a great many ways, but writer David Horowitz memorably and accurately called him a Gibraltar of conviction, an avatar of grace.

September 11, 2001 was, as many have noted, a day that forever changed our destiny and our thinking. With his usual sense of clarity and his eloquence, HENRY HYDE assessed the grave threats we now face from extremists, noting on the 1-year anniversary of the attacks, "Our enemies have no aim except destruction, nothing to offer but a forced march back to a bleak and dismal past. Theirs is a world without light."

Indeed, HENRY has shed light on many of the important issues facing our Nation and, indeed, the world. His

stewardship of the Committee on International Relations has been one of principle and grace. He has sought to shed light on the furthest reach of earth, promoting democracy wherever it was absent, and promoting human rights wherever they were lacking. His efforts to fight AIDS around the world have inspired a generation of legislators on both sides of the aisle.

HENRY's endeavors in the domestic sphere have been no less ambitious. His efforts to protect life, to safeguard Old Glory, and defending victims of sexual abuse have greatly resounded with the American people.

How fortunate we are to have been blessed with the awesome presence of a man of such stunning conviction. Serving with Chairman HYDE has been a remarkable privilege. I could not have hoped for a more caring and able mentor or a friend of more steadfast loyalty and kindness. There is hardly a soul in this Chamber who has not been touched by his graceful leadership and his righteous conviction.

Mr. Speaker, we are grateful for the great example that HENRY HYDE represents to our Chamber, our Nation, and to the world. We are so grateful to HENRY HYDE for many decades of guidance and inspiration. It is difficult to express how much he will be missed by all of us.

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#### RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until 10 a.m. today.

Accordingly (at 9 o'clock and 10 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess until 10 a.m.

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#### AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. PRICE of Georgia) at 10 a.m.

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#### PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer:

Lord God, always giving voice to prophets and strength to martyrs, in times of greatest need Your people have turned to You with greater persistence. In the most critical times, You did not bring their mere expressions of need to reality; instead, You took action Yourself to prove You live beyond their imagining and that You are the Lord of all the nations.

Look with mercy and fondness upon Your people today and this government by the people in the House of Representatives as we hear the words once spoken through Ezekiel as Your living word today:

"The nations shall know that I am the Lord, says the Lord God, when in their sight I prove my holiness through you."

Lord, show us what such holiness means for us in this era of history. Let us humble ourselves before You, that we may draw closer to You and learn how we can show Your holiness to the world.

Ever more attentive to the words of Your mouth and the breath of life You breathe within us, may we respond to Your holy inspirations, now and forever. Amen.

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#### 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.

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#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

Mr. SNYDER 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.

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#### "PRESS ONE FOR ENGLISH"

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

Mr. POE. Mr. Speaker, why must I press "1" on my phone for English? Why are voting ballots in numerous languages? Why are street signs in foreign language like Vietnamese? Why do we educate illegals in their native tongue? Why can't some clerks in stores or fast food restaurants speak English?

Mr. Speaker, one of the qualities that make a nation a nation is a common language. Our ancestors decided that the American national language would be English. German was the second choice. But, in our day, we don't want to hurt people's feelings that are not from around here, and we make the unwise choice to communicate with them in their language, not the American language.

If people come to America, they need, like the people before them, to learn to speak English. Failure to do so makes us not a nation but many nations within a nation.

The national language is English. Several national languages are divisive and detrimental and destructive of our culture and our civilization. Mr. Speaker, I am tired of pressing "1" for English.

And that's just the way it is.

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#### THE BARBARIC PRACTICE OF GAME BIRD AND ILLEGAL DOG FIGHTING

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