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

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC.

August 3, 2007.

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

NANCY PELOSI,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

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

Lord God, as Infinite Being, You have no beginning. In You there is no end. Have mercy on us who are so bound by time. You know us better than we know ourselves. You are aware how differently we act when we are near the final hour.

Whether it is the end of a lifetime or final moments before a performance or surgery or simply pondering a grave decision, all Your people need Your help at such critical moments. Be with the 110th Congress as it nears the end of this summer session.

The ancients called it final causality. We might refer to: the end product, the ultimate goal, final score or simply the end. Each calls forth judgment and draws us into its own abrupt closure.

As Americans we say, "In God We Trust." So prepare us, strengthen us, and enable us to embrace all endings with grace and finally say with free abandon, "So be it."

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.

Mr. SENSENBRENNER. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to clause 1, rule I, I demand a vote on agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. SENSENBRENNER. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand a division.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

Mr. SENSENBRENNER. Mr. Speaker, parliamentary inquiry.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman may state his parliamentary inquiry.

Mr. SENSENBRENNER. Mr. Speaker, could the Chair tell me how many Members rose to request the recorded vote and the total number of Members present in the House upon which the Chair made his decision?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. It's up to the Chair. And let me tell you this: The vote will show that the approval would be approved by the House, as it has been.

That is not a parliamentary inquiry. Mr. SENSENBRENNER. Mr. Speaker, further parliamentary inquiry.

Mr. Speaker, does not the Constitution require that in order to get a yea and nay vote there has to be one-sixth of the Members present requesting a yea and nay vote?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. One-fifth.

Mr. SENSENBRENNER. Excuse me, one-fifth.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman is correct.

Mr. SENSENBRENNER. Further parliamentary inquiry. Does not a recorded vote in the House require the second of 44 Members?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. One-fifth of a quorum is required.

Mr. SENSENBRENNER. Further parliamentary inquiry. Did one-fifth of the Members present stand? And, if so, how is it possible to challenge the call of the Speaker on the accuracy of the count of the Members present?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair's decision is not subject to question.

POINT OF ORDER

Mr. SENSENBRENNER. Mr. Speaker, I make the point of order that one-fifth of the Members present did not support the demand for a recorded vote or a yea or nay vote.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman's point of order is not in order.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentlewoman from Texas (Ms. GRANGER) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. GRANGER 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.

ORDERING COMMITTEE ON STANDARDS OF OFFICIAL CONDUCT TO IMMEDIATELY REVIEW EVENTS SURROUNDING VOTE ON H.R. 3161

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I have a resolution at the desk.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will report the resolution.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

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