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

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC
December 10, 2001.

I hereby appoint the Honorable MICHAEL K. SIMPSON 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 history and our eternal destiny, be with us today and guide us every step of our journey as persons and as a nation.

In response to Your call Abram was led from place to place until Your promise was fulfilled. He never doubted Your presence and always relied on Your guidance.

As the man of faith journeyed, he often stopped to offer You thanks for the latest accomplishment and petition You for the future. Scripture tells us: "He built an altar to You, Lord, and invoked You, Lord, by name. Thus Abram journeyed by stages toward the Negeb."

If it is in stages You lead people of faith, let it be with us. Grant us meas-

ured patience as we face stages of growth and spiritual formation in life.

You alone, Lord, know our limitations and our full potential. Whether it is stages of war, economic stability, or stages of human understanding or painful loss we undergo, may we persevere. Whether it is in the process of law or in building a new world order, help us to move through each stage by faith, placing all our trust in You, O Lord, 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 his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Chair will lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The SPEAKER pro tempore 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 Mr. Monahan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed without

amendment a bill and concurrent resolutions of the House of the following titles:

H.R. 1230. An act to provide for the establishment of the Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge in the State of Michigan, and for other purposes.

H. Con. Res. 90. Concurrent resolution authorizing the printing of a revised and updated version of the House document entitled "Hispanic Americans in Congress."

H. Con. Res. 244. Concurrent resolution authorizing the printing of a revised edition of the publication entitled "Our Flag."

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

H.R. 1291. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase the amount of educational benefits for veterans under the Montgomery GI Bill.

The message also 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. 2716. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to revise, improve, and consolidate provisions of law providing benefits and services for homeless veterans.

The message also announced that the Senate has passed bills of the following titles in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 703. An act to extend the effective period of the consent of Congress to the interstate

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