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The House met at 12 noon and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore [Mr. WHITE].

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
June 27, 1996.

I hereby designate the Honorable RICK WHITE to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NEWT GINGRICH,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Reverend Dr. Ronald F. Christian, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Washington, DC., offered the following prayer:

Almighty God, we acknowledge this day our dependence upon Your gracious care and mercy. Faced with great personal loss and national pain, our thoughts always turn to You seeking Your solace and comfort. We do so again today, O Lord.

In the comings and goings of our lives, it is appropriate that we pause, remember, and give thanks for families and friends of those in our national family who are brought home on their last journey this day. Oh God, grant Your mercy to those who now rest from their labors and to all who mourn. And, for the life and work of Bill Emerson, we give You thanks and seek that same mercy.

May all of our days for all of us be so numbered before You that our efforts for good will be untiring, that our concern for justice will never waver, and that our work for peace be forever urgent and steadfastly determined. 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. WYNN. 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 Chair's approval of the Journal.

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

Mr. WYNN. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 5 of rule I, further proceedings on this matter will be postponed.

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Georgia [Mr. BARR] come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. BARR of Georgia 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. Lundregan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate had passed without amendment a bill and a concurrent resolution of the House of the following titles:

H.R. 2437. An act to provide for the exchange of certain lands in Gilpin County, Colorado.

H. Con. Res. 102. Concurrent resolution concerning the emancipation of the Iranian Baha'i community.

The message also announced that the Senate had passed with amendments in which the concurrence of the House is requested, bills of the House of the following titles:

H.R. 3517. An act making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3525. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, to clarify the Federal jurisdiction over offenses relating to damage to religious property.

The message also announced that the Senate insists upon its amendments to the bill (H.R. 3517) "An Act making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, and for other purposes," requests a conference with the House on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon and appoints Mr. BURNS, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. GREGG, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. HATFIELD, Mr. REID, Mr. INOUE, Mr. KOHL, and Mr. BYRD, to be the conferees on the part of the Senate.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain fifteen 1-minutes on each side.

COST OF GOVERNMENT DAY

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

Mr. DELAY. Mr. Speaker, as we approach the celebration of our Nation's independence, let us reflect on one of the lines in the Declaration of Independence.

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