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Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 6, 1999, at 12 noon.

House of Representatives

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1998

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

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
December 19, 1998.

I hereby designate the Honorable RAY LAHOOD to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NEWT GINGRICH,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Rev. James David Ford, D.D., offered the following prayer:

Let us pray using a benediction from the Book of Numbers:

The Lord bless us and keep us. The Lord make his face shine upon us and be gracious unto us. The Lord lift up his countenance upon us and give us peace. 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. McNULTY. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to clause 1, rule I, I demand a vote on agreeing to the Chair'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. McNULTY. 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. Evidently a quorum is not present.

The Sergeant at Arms will notify absent Members.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 277, nays 125, not voting 32, as follows:

[Roll No. 541]

YEAS—277

Aderholt
Andrews
Archer
Armey
Bachus
Baker
Ballenger
Barcia
Barr
Barrett (NE)
Barrett (WI)
Bartlett
Bass
Bateman
Bentsen
Bereuter
Berman
Bilbray
Bilirakis
Blagojevich
Bliley
Blumenauer
Blunt
Boehlert
Boehner
Bonilla

Bono
Boswell
Boucher
Boyd
Brady (TX)
Bryant
Bunning
Burr
Buyer
Callahan
Calvert
Camp
Campbell
Canady
Cannon
Capps
Cardin
Castle
Chabot
Chambliss
Christensen
Clement
Coble
Coburn
Collins
Combest

Conyers
Cook
Cooksey
Cox
Crapo
Cubin
Cummings
Cunningham
Danner
Davis (FL)
Deal
DeLay
Diaz-Balart
Dingell
Doggett
Dooley
Doolittle
Dreier
Duncan
Dunn
Edwards
Ehlers
Ehrlich
Emerson
Evans
Everett

Ewing
Farr
Fawell
Foley
Forbes
Fowler
Fox
Franks (NJ)
Frelinghuysen
Gallegly
Ganske
Gekas
Gibbons
Gilchrest
Gillmor
Gilman
Goode
Goodlatte
Goodling
Gordon
Goss
Graham
Granger
Greenwood
Gutknecht
Hall (TX)
Hamilton
Hansen
Hastert
Hastings (WA)
Hayworth
Hefley
Herger
Hill
Hilleary
Hobson
Hoekstra
Horn
Hostettler
Houghton
Hoyer
Hulshof
Hunter
Hutchinson
Hyde
Inglis
Istook
Jackson (IL)
Jenkins
John
Johnson (CT)
Johnson (WI)
Jones

Kaptur
Kasich
Kelly
Kennedy (MA)
Kildee
Kim
Kind (WI)
King (NY)
Kingston
Kleczka
Kolbe
LaHood
Lampson
Latham
LaTourette
Lazio
Leach
Lewis (CA)
Lewis (KY)
Linder
Lipinski
Livingston
LoBiondo
Lofgren
Lowey
Lucas
Maloney (CT)
Manzullo
McCarthy (MO)
McCollum
McHale
McHugh
McInnis
McIntosh
McIntyre
McKeon
McKinney
Metcalf
Mica
Miller (FL)
Minge
Moakley
Mollohan
Moran (KS)
Moran (VA)
Morella
Murtha
Myrick
Nadler
Nethercutt
Neumann
Ney
Northup

Norwood
Nussle
Obey
Oxley
Packard
Pappas
Parker
Paxon
Pease
Peterson (PA)
Petri
Pitts
Pombo
Porter
Portman
Quinn
Radanovich
Rahall
Ramstad
Redmond
Regula
Riley
Rivers
Roemer
Rogan
Rogers
Rohrabacher
Ros-Lehtinen
Rothman
Roukema
Royce
Ryun
Salmon
Sanders
Sandlin
Sanford
Saxton
Scarborough
Schaefer, Dan
Schumer
Scott
Sensenbrenner
Shadegg
Shaw
Shays
Sherman
Shimkus
Shuster
Sisisky
Skeen
Smith (MI)
Smith (OR)
Smith (TX)

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Smith, Adam	Tauzin	Weldon (FL)
Snowbarger	Taylor (NC)	Weldon (PA)
Snyder	Thomas	Weller
Solomon	Thornberry	Weygand
Spence	Thune	White
Spratt	Tiahrt	Whitfield
Stabenow	Torres	Wicker
Stearns	Traficant	Wilson
Stenholm	Upton	Wise
Stokes	Walsh	Wolf
Stump	Wamp	Yates
Sununu	Watkins	Young (AK)
Talent	Watt (NC)	
Tanner	Watts (OK)	

NAYS—125

Abercrombie	Gejdenson	Millender-
Ackerman	Gephardt	McDonald
Allen	Green	Mink
Baesler	Gutierrez	Neal
Baldacci	Hall (OH)	Oberstar
Becerra	Harman	Olver
Berry	Hastings (FL)	Ortiz
Bishop	Hefner	Owens
Bonior	Hilliard	Pallone
Borski	Hinchee	Pascrell
Brady (PA)	Hinojosa	Payne
Brown (CA)	Holden	Peterson (MN)
Brown (FL)	Hooley	Pickett
Brown (OH)	Jackson-Lee	Pomeroy
Carson	(TX)	Poshard
Clay	Jefferson	Price (NC)
Clayton	Johnson, E. B.	Reyes
Clyburn	Kanjorski	Rodriguez
Condit	Kennedy (RI)	Roybal-Allard
Costello	Kennelly	Rush
Coyne	Kilpatrick	Sabo
Cramer	Klink	Sanchez
Davis (IL)	Kucinich	Sawyer
DeFazio	LaFalce	Schaffer, Bob
DeGette	Lantos	Serrano
Delahunt	Lee	Skaggs
DeLauro	Levin	Skelton
Deusch	Lewis (GA)	Stark
Dickey	Luther	Strickland
Dicks	Manton	Stupak
Dixon	Markey	Tauscher
Doyle	Martinez	Taylor (MS)
Engel	Mascara	Thompson
English	Matsui	Thurman
Ensign	McCarthy (NY)	Tierney
Eshoo	McDermott	Turner
Etheridge	McGovern	Velazquez
Fattah	McNulty	Vento
Fazio	Meehan	Waxman
Filner	Meek (FL)	Wexler
Ford	Meeks (NY)	Woolsey
Frost	Menendez	Wynn
Furse		

NOT VOTING—32

Barton	Largent	Riggs
Burton	Maloney (NY)	Sessions
Chenoweth	McCrery	Slaughter
Crane	McDade	Smith (NJ)
Davis (VA)	Miller (CA)	Smith, Linda
Fossella	Pastor	Souder
Frank (MA)	Paul	Towns
Gonzalez	Pelosi	Visclosky
Johnson, Sam	Pickering	Waters
Klug	Pryce (OH)	Young (FL)
Knollenberg	Rangel	

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Mrs. MEEK of Florida, Mr. BERRY and Mr. HINOJOSA changed their vote from "yea" to "nay."

Ms. LOFGREN and Mr. HALL of Texas changed their vote from "nay" to "yea."

So the Journal was approved.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Ms. PRYCE of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, on December 18th and 19th, I was unavoidably detained due to a family illness. Had I been present, I would have voted in the following manner: Friday, December 18, 1998: Motion to Adjourn (Roll Call No. 540): "Nay." Saturday, December 19, 1998: Approval of the House Journal (Roll Call No. 541): "Aye."

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LAHOOD). Will the gentleman from New York (Mr. SOLOMON) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. SOLOMON 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.

PRIVILEGES OF THE HOUSE—IMPEACHING WILLIAM JEFFERSON CLINTON, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, FOR HIGH CRIMES AND MISDEMEANORS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the further consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 611), impeaching William Jefferson Clinton, President of the United States, for high crimes and misdemeanors.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of Friday, December 18, 1998, the resolution is debatable for 1 additional hour equally divided between the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. HYDE) and the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. CONYERS), and the previous question is ordered on the resolution to final adoption without intervening motion except one motion to recommit.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. HYDE).

Mr. HYDE. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from California (Mr. ROGAN).

Mr. ROGAN. Mr. Speaker, the evidence is overwhelming. The question is elementary. The President was obliged under his sacred oath faithfully to execute our Nation's laws. Yet he repeatedly perjured himself and obstructed justice, not for any noble purpose but to crush a humble lone woman's right to be afforded access to the courts. Now his defenders plead for no constitutional accountability for the one American uniquely able to defend or debase our Constitution and the rule of law.

When they are old enough to appreciate today's solemnity, I want my young daughters to know that when the last roll was called, their father served in a House faithful to the guiding principle that no person is above the law. And he served with colleagues who counted it a privilege to risk political fortune in defense of the Constitution.

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentlewoman from California (Ms. LEE).

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to strongly oppose these articles of impeachment and this very flawed and undemocratic process. This process and this action are the real crimes against the American people and our democracy. This march to impeachment is an attempt to undo and overthrow a duly

elected President and ignores the will of the people.

Denying a vote on censure creates the appearance of a one-party autocracy which we condemn abroad and which history has proven can lead to authoritarian rule. This Republican Party coup underscores that their only goal is to turn back the clock on an agenda that puts people first; an agenda that will want to cancel policies that value and support basic human rights, such as a woman's right to choose, a good public education instead of vouchers; that insists on a living wage for working men and women; that protects our environment; that supports the Patient's Bill of Rights and that preserves Social Security.

The Republican process is cynical and it is dangerous. It will be recorded that they stood on the wrong side of history. We must restore the public trust and establish a Congress which communicates respect for the people of the United States, the Constitution and democracy.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to strongly oppose these articles of impeachment. I join my Democratic colleagues in speaking out against this flawed, undemocratic process.

This process and this action are the real crimes against the American people and our democracy.

This Republican Congress is marching this country into an impeachment of President Clinton in an attempt to undo and overthrow a duly elected President. This ignores the will of the people.

We condemn single party rule abroad. But this Republican Congress refuses to allow the minority party to vote on censure. But squelching the minority's requests for debate, for fairness, and for reasonable alternatives, this Republican Congress demonstrates its contempt for the Presidency, for the democratic process, and for the will of the people of this nation.

It abridges the Constitution by restricting and closing off legislative options, and creates the appearances of a one-party autocracy, which history has proven can lead to authoritarian rule.

This Republican party coup underscore that their only goal is to turn back an agenda that puts people first. To cancel a program that values basic human rights. That values a woman's right to choose, and that supports good public education instead of vouchers. Their goal is to cancel an agenda that insists that working women and men have a right to a living wage. An agenda that protects our environment. An agenda that fights for a Patient's Bill of Rights and preserves Social Security.

Today's vote is one of the most important votes in American history. The Republican's process is cynical and dangerous. It will be recorded that the Republicans have stood on the wrong side of history. As Americans who value an open and just society, we must reject this madness and say yes to openness. Say yes to fairness.

We must restore public trust and establish a Congress which communicates respect for the people of the United States, the Constitution, and democracy. A vote on a censure motion will allow the opinion and the voice of millions of Americans to be heard.