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The House met at 10 a.m.

PRAYER

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

We are thankful, gracious God, for people who work for justice and who long for the truth, and who receive happiness and satisfaction from helping others in their need. In spite of the trials of the day, in spite of the expectations and mistakes, we know that we achieve our true humanity when we strive to be what You would have us be and rise to the responsibilities we have been given. And may Your peace that passes all human understanding be with us now and evermore. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announced to the House his approval thereof.

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

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

The SPEAKER. The question is on the Chair's approval of the Journal.

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

Mr. VOLKMER. 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. Evidently a quorum is not present.

The Sergeant at Arms will notify absent Members.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. Let the Chair note in advance that the Chair will, after the vote, limit the number of 1-minutes.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 310, nays 90, not voting 34, as follows:

[Roll No. 52]

YEAS—310

Allard
Andrews
Archer
Armey
Bachus
Baker (LA)
Barr
Barrett (NE)
Barrett (WI)
Bartlett
Barton
Bass
Bateman
Beilenson
Bentsen
Bereuter
Berman
Bevill
Bilbray
Bilirakis
Blute
Boehlert
Boehner
Bonilla
Bono
Borski
Boucher
Brewster
Brown (OH)
Brownback
Bryant (TN)
Bryant (TX)
Bunn
Bunning
Burr
Burton
Buyer
Callahan
Calvert
Camp
Canady
Cardin
Castle
Chabot
Chambliss
Chenoweth
Christensen
Chrysler
Clayton
Clement
Clinger
Coble

Coburn
Collins (GA)
Combest
Condit
Conyers
Cooley
Costello
Cox
Coyne
Creameans
Cubin
Cunningham
Danner
Davis
Deal
Diaz-Balart
Dickey
Dixon
Doggett
Dooley
Dornan
Dreier
Duncan
Dunn
Durbin
Edwards
Ehlers
Emerson
English
Ensign
Eshoo
Everett
Ewing
Fattah
Fawell
Fields (TX)
Flanagan
Foglietta
Forbes
Ford
Fowler
Fox
Franks (CT)
Franks (NJ)
Frelinghuysen
Frisa
Frost
Funderburk
Gallegly
Ganske
Gekas
Geren

Gibbons
Gilchrest
Gillmor
Gilman
Gonzalez
Goodlatte
Goodling
Gordon
Goss
Graham
Gunderson
Gutknecht
Hall (TX)
Hamilton
Hancock
Hansen
Hastert
Hastings (WA)
Hayes
Hayworth
Hefner
Heineman
Herger
Hilleary
Hobson
Hoekstra
Hoke
Holden
Horn
Hostettler
Houghton
Hoyer
Hunter
Hutchinson
Hyde
Inglis
Istook
Jackson-Lee
Johnson (CT)
Johnson (SD)
Johnson, E.B.
Johnson, Sam
Johnston
Jones
Kanjorski
Kaptur
Kelly
Kennelly
Kildee
Kim
King
Kingston

Klecza
Klink
Klug
Knollenberg
Kolbe
LaHood
Largent
Latham
LaTourette
Laughlin
Lazio
Leach
Levin
Lewis (CA)
Lewis (KY)
Lightfoot
Linder
Lipinski
Livingston
LoBiondo
Lofgren
Longley
Lowey
Lucas
Luther
Manzullo
Markey
Martini
Mascara
Matsui
McCarthy
McCullum
McCrery
McDade
McDermott
McHale
McHugh
McInnis
McIntosh
McKeon
McNulty
Meehan
Metcalf
Meyers
Mica
Miller (FL)
Minge
Mink
Moakley
Molinari
Montgomery
Moorhead

Abercrombie
Ackerman
Baesler
Baldacci
Ballenger
Barcia
Becerra
Bonior
Browder
Brown (FL)

Moran
Morella
Murtha
Myers
Myrick
Nadler
Neumann
Ney
Norwood
Nussle
Obey
Olver
Orton
Oxley
Packard
Parker
Paxon
Payne (VA)
Peterson (MN)
Porter
Portman
Poshard
Pryce
Quillen
Quinn
Ramstad
Rangel
Regula
Riggs
Rivers
Roberts
Rogers
Rohrabacher
Ros-Lehtinen
Roth
Roukema
Roybal-Allard
Royce
Salmon
Sanders
Sanford
Sawyer
Saxton
Scarborough
Schaefer
Schiff
Schumer
Seastrand
Sensenbrenner
Shadegg
Shaw

NAYS—90

Clay
Clyburn
Coleman
Collins (IL)
Collins (MI)
Cramer
Crane
DeFazio
DeLauro
Dellums

Shays
Shuster
Sisisky
Skeen
Skelton
Smith (MI)
Smith (NJ)
Smith (TX)
Smith (WA)
Solomon
Souder
Spence
Spratt
Stark
Stearns
Stenholm
Stokes
Studds
Stump
Stupak
Talent
Tanner
Tate
Tauzin
Tejeda
Thomas
Thornberry
Thurman
Tiahrt
Torkildsen
Torricelli
Upton
Vucanovich
Waldholtz
Walker
Wamp
Ward
Watt (NC)
Watts (OK)
Waxman
Weldon (PA)
Weller
White
Whitfield
Wicker
Wilson
Wyden
Young (FL)
Zeliff
Zimmer

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Gutierrez	Mfume	Scott
Hall (OH)	Mineta	Serrano
Harman	Mollohan	Skaggs
Hastings (FL)	Neal	Taylor (MS)
Hefley	Oberstar	Taylor (NC)
Hilliard	Ortiz	Thompson
Hinchey	Owens	Thornton
Jacobs	Pallone	Torres
Jefferson	Pastor	Trafigant
Kennedy (MA)	Payne (NJ)	Velazquez
LaFalce	Pelosi	Vento
Lantos	Peterson (FL)	Visclosky
Lewis (GA)	Pickett	Volkmer
Lincoln	Pomeroy	Waters
Maloney	Rahall	Wise
Manton	Reed	Wolf
Martinez	Reynolds	Woolsey
McKinney	Roemer	Wynn
Meek	Sabo	Yates

NOT VOTING—34

Baker (CA)	Fields (LA)	Rose
Bishop	Flake	Rush
Bliley	Foley	Slaughter
Brown (CA)	Frank (MA)	Stockman
Chapman	Greenwood	Towns
Crapo	Kasich	Tucker
de la Garza	Kennedy (RI)	Walsh
DeLay	Miller (CA)	Weldon (FL)
Doolittle	Nethercutt	Williams
Doyle	Pombo	Young (AK)
Ehrlich	Radanovich	
Evans	Richardson	

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Ms. DANNER changed her vote from "nay" to "yea."

So the Journal was approved.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SHUSTER). Will the gentleman from Arizona [Mr. HAYWORTH] please come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. HAYWORTH 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.

ELECTION OF MEMBER TO COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Mr. FAZIO. Mr. Speaker, I offer a privileged resolution (H. Res. 46) and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 46

Resolved, That the following Member be elected to the following committee: Committee on International Relations: Mr. Frazer, Virgin Islands.

The resolution was agreed to.

A resolution to reconsider was laid on the table.

PROVIDING FOR APPOINTMENT AND COMPENSATION OF CONGRESSIONAL CONSULTANTS

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to take from the Speaker's table the Senate bill (S. 273) to amend section 61h-6 of title 2, United States Code, and asked for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the Senate bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

Mr. FAZIO. Mr. Speaker, reserving the right to object, will the gentleman from California kindly explain the purpose of the resolution?

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. FAZIO. I am happy to yield to the gentleman from California.

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding.

This bill is really a very technical bill. It makes technical changes in a provision of title 2 to the United States Code which applied only to the U.S. Senate, and it deals with the appointment procedures between the majority leader and the minority leader.

This language creates some conformity that is not now there and changes the procedure with the Senate President pro tempore in reference to two appointments that the President pro tempore of the Senate makes.

Basically, it is a matter of courtesy that we simply go ahead and approve this, and I would ask the House to accede to the Senate's wishes in changing a provision that affects only the Senate.

Mr. FAZIO. Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank the gentleman from California for his description.

Mr. Speaker, in keeping with the comity between the bodies, I withdraw my reservation of objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

The Clerk read the Senate bill, as follows:

S. 273

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 61h-6 of title 2; The Congress, Chapter 4—Officers and Employees of Senate and House of Representatives; United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

"§61h-6. Appointment of consultants by Majority Leader, Minority Leader, Secretary of the Senate, and Legislative Counsel of the Senate; compensation

"(a) The Majority Leader and the Minority Leader, are each authorized to appoint and fix the compensation of not more than four individual consultants, on a temporary or intermittent basis, at a daily rate of compensation not in excess of the per diem equivalent of the highest gross rate of annual compensation which may be paid to employees of a standing committee of the Senate. The Secretary of the Senate is authorized to appoint and fix the compensation of not more than two individual consultants, on a temporary or intermittent basis, at a daily rate of compensation not in excess of the per diem equivalent of the highest gross rate of annual compensation which may be paid to employees of a standing committee of the Senate. The Legislative Counsel of the Senate (subject to the approval of the President Pro Tempore) is authorized to appoint and fix the compensation of not more than two consultants, on a temporary or intermittent basis, at a daily rate of compensation not in excess of that specified in the first

sentence of this section. The provisions of section 8344 of title 5 shall not apply to any individual serving in a position under this authority. Expenditures under this authority shall be paid from the contingent fund of the Senate upon vouchers approved by the President Pro Tempore, Majority Leader, Minority Leader, Secretary of the Senate, or Legislative Counsel of the Senate, as the case may be.

"(b) The Majority Leader, and the Minority Leader, in appointing individuals to consultant positions under authority of this section, may appoint one such individual to such position at an annual rate of compensation rather than at a daily rate of compensation, but such annual rate shall not be in excess of the highest gross rate of annual compensation which may be paid to employees of a standing committee of the Senate."

The Senate bill was ordered to be read a third time, was read the third time, and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain 10 1-minute speeches on either side.

REPUBLICAN CONTRACT WITH AMERICA

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

Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma. Mr. Speaker, our Contract With America states, on the first day of Congress, a Republican House will: Force Congress to live under the same laws as everyone else; cut one-third of committee staff; and cut the congressional budget. We have done that.

It goes on to state that in the first 100 days, we will vote on the following items:

A balanced budget amendment—we have done this; line-item veto; a new crime bill to stop violent criminals; welfare reform to encourage work, not dependence; family reinforcement to crack down on deadbeat dads and protect our children; tax cuts for families to lift Government's burden from middle-income Americans; national security restoration to protect our freedoms; Senior Citizens' Equity Act to allow our seniors to work without Government penalty; Government regulation and unfunded mandate reforms; commonsense legal reform to end frivolous lawsuits; and congressional term limits to make Congress a citizen legislature.

This is our Contract With America.

TRIBUTE TO ED J. DEBARTOLO, JR., AND THE SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS

(Mr. TRAFICANT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today for an unusual 1 minute for me,