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The House met at 11 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore [Mrs. MORELLA].

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

With gratitude and praise, with awe and wonder, we offer our thanks for the opportunities of this day. In spite of all that should be done or must be accomplished and with all the anxieties of a busy world, we interrupt all our concerns to thank You, O gracious God, for the myriad blessings that You have freely given. The failures and the successes of yesterday are gone and tomorrow is not yet here, so in sincere appreciation we express these words of thanksgiving to You, our Creator and our God. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. MORELLA). The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House her approval thereof.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

Mr. MONTGOMERY 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 of the House of the following title:

H.R. 1718. An act to designate the United States courthouse located at 197 South Main Street in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, as the "Max Rosenn United States Courthouse."

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

H.R. 2196. An act to amend the Stevenson-Wylder Technology Innovation Act of 1980 with respect to inventions made under cooperative research and development agreements, and for other purposes.

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

S. 1510. An act to designate the United States Courthouse in Washington, District of Columbia, as the "E. Barrett Prettyman United States Courthouse", and for other purposes; and

S. 1518. An act to eliminate the Board of Tea Experts by prohibiting funding for the Board and by repealing the Tea Importation Act of 1897.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO REPRESENT THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AT CEREMONIES FOR THE OBSERVANCE OF GEORGE WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY

Mr. MONTGOMERY. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that it shall be in order for the Speaker to appoint two Members of the House, one upon the recommendation of the minority leader, to represent the House of Representatives at appropriate ceremonies for the observance of George Washington's birthday to be held on Thursday, February 22, 1996.

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

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of today, the Chair appoints the following Mem-

bers to represent the House of Representatives at appropriate ceremonies for the observance of George Washington's birthday to be held on Thursday, February 22, 1996: Mr. DAVIS of Virginia and Mr. MORAN of Virginia.

REAPPOINTMENT AS MEMBER OF COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the provisions of section 2(b) of Public Law 98-183, and the order of the House of Thursday, February 1, 1996, authorizing the Speaker and the minority leader to appoint commissions, boards, and committees authorized by law or by the House, the Speaker reappoints Mr. Carl A. Anderson of Arlington, VA, to the Commission on Civil Rights for a 6-year term beginning on February 12, 1996. The current term expires on February 11, 1996.

CONGRATULATING HON. CONSTANCE MORELLA AS FIRST FEMALE MEMBER SWORN IN AS SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

Mr. MONTGOMERY. Madam Speaker, congratulations on being the Speaker pro tempore. I believe you would probably be the first woman to have that position, and I congratulate you.

I had the privilege of acting as Speaker when Mr. Foley was Speaker, and I was sworn in by the gentleman from Texas [Mr. COLEMAN]; and as I understand it, the gentlewoman was sworn in by the gentleman from Virginia [Mr. DAVIS].

So congratulations. It is a nice honor.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks her distinguished colleague, the gentleman from Mississippi, Congressman MONTGOMERY,

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for that accolade. It is a distinguished honor to do so and to follow in your footsteps, sir.

The gentleman mentioned that he was actually sworn in also in 1993, the last Speaker pro tempore to be sworn, prior to this Member the other night. So we are setting precedents, and it is an honor to serve with the gentleman in this House.

SENATE BILL REFERRED

A bill of the Senate of the following title was taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. 1510. An act to designate the United States Courthouse in Washington, District of Columbia, as the "E. Barrett Prettyman United States Courthouse", and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. MONTGOMERY. Madam Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 5 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Tuesday, February 13, 1996, at 11 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of the rule XXIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

2025. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting his request to make available appropriations totaling \$16,661,000 in budgetary authority for the emergency pest suppression fund of the Forest Service in the Department of Agriculture and to designate the amount made available as an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(D)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1107 (H. Doc. No. 104-171); to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

2026. A letter from the Under Secretary of Defense, transmitting a report of a violation of the Anti-Deficiency Act which occurred in the Headquarters, Air Force Center for Environmental Excellence, at Brooks Air Force Base, TX, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1517(b); to the Committee on Appropriations.

2027. A letter from the Secretary of the Army, transmitting his determination that it is in the public interest of the United States to award a particular contract without competition, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 2304(c)(7); to the Committee on National Security.

2028. A letter from the Director of Defense Research and Engineering, Department of Defense, transmitting a report of Congress on the activities of the DOD Office of Technology Transition for the fiscal year 1995, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 2515; to the Committee on National Security.

2029. A letter from the Assistant Secretary of Education, transmitting final priorities—Early Education Program for Children with Disabilities, Educational Media Research, Production, Distribution, and Training Pro-

gram, Postsecondary Education Program for Individuals with Disabilities, Program for Children with Severe Disabilities, Secondary Education and Transitional Services for Youth with Disabilities Program, and the Program for Children and Youth with Serious Emotional Disturbance, pursuant to 20 U.S.C. 1232(d)(1); to the Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities.

2030. A letter from the Clerk, U.S. Court of Appeals, District of Columbia Circuit, transmitting an opinion of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit (No. 94-5270—Career College versus Riley) January 26, 1996; to the Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities.

2031. A letter from the Chairman, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting a report on the nondisclosure of safeguards information for the quarter ending December 31, 1995, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 2167(e); to the Committee on Commerce.

2032. A letter from the Vice Chairman, CFO, Potomac Electric Power Company, transmitting a copy of the balance sheet of Potomac Electric Power Co. as of December 31, 1995, pursuant to D.C. Code, section 43-513; to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

2033. A letter from the Director, Office of Communications and Legislative Affairs, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, transmitting a copy of the annual report in compliance with the Government in the Sunshine Act during the calendar year 1995, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b(j); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

2034. A letter from the Chairman, Federal Housing Finance Board, transmitting a report of activities under the Freedom of Information Act for calendar year 1995, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552(e); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

2035. A letter from the Chair, Federal Labor Relations Authority, transmitting the annual report under the Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act for fiscal year 1995, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 3512(c)(3); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

2036. A letter from the Chairman, Federal Maritime Commission, transmitting the annual report under the Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act for fiscal year 1995, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 3512(c)(3); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

2037. A letter from the Director, National Gallery of Art, transmitting the annual report under the Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act for fiscal year 1995, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 3512(c)(3); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

2038. A letter from the Clerk, U.S. Court of Appeals, District of Columbia Circuit, transmitting an opinion of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit (No. 95-5086—Roger Pilon versus U.S. Department of Justice) January 16, 1996; to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

2039. A letter from the Director, Minerals Management Service, transmitting the proposed 5-year outer continental shelf [OCS] leasing program for 1997-2002; to the Committee on Resources.

2040. A letter from the Clerk, U.S. Court of Appeals, District of Columbia Circuit, transmitting an opinion of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit (United Association of Journeymen & Apprentices of the Plumbing & Pipefitting Industry, AFL-CIO, et al. versus Reno) January 16, 1996; jointly, to the Committees on Resources and the Judiciary.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. ROBERTS: Committee on Agriculture. H.R. 2854. A bill to modify the operation of certain agricultural programs; with an amendment (Rept. 104-462, Pt. 1). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

DISCHARGE OF COMMITTEE

Pursuant to clause 5 of rule X the following action was taken by the Speaker:

H.R. 2854. The Committee on Ways and Means discharged from further consideration. Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

TIME LIMITATION OF REFERRED BILL

Pursuant to clause 5 of rule X the following action was taken by the Speaker:

H.R. 497. Referral to the Committee on Resources extended for a period ending not later than February 28, 1996.

H.R. 2854. Referral to the Committee on Ways and Means extended for a period ending not later than February 9, 1996.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 5 of rule X and clause 4 of rule XXII,

Mr. KENNEDY of Massachusetts introduced a bill (H.R. 2964) to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to require the Federal Communications Commission to establish a toll free telephone number for the collection of complaints concerning violence and other patently offensive material on broadcast and cable television, and for other purposes; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

Under clause 4 of rule XXII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions as follows:

H.R. 497: Mr. TAUZIN.

H.R. 784: Ms. MOLINARI and Mr. SMITH of Michigan.

H.R. 1758: Mr. FROST, Ms. WOOLSEY, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Mr. FOGLIETTA, and Mr. NADLER.

H.R. 1948: Ms. DELAURO.

H.R. 2270: Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, Mr. JACOBS, Mr. FOLEY, and Mr. NETHERCUTT.

H.R. 2683: Mr. COYNE, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. LIPINSKI, Mr. DICKEY, Mr. QUINN, Mr. MORAN, and Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas.

H.R. 2723: Mr. THORNBERRY.

H.R. 2779: Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland, Mr. HUNTER, Mr. TORKILDSEN, and Mr. WALSH.

H.R. 2914: Mr. MEEHAN and Mr. FATTAH.

H.R. 2959: Mr. JOHNSTON of Florida, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SAM JOHNSON, Mr. HORN, Mr. KLUG, Mr. SKAGGS, Ms. NORTON, Mr. MORAN, Mr. JEFFERSON, Mr. BALDACCIO, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Mr. FAZIO of California, Mr. SERRANO, Mr. DIXON, Mrs. CLAYTON, and Mr. JACKSON.

H. Con. Res. 51: Mr. STARK and Mr. SENSENBRENNER.