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The House met at 9 a.m.
The Chaplain, Rev. James David Ford, D.D., offered the following prayer:

At the beginning of each day we give thanks to you, O God, for all the gifts and blessings and hopes that we receive. As the scriptures proclaim, "Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the lands! Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!" It is our earnest prayer, O God, that whatever our circumstance or whatever our situation, whatever our opportunity, we will respond to this day with prayer, praise, and thanksgiving. We pray that wherever we are or whatever our concern, we will continue to offer our gratitude to You, O God, for our lives, our hopes, and our dreams. In Your name, we pray. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. 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.

Mrs. MALONEY. 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.

Mrs. MALONEY. 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.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 229, nays 51, not voting 153, as follows:

[Roll No. 366]

YEAS—229

Ackerman
Allard
Andrews
Archer
Armey
Bachus
Baesler
Baldacci
Ballenger
Barcia
Barr
Barrett (NE)
Barrett (WI)
Bartlett
Bass
Bateman
Bentsen
Bilbray
Bilirakis
Bishop
Bliley
Blute
Boehlert
Bonior
Brewster
Browder
Brown (FL)
Brownback
Bryant (TN)
Bunn
Burr
Burton
Callahan
Calvert
Campbell
Cardin
Castle
Chabot
Chambliss
Christensen
Chrysler
Clayton
Clement
Clinger
Coble
Collins (GA)
Combest
Condit
Conyers
Cooley
Cox
Coyne
Cramer
Crapo
Cummings
Cunningham
DeLauro
DeLay
Dellums
Deutsch

Diaz-Balart
Dingell
Dooley
Dreier
Duncan
Edwards
Ehrlich
Eshoo
Farr
Fattah
Flake
Flanagan
Foley
Forbes
Franks (CT)
Franks (NJ)
Frelinghuysen
Frisa
Frost
Furse
Gallegly
Geren
Gilchrest
Gilman
Gonzalez
Goodlatte
Goodling
Gordon
Goss
Graham
Greene (UT)
Gunderson
Hall (TX)
Hamilton
Hancock
Hansen
Hastert
Hayworth
Hefner
Hobson
Hoekstra
Horn
Hostettler
Houghton
Hoyer
Hyde
Inglis
Jackson-Lee
(TX)
Johnson (CT)
Johnston
Jones
Kaptur
Kasich
Kelly
Kennedy (RI)
Kennelly
Kildee
Kim
King
Kingston

Klecza
Klink
Kolbe
LaHood
Lantos
Latham
Levin
Lewis (CA)
Lightfoot
LoBiondo
Lucas
Luther
Maloney
Manton
Martini
Mascara
Matsui
McCarthy
McHale
McHugh
McInnis
McKeon
McNulty
Meehan
Meek
Mica
Miller (CA)
Miller (FL)
Minge
Mink
Moakley
Molinari
Mollohan
Montgomery
Morella
Murtha
Myers
Myrick
Neal
Nethercutt
Neumann
Ney
Olver
Orton
Packard
Parker
Pastor
Payne (VA)
Pelosi
Petri
Porter
Portman
Pryce
Quinn
Rahall
Reed
Regula
Rivers
Roberts
Roemer
Rogers

Rohrabacher
Ros-Lehtinen
Roth
Roukema
Roybal-Allard
Royce
Rush
Salmon
Sanford
Sawyer
Saxton
Schaefer
Schiff
Schumer
Scott
Sensenbrenner

Serrano
Shadegg
Shaw
Shays
Shuster
Sisisky
Skaggs
Skeen
Smith (MI)
Smith (TX)
Smith (WA)
Solomon
Stark
Stearns
Stenholm
Stump

Talent
Tanner
Tate
Tauzin
Thornberry
Thurman
Traficant
Upton
Walker
Walsh
Wamp
Ward
Wicker
Williams
Woolsey

NAYS—51

Abercrombie
Borski
Clay
Clyburn
Deal
DeFazio
Durbine
Everett
Fazio
Foglietta
Fox
Funderburk
Ganske
Gephardt
Green (TX)
Gutierrez
Gutknecht

Hefley
Heineman
Hilleary
Jackson (IL)
Jacobs
Jefferson
Johnson, E. B.
Kanjorski
Lewis (GA)
Lewis (KY)
Lipinski
Longley
Lowey
McDermott
McKinney
Nussle
Obey

Pallone
Payne (NJ)
Pickett
Pomeroy
Poshards
Ramstad
Sabo
Schroeder
Stupak
Taylor (MS)
Thompson
Torkildsen
Vento
Volkmer
Watt (NC)
Waxman
Wynn

NOT VOTING—153

Baker (CA)
Baker (LA)
Barton
Becerra
Beilenson
Bereuter
Berman
Bevill
Blumenauer
Boehner
Bono
Boucher
Brown (CA)
Brown (OH)
Bryant (TX)
Bunning
Buyer
Camp
Canady
Chapman
Chenoweth
Coburn
Coleman
Collins (IL)
Collins (MI)
Costello
Crane

Creameans
Cubin
Danner
Davis
de la Garza
Dickey
Dicks
Dixon
Doggett
Doolittle
Dornan
Doyle
Dunn
Ehlers
Engel
English
Ensign
Evans
Ewing
Fawell
Fields (LA)
Fields (TX)
Filner
Ford
Fowler
Frank (MA)
Gejdenson

Gekas
Gibbons
Gillmor
Greenwood
Hall (OH)
Harman
Hastings (FL)
Hastings (WA)
Hayes
Herger
Hilliard
Hinchee
Hoke
Holden
Hunter
Hutchinson
Istook
Johnson (SD)
Johnson, Sam
Kennedy (MA)
Klug
Knollenberg
LaFalce
Largent
LaTourette
Laughlin
Lazio

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Martinez	Richardson	Vucanovich
McCollum	Riggs	Waters
McCrery	Rose	Watts (OK)
McDade	Sanders	Weldon (FL)
McIntosh	Scarborough	Weldon (PA)
Menendez	Seastrand	Weller
Metcalf	Skelton	White
Meyers	Slaughter	Whitfield
Millender-	Smith (NJ)	Wilson
McDonald	Souder	Wise
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Moran	Spratt	Yates
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Ortiz	Taylor (NC)	Zimmer
Owens	Tejeda	
Oxley	Thomas	

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Mr. VOLKMER changed his vote from "yea" to "nay."

So the Journal was approved.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. EHLERS. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 366, I missed the vote because I was detained in a doctor's office. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. KINGSTON). Will the gentlewoman from New York [Mrs. MALONEY] come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. MALONEY 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

The 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. 1051. An act to provide for the extension of certain hydroelectric projects located in the State of West Virginia.

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. 782. An act to amend title 18 of the United States Code to allow members of employee associations to represent their views before the United States Government;

H.R. 1642. An act to extend nondiscriminatory treatment (most-favored-nation treatment) to the products of Cambodia, and for other purposes;

H.R. 2980. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, with respect to stalking;

H.R. 3166. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, with respect to the crime of false statement in a Government matter;

H.R. 3448. An act to provide tax relief for small businesses, to protect jobs, to create opportunities, to increase the take home pay

of workers, to amend the Portal-to-Portal Act of 1947 relating to the payment of wages to employees who use employer owned vehicles, and to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to increase the minimum wage rate and to prevent job loss by providing flexibility to employers in complying with minimum wage and overtime requirements under that Act; and

H.R. 3603. An act making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the Senate insists upon its amendments to the bill (H.R. 3603) "An act making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs 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. COCHRAN, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. BOND, Mr. GORTON, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. BURNS, Mr. HATFIELD, Mr. BUMPERS, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. KERREY, Mr. JOHNSTON, Mr. KOHL, and Mr. BYRD to be the conferees on the part of the Senate.

The message also announced that the Senate insists upon its amendments to the bill (H.R. 3448) "An act to provide tax relief for small businesses, to protect jobs, to create opportunities, to increase the take home pay of workers, to amend the Portal-to-Portal Act of 1947 relating to the payment of wages to employees who use employer owned vehicles, and to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to increase the minimum wage rate and to prevent job loss by providing flexibility to employers in complying with minimum wage and overtime requirements under that Act," requests a conference with the House on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and appoints from the Committee on Labor and Human Resources: Mrs. KASSEBAUM, Mr. JEFFORDS, and Mr. KENNEDY; and from the Committee on Finance: Mr. ROTH, Mr. CHAFEE, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. HATCH, Mr. SIMPSON, Mr. PRESSLER, Mr. MOYNIHAN, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BRADLEY, Mr. PRYOR, and Mr. ROCKEFELLER to be the conferees on the part of the Senate.

The message also announced that the Senate insists upon its amendment to the bill (H.R. 3103) "An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to improve portability and continuity of health insurance coverage in the group and individual markets, to combat waste, fraud, and abuse in health insurance and health care delivery, to promote the use of medical savings accounts, to improve access to long-term care services and coverage, to simplify the administration of health insurance, and for other purposes," disagreed to by the House, and agrees to the conference asked by the House on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and appoints Mr. ROTH, Mrs. KASSEBAUM, Mr. LOTT, Mr. KENNEDY, and Mr. MOYNIHAN to be the conferees on the part of the Senate.

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

S. 1577. An act to authorize appropriations for the National Historical Publications and Records Commission for fiscal years 1998, 1999, 2000, and 2001;

S. 1675. An act to provide for the nationwide tracking of convicted sexual predators, and for other purposes; and

S. 1784. An act to amend the Small Business Investment Act of 1958, and for other purposes.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

EVIDENCE OF CASTRO'S ROLE IN DRUG TRAFFICKING

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

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Mr. Speaker, yesterday's Miami Herald revealed vast new evidence of Cuban dictator Castro's personal involvement in cocaine trafficking into the United States. Drug dealers busted with thousands of pounds of cocaine from Cuba not only say the cocaine was brought into the United States with Castro's coordination, there are photos of Castro with the traffickers and video of Castro-assisted drug operations.

Mr. Speaker, our DEA and Customs people on the front line are doing an admirable job, but until when is the Clinton administration going to cover up the fact that Castro is today a major cocaine trafficker?

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Where are the indictments against Castro's henchmen for trafficking that the U.S. Attorney in south Florida has had ready for issuance for 3 years? I know this administration would like the drug problem to just go away, but the cover-up on Castro's role in drug trafficking will not hold any longer.

President Clinton must face up to this issue of grave consequences to the American people.

COMMISSION NEEDED ON CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM

(Mrs. MALONEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, we have another session of Congress and another failed effort at campaign finance reform.

The more things change, the more they stay the same. We could shrug our shoulders and give up or we could put our shoulders to the wheel and work on the only viable option left for this Congress, a comprehensive commission on campaign finance reform.

I have introduced a bipartisan bill to do just that. It is modeled after Congressman ARMEY'S Military Base Closing Commission. The Commission