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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 ab-

sent 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 Diaz-Balart

Ackerman

Allard

Archer

Bachus

Baesler

Baldacci

Ballenger

Barrett (NE)

Barrett (WI)

Barcia

Bass

Bateman

Bentsen

Bilbray

Bishop

Bliley

Blute

Boehlert

Bonilla

Bonior

Browder

Bunn

Burton

Callahan

Campbell

Cardin

Castle

Chabot

Chambliss

Chrysler

Clayton

Clement

Clinger

Combest

Convers

Cooley

Coyne

Cramer

Cummings

Cunningham

Crapo

DeLay

Dellums

Christensen

Collins (GA)

Brown (FL)

Bryant (TN)

Bilirakis

Andrews

Dingell Klink Dooley Kolbe Dreier LaHood Duncan Lantos Edwards Latham Ehrlich Levin Lewis (CA) Eshoo Farr Lightfoot Fattah LoBiondo Flake Lucas Flanagan Luther Foley Maloney Franks (CT) Martini Franks (NJ) Mascara Frelinghuysen Matsui Frisa McCarthy Frost McHale McHugh Gallegly McInnis Geren McKeon Gilchrest Gilman Meehan Gonzalez Meek Miller (CA) Goodling Gordon Miller (FL) Graham Mink Greene (UT) Moakley Gunderson Molinari Hall (TX) Mollohan Hamilton Montgomery Hancock Morella Hansen Murtha Hastert Myers Hayworth Myrick Hefner Neal Hobson Nethercutt Hoekstra Neumann Horn Nev Hostettler Olver Houghton Orton Hover Packard Hyde Parker Inglis Pastor

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Abercrombie

Borski

Clyburn

Deal DeFazio

Durbin

Everett

Foglietta

Ganske

Fox Funderburk

Gephardt Green (TX)

Gutierrez

Gutknecht

Baker (CA) Baker (LA)

Barton

Becerra Beilenson

Bereuter

Blumenauer

Berman

Boehner

Boucher

Brown (CA)

Brown (OH)

Bryant (TX)

Bunning

Buyer

Camp

Canady

Chapman

Chenoweth Coburn

Collins (IL)

Collins (MI)

Coleman

Crane

Bono

Payne (VA)

Pelosi

Porter

Pryce

Quinn

Rahall

Regula

Rivers

Roberts

Roemer

Rogers

Reed

Portman

Petri

Bevill

Fazio

Thurman
Traficant
Upton
MI) Walker
X) Walsh
WA) Wamp
Ward
Wicker
Williams
n Woolsey

Talent

Tanner

Tauzin

Thornberry

Tate

NAYS-51

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
Poshard
Ramstad
Sabo
Schroeder
Stupak
Taylor (MS)
Thompson
Torkildsen
Vento
Volkmer
Watt (NC)
Waxman
Wynn

Gekas

Gibbons

NOT VOTING—153

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Frank (MA)

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Jackson-Lee

Johnson (CT)

Kennedy (RI)

Johnston

Kaptur

Kasich

Kelly

Kildee

Kim

King

Kennelly

Kingston



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Leach Paxon Thornton Peterson (FL) Lincoln Tiahrt Linder Peterson (MN) Torres Livingston Pombo Torricelli Quillen Lofgren Towns Manzullo Radanovich Velazquez Markey Rangel Visclosky Martinez Richardson Vucanovich McCollum Riggs Waters Watts (OK) McCrery Rose Sanders Weldon (FL) McIntosh Scarborough Weldon (PA) Weller Menendez Seastrand Metcalf Whitfield Meyers Slaughter Millender-Smith (NJ) Wilson McDonald Souder Moorhead Spence Wolf Moran Yates Spratt Nadler Stockman Young (AK) Young (FL) Zeliff Norwood Stokes Studds Oberstar 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. Jef-FORDS, 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. KASSE-BAUM, 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