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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore [Mr. HEFLEY].

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
July 31, 1996.

I hereby designate the Honorable JOEL HEFLEY 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:

As the rain waters the grass and the crops bring forth their fruit, and the light of the Sun makes clear the path and Your Spirit, O God, flows from on high, so nourish our spirits and make clear our path this day. Without Your light, O gracious God, and without the nurture of Your abiding presence, how will we know the way and the truth. So we pray, O God, that Your blessings will abound in our hearts and minds and spirits that we will be Your people and do those good things that honor You and serve people in their need. This is our earnest prayer. 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.

Mrs. SCHROEDER. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to clause 1, rule I, I demand a vote on agreeing to the Speaker'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.

Mrs. SCHROEDER. 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 302, nays 85, answered "present" 1, not voting 45, as follows:

[Roll No. 373]

YEAS—302

Allard	Bunning	Deutsch	Goodling	Markey	Rogers
Andrews	Burr	Dickey	Gordon	Martinez	Rohrabacher
Archer	Buyer	Dicks	Goss	Martini	Ros-Lehtinen
Armye	Callahan	Dingell	Graham	Mascara	Roukema
Bachus	Calvert	Dixon	Greene (UT)	Matsui	Roybal-Allard
Baessler	Camp	Doggett	Greenwood	McCarthy	Royce
Baker (CA)	Campbell	Dooley	Hall (TX)	McCollum	Salmon
Baker (LA)	Canady	Doolittle	Hamilton	McHale	Sanford
Ballenger	Cardin	Dreier	Hancock	McHugh	Sawyer
Barcia	Castle	Duncan	Hansen	McInnis	Saxton
Barr	Chabot	Dunn	Hastert	McIntosh	Scarborough
Barrett (NE)	Chambliss	Edwards	Hastings (WA)	McKeon	Schaefer
Barrett (WI)	Chenoweth	Ehlers	Hayes	McKinney	Schiff
Bartlett	Christensen	Ehrlich	Hayworth	Meek	Schumer
Barton	Chrysler	Eshoo	Hefley	Metcalf	Seastrand
Bass	Clement	Ewing	Herger	Meyers	Sensenbrenner
Bateman	Clinger	Farr	Hobson	Mica	Shadegg
Beilenson	Coble	Fawell	Hoekstra	Millender-Hoke	Shaw
Bentsen	Coburn	Fields (LA)	Hoke	McDonald	Shays
Bereuter	Collins (GA)	Fields (TX)	Holden	Miller (CA)	Shuster
Berman	Combest	Flanagan	Hostettler	Miller (FL)	Skeen
Bevill	Condit	Foley	Houghton	Minge	Skelton
Bilbray	Conyers	Forbes	Hoyer	Mink	Slaughter
Bilirakis	Cooley	Fowler	Hyde	Moakley	Smith (MI)
Bishop	Cox	Franks (CT)	Inglis	Molinari	Smith (NJ)
Bliley	Cramer	Franks (NJ)	Jackson-Lee	Mollohan	Smith (TX)
Blumenauer	Crane	Frelinghuysen	(TX)	Montgomery	Smith (WA)
Blute	Crapo	Frist	Johnson (CT)	Morella	Solomon
Boehlert	Creameans	Frost	Johnson (SD)	Murtha	Souder
Boehner	Cubin	Furse	Johnson, E. B.	Myers	Spence
Bonilla	Cummings	Galleghy	Johnson, Sam	Myrick	Stark
Borski	Cunningham	Ganske	Johnston	Nadler	Stearns
Boucher	Danner	Gejdenson	Kaptur	Nethercutt	Stenholm
Brewster	Davis	Gekas	Kasich	Neumann	Stokes
Browder	de la Garza	Gilchrist	Kelly	Ney	Studds
Bryant (TN)	DeLay	Gilman	Kennedy (MA)	Norwood	Stump
Bryant (TX)	Dellums	Goodlatte	Kennelly	Nussle	Stupak
			Kildee	Obey	Tanner
			Kim	Olver	Tate
			King	Orton	Tauzin
			Kingston	Owens	Tejeda
			Klecza	Oxley	Thomas
			Klink	Packard	Thornberry
			Klug	Parker	Thornton
			Knollenberg	Pastor	Thurman
			Kolbe	Paxon	Tiahrt
			LaHood	Payne (VA)	Torres
			Lantos	Peterson (FL)	Towns
			Largent	Peterson (MN)	Traficant
			LaTourette	Petri	Upton
			Laughlin	Porter	Velazquez
			Lazio	Portman	Vucanovich
			Leach	Pryce	Walker
			Lewis (CA)	Quillen	Walsh
			Lightfoot	Quinn	Wamp
			Linder	Radanovich	Watt (NC)
			Lipinski	Rahall	Waxman
			LoBiondo	Rangel	Weldon (FL)
			Lofgren	Reed	Weldon (PA)
			Lucas	Regula	White
			Luther	Rivers	Whitfield
			Manton	Roberts	
			Manzullo	Roemer	

□ This symbol represents the time of day during the House proceedings, e.g., □ 1407 is 2:07 p.m.

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Wicker
Williams

Wilson
Wooley

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Zeliff

NAYS—85

Abercrombie
Baldacci
Becerra
Bonior
Brown (CA)
Brown (FL)
Brown (OH)
Bunn
Clay
Clyburn
Collins (IL)
Costello
Deal
DeFazio
DeLauro
Doyle
Durbin
English
Ensign
Evans
Everett
Fattah
Fazio
Filner
Foglietta
Fox
Funderburk
Gephardt
Geren

Gibbons
Green (TX)
Gutierrez
Gutknecht
Hall (OH)
Hastings (FL)
Hefner
Heineman
Hilliard
Hinchey
Hutchinson
Jackson (IL)
Jacobs
Jefferson
Jones
Kennedy (RI)
LaFalce
Latham
Levin
Lewis (GA)
Lewis (KY)
Lowey
Maloney
McDermott
McNulty
Menendez
Neal
Oberstar
Pallone

Payne (NJ)
Pickett
Pomeroy
Poshard
Ramstad
Rose
Rush
Sabo
Sanders
Schroeder
Scott
Skaggs
Stockman
Taylor (MS)
Thompson
Torkildsen
Vento
Visclosky
Volkmer
Ward
Waters
Watts (OK)
Weller
Wise
Wolf
Yates
Zimmer

ANSWERED "PRESENT"—1

Harman

NOT VOTING—45

Ackerman
Bono
Brownback
Burton
Chapman
Clayton
Coleman
Collins (MI)
Coyne
Diaz-Balart
Dornan
Engel
Flake
Ford
Frank (MA)

Gillmor
Gonzalez
Gunderson
Hilleary
Horn
Hunter
Istook
Kanjorski
Lincoln
Livingston
Longley
McCrery
McDade
Meehan
Moorhead

Moran
Ortiz
Pelosi
Pombo
Richardson
Riggs
Roth
Serrano
Sisisky
Spratt
Talent
Taylor (NC)
Torricelli
Young (AK)
Young (FL)

□ 1021

So the Journal was approved.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. HEFLEY). Will the gentleman from Ohio [Mr. CHABOT] come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. CHABOT 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. 3663. An act to amend the District of Columbia Self-Government and Governmental Reorganization Act to permit the Council of the District of Columbia to authorize the issuance of revenue bonds with respect to water and sewer facilities, and for other purposes.

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

H.R. 3816. An act making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the Senate insists upon its amendment to the bill (H.R. 3816) "An act making appropriations for energy and water development 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. DOMENICI, Mr. HATFIELD, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. GORTON, Mr. McCONNELL, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. BURNS, Mr. JOHNSTON, Mr. BYRD, Mr. HOLLINGS, Mr. REID, Mr. KERREY, and Mrs. MURRAY to be conferees on the part of the Senate.

The message also announced that the Senate disagrees to the amendments of the House to the bill (S. 1260) "An act to reform and consolidate the public and assisted housing programs of the United States, and to redirect primary responsibility for these programs from the Federal Government to States and localities, and for other purposes," agrees to a conference asked by the House of Representatives on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and appoints Mr. D'AMATO, Mr. MACK, Mr. FAIRCLOTH, Mr. BOND, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. KERRY, and Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN to be the conferees on the part of the Senate.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. NADLER. Mr. Speaker, on roll-call vote 359 I was incorrectly recorded as voting "no." I intended to vote "aye."

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain fifteen 1-minutes per side.

REFORM WELFARE NOW

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

Mr. CHABOT. Mr. Speaker, in 1992, Bill Clinton portrayed himself as a new Democrat. One of the things that was supposed to set him apart from the old Democrats was the belief shared by many people of goodwill that the welfare system was a mess, that it was broken and needed to be fixed.

After two vetoes, we are now told that Bill Clinton may finally be prepared to sign a welfare reform package. If that is true, it is a very positive development. America needs, no, Americans demand serious, genuine welfare reform, and I frankly do not care who gets the credit. I do not care if it is the Republican Party or the new Democrats or the old Democrats or the blue dogs or the yellow dogs or the man on the moon. That part of it does not matter and does not change the fact that we desperately need to change welfare

so that it honors family and it honors work. Mr. Speaker, reforming welfare is the right thing to do, it is the commonsense thing to do, and I say let us get it done now, no matter who gets credit for it.

COMMEMORATING THE F-111

(Mr. PETE GEREN of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. PETE GEREN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commemorate the end of an era in U.S. aviation history. This past weekend at a ceremony in Fort Worth, TX, the F-111 was retired and officially named the "Aardvark," the nickname given it by the pilots that flew it. This ceremony commemorated the accomplishments of this great aircraft from its first flight in 1964 to its honorable service in the gulf war and its revolutionary impact on military aviation technology around the world.

The F-111 served this Nation in the war in Vietnam, the bombing of terrorist targets in Libya, and during Operation Desert Storm. In November 1966, the F-111 set a record for the longest low-level supersonic flight, and it was the first tactical aircraft to fly across the Atlantic Ocean without refueling.

Additionally, the F-111 was the first plane equipped with swing wing technology that allowed it to take off and land on a short 2,000-foot runway while still being able to reach supersonic speeds at a variety of altitudes with wings swept back.

Mr. Speaker and my colleagues, join me in celebrating the men and women who built this great aircraft, a bird that served our Nation and the free world for over 30 years and now takes its place among other great Texas built military aircraft like the B-24 Liberator and the B-58 Hustler.

PRESIDENT SHOULD SIGN WELFARE REFORM BILL

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

Mr. CHRYSLER. Mr. Speaker, welfare cases in Michigan are down significantly, but more importantly, parents are working to provide for their own families in setting examples for their children to follow. Currently the State of Michigan is waiting on 76 additional waivers from the President to fully implement their welfare plan.

The enactment of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Act would largely end the need for these waivers and allow Michigan to proceed with their reforms, truly helping the disabled and the people that need our help in restoring the basic human dignity and pride that comes from bringing home a paycheck and providing care for your family.

However, if the President fails to approve these reforms for the third time, it is the children who will suffer and