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

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,

May 1, 1997.

I hereby designate the Honorable STEVEN C. LATOURETTE to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NEWT GINGRICH,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Reverend Leander Wilkes, Second Baptist Church, Santa Barbara, CA, offered the following prayer:

O Thou, who art all and in all, from whom all right purposes and true judgments proceed, and in whose wisdom all who seek Thee become wise; praised be Thou. We thank Thee that through Thy grace another session is awaiting deliberations. We are mindful that You yet rule in the affairs of all peoples and nations and feel more keenly the need for Thy help.

Vouchsafe Thy guidance throughout the deliberations here, that the noble ends of justice, peace, and goodwill be attained. We pray that Thy blessing may rest upon each heart and a sense of Thy favor that will inspire each towards holier resolves, that Thou may be glorified. O Lord, our God, we trust in Thee. 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.

Ms. DELAURO. 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.

Ms. DELAURO. 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 343, nays 42, not voting 48, as follows:

[Roll No. 97]

YEAS—343

Ackerman
Aderholt
Allen
Archer
Armey
Bachus
Baker
Baldacci
Ballenger
Barcia
Barr
Barrett (WI)
Barton
Bass
Bateman
Becerra
Bentsen
Bereuter
Berman
Berry
Bilbray
Bilirakis
Bishop
Blagojevich
Bliley
Blumenauer
Blunt
Boehlert
Boehner
Bonilla
Bonior
Boswell
Boucher

Boyd
Brady
Brown (FL)
Brown (OH)
Bryant
Bunning
Burr
Buyer
Callahan
Calvert
Camp
Campbell
Canady
Cannon
Carson
Castle
Chabot
Chambliss
Christensen
Clement
Coble
Coburn
Collins
Combest
Cook
Cooksey
Cox
Coyne
Cramer
Crapo
Cubin
Cummings
Cunningham

Danner
Davis (FL)
Davis (VA)
Deal
DeGette
Delahunt
DeLay
Dellums
Deutsch
Diaz-Balart
Dickey
Dicks
Dixon
Doggett
Doolittle
Doyle
Dreier
Duncan
Dunn
Edwards
Ehlers
Emerson
Eshoo
Etheridge
Evans
Everett
Ewing
Farr
Fawell
Flake
Foley
Ford
Fowler

Frank (MA)
Franks (NJ)
Frelinghuysen
Frost
Gallegly
Ganske
Gejdenson
Gekas
Gibbons
Gilchrest
Gilman
Goode
Goodlatte
Goodling
Gordon
Goss
Graham
Granger
Greenwood
Gutknecht
Hall (OH)
Hall (TX)
Hamilton
Hansen
Harman
Hastert
Hastings (FL)
Hastings (WA)
Hayworth
Hefner
Hill
Hilleary
Hinojosa
Hobson
Hoekstra
Holden
Hooley
Horn
Hostettler
Houghton
Hoyer
Hunter
Hyde
Inglis
Jackson (IL)
Jackson-Lee
(TX)
Jefferson
Jenkins
John
Johnson (CT)
Johnson (WI)
Johnson, E.B.
Johnson, Sam
Jones
Kanjorski
Kasich
Kelly
Kennedy (MA)
Kennedy (RI)
Kennelly
Kildee
Kim
Kind (WI)
King (NY)

Kingston
Klecza
Klink
Klug
Knollenberg
Kolbe
LaFalce
LaHood
Lampson
Lantos
Largent
LaTourette
Lazio
Leach
Levin
Lewis (CA)
Lewis (KY)
Linder
Lipinski
Lofgren
Lowey
Lucas
Luther
Maloney (CT)
Manton
Manzullo
Markey
Martinez
Mascara
Matsui
McCarthy (MO)
McCarthy (NY)
McCollum
McCrery
McDade
McHale
McHugh
McInnis
McIntyre
McKeon
McKinney
McNulty
Meehan
Meek
Menendez
Metcalf
Mica
Millender
McDonald
Miller (CA)
Minge
Moakley
Molinari
Mollohan
Moran (VA)
Morella
Murtha
Myrick
Neal
Nethercutt
Neumann
Ney
Norwood
Obey
Olver

Ortiz
Owens
Oxley
Packard
Pappas
Parker
Pastor
Paul
Paxon
Payne
Pease
Pelosi
Peterson (MN)
Peterson (PA)
Petri
Pickering
Pitts
Pomeroy
Portman
Poshard
Price (NC)
Pryce (OH)
Quinn
Radanovich
Rahall
Rangel
Regula
Reyes
Riley
Rivers
Rodriguez
Roemer
Rogan
Rogers
Rohrabacher
Ros-Lehtinen
Rothman
Roukema
Roybal-Allard
Royce
Rush
Ryun
Salmon
Sanchez
Sandlin
Sanford
Sawyer
Saxton
Scarborough
Schaefer, Dan
Schaffer, Bob
Schumer
Scott
Sensenbrenner
Serrano
Sessions
Shadegg
Shaw
Shays
Sherman
Shimkus
Shuster
Sisisky
Skaggs
Skeen

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Slaughter	Stump	Vento
Smith (MI)	Sununu	Walsh
Smith (NJ)	Talent	Wamp
Smith (OR)	Tanner	Watkins
Smith (TX)	Tauscher	Watts (OK)
Smith, Adam	Tauzin	Waxman
Smith, Linda	Taylor (NC)	Weldon (FL)
Snowbarger	Thomas	Weldon (PA)
Snyder	Thornberry	Weyand
Solomon	Thune	White
Spence	Thurman	Whitfield
Spratt	Tiahrt	Wicker
Stabenow	Towns	Wise
Stearns	Trafigant	Woolsey
Stenholm	Turner	Wynn
Stokes	Upton	Young (FL)

NAYS—42

Abercrombie	Filner	LoBiondo
Borski	Fox	McDermott
Brown (CA)	Furse	McGovern
Capps	Gephardt	Pallone
Chenoweth	Gillmor	Pickett
Clay	Green	Pombo
Clyburn	Gutierrez	Ramstad
Costello	Hefley	Sabo
DeLauro	Hilliard	Stark
Dingell	Hinchey	Taylor (MS)
Dooley	Hulshof	Thompson
English	Kilpatrick	Visclosky
Ensign	Kucinich	Waters
Fazio	Lewis (GA)	Weller

NOT VOTING—48

Andrews	Foglietta	Nussle
Baesler	Forbes	Oberstar
Barrett (NE)	Gonzalez	Pascrell
Bartlett	Herger	Porter
Bono	Hutchinson	Riggs
Burton	Istook	Sanders
Cardin	Kaptur	Schiff
Clayton	Latham	Souder
Condit	Livingston	Stupak
Conyers	Maloney (NY)	Tierney
Crane	McIntosh	Torres
Davis (IL)	Miller (FL)	Watt (NC)
DeFazio	Mink	Wexler
Ehrlich	Moran (KS)	Wolf
Engel	Nadler	Yates
Fattah	Northup	Young (AK)

□ 1022

So the Journal was approved.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. BARRETT of Nebraska. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 97, I was inadvertently detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. BONO. Mr. Speaker, unfortunately, I was unavoidably detained today and missed rollcall vote No. 97, on agreeing to the Journal. If I had been present, I certainly would have voted "yea" in its support.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

Mr. CALVERT 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 Ms. McDevitt, one of its clerks, announced

that the Senate has passed without amendment bills of the House of the following titles:

H.R. 968. An act to amend title XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to permit a waiver of the prohibition of offering nurse aide training and competency evaluation programs in certain nursing facilities.

H.R. 1001. An act to extend the term of appointment of certain members of the Prospective Payment Assessment Commission and the Physician Payment Review Commission.

WELCOME TO THE REVEREND LEANDER WILKES

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

Mr. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, our morning prayer today was offered by the Reverend Leander Wilkes, who lives and works in my hometown, Santa Barbara, CA. He and his wife, Thelma, and their children, Leo, Dierdra, Jamaal, and the late Lucy are admired and respected by all who know them.

On this National Day of Prayer when we are mindful of the abundant blessings of God and are also aware of the manifest challenges we face as a nation, it is appropriate that we take our first signals of the day from a man of such consummate compassion, wisdom, good grace, and youthful optimism.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF PROCEDURE FOR AMENDMENTS ON H.R. 3, JUVENILE CRIME CONTROL ACT OF 1997

(Ms. PRYCE of Ohio asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. PRYCE of Ohio. The Committee on Rules may meet early next week to grant a rule which may limit the amendments to be offered to H.R. 3, the Juvenile Crime Control Act of 1997. Subject to the approval of the Committee on Rules, this rule may include a provision limiting amendments to those specified in the rule. Any Member who desires to offer an amendment should submit 55 copies and a brief explanation of the amendment by noon on Monday, May 5, to the Committee on Rules at room H-312 in the Capitol.

Amendments should be drafted to the text of the bill as reported from the Committee on the Judiciary. The bill and report are to be filed today, and until such time as the text is available in the document room it will be available in the Committee on the Judiciary. Members should use the Office of Legislative Counsel to ensure their amendments are properly drafted and should check with the Office of the Parliamentarian to be certain their amendments comply with the rules of the House.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces he will entertain five 1-minute speeches on each side.

THE NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

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

Mr. HEFLEY. Mr. Speaker, our Nation's first call to prayer came in 1775 when the Continental Congress asked the Colonies to pray for wisdom in forming a nation. Since then, the call to prayer has continued throughout our history.

In 1952 a joint resolution by Congress, signed by President Truman, declared an annual National Day of Prayer. In 1988, the law was amended and signed by President Reagan, permanently setting the day as the first Thursday of every May.

Today is the National Day of Prayer. We are celebrating in the Cannon Caucus Room all day, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Military chiefs of staff, Cabinet Secretaries, Senators and Representatives are gathering to ask for prayers from the people. The National Day of Prayer belongs to all Americans of all faiths. It stands as a call to us to humbly come before God, seeking his guidance for our leaders and his grace upon us as a people. Please join me today by stopping by the Cannon Caucus Room to celebrate this great event. It is our prayer that during the National Day of Prayer, America will again remember the trust that made this Nation great.

STAND UP FOR LEGAL IMMIGRANTS

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

Mr. GUTIERREZ. Mr. Speaker, another day, another story of a senior or a person with a disability who will suffer because this Congress decided to take away vital benefits from legal immigrants. Unfortunately, since we only have 92 days to go, I cannot tell the Members every story.

Today I have time to tell about Cheslaw Matyszczyk. Cheslaw worked in Poland as a Solidarity member, working hard, taking care of his family and being part of the movement that swept away communism. He came to America to provide a better future for his family, and he did. He worked hard every day at Ford Motor Co. until an accident left him disabled and unable to continue in the work force, even though he would give anything, anything to continue to provide for himself and his family. But since 92 days is not enough to tell every story, let me have Cheslaw tell you about himself:

"I am not without hope. I believe in America, and that the government of the United States won't hurt me."

Cheslaw came to our country, gave to our country, and still believes in our country. Let us show him he has a reason to believe, and stand up for legal immigrants.