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

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,

May 15, 1997.

I hereby designate the Honorable MAC COLLINS 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 we develop our thoughts and ideas and form them into words, we pray for the strength and insight to take our words and translate them into the deeds of everyday life. We are grateful, O God, for the great visions we hold dear—of peace and security in our lives and in our world and care for the needy, the hungry, and the oppressed. On this day, O God, we pray that our visions and words will be validated in the actions of every day and that our faith would become active in love. 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.

Mr. SOLOMON. 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.

Mr. SOLOMON. 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 334, nays 62, not voting 37, as follows:

[Roll No. 128]

YEAS—334

Ackerman
Aderholt
Allen
Armey
Bachus
Baesler
Baker
Baldacci
Ballenger
Barcia
Barr
Barrett (NE)
Barrett (WI)
Bartlett
Barton
Bass
Bateman
Bentsen
Bereuter
Berman
Bilbray
Bilirakis
Blagojevich
Bliley
Blumenauer
Blunt
Boehlert
Boehner
Bonilla
Bono
Boswell
Boucher
Boyd
Brady
Brown (FL)
Bryant
Bunning
Burr
Burton
Buyer
Callahan
Camp

Campbell
Canady
Cannon
Capps
Cardin
Carson
Castle
Chabot
Chambliss
Christensen
Clayton
Clement
Coble
Coburn
Collins
Combest
Condit
Conyers
Cook
Cooksey
Cox
Coyne
Cramer
Crane
Crapo
Cubin
Cummings
Cunningham
Danner
Davis (FL)
Davis (IL)
Davis (VA)
Deal
DeGette
DeLauro
DeLay
Deutsch
Diaz-Balart
Dickey
Dicks
Dingell

Doggett
Dooley
Doolittle
Doyle
Dreier
Duncan
Dunn
Edwards
Ehlers
Ehrlich
Emerson
Eshoo
Etheridge
Evans
Everett
Ewing
Farr
Fawell
Flake
Foley
Forbes
Ford
Fowler
Frank (MA)
Franks (NJ)
Frelinghuysen
Frost
Furse
Gallegly
Ganske
Gejdenson
Gekas
Gilchrest
Gillmor
Gilman
Goode
Goodlatte
Goodling
Goss
Graham
Granger
Greenwood

Gutierrez
Hall (TX)
Hamilton
Hansen
Harman
Hastert
Hastings (FL)
Hastings (WA)
Hayworth
Herger
Hill
Hinojosa
Hobson
Hoekstra
Holden
Hooley
Horn
Hostettler
Houghton
Hoyer
Hunter
Hutchinson
Hyde
Inglis
Istook
Jackson (IL)
Jackson-Lee
(TX)
Jenkins
John
Johnson (WI)
Johnson, E. B.
Johnson, Sam
Jones
Kanjorski
Kaptur
Kasich
Kelly
Kennedy (MA)
Kennedy (RI)
Kennelly
Kildee
Kilpatrick
Kim
Kind (WI)
King (NY)
Kingston
Klecza
Klink
Klug
Knollenberg
Kolbe
LaFalce
LaHood
Lampson
Lantos
Largent
Latham
Lazio
Leach
Levin
Lewis (CA)
Lewis (KY)
Livingston
Lofgren

Lowey
Lucas
Luther
Maloney (CT)
Maloney (NY)
Manton
Manzullo
Markey
Martinez
Mascara
Matsui
McCarthy (MO)
McCarthy (NY)
McCollum
McGovern
McHale
McHugh
McInnis
McIntosh
McIntyre
McKeon
McKinney
Meehan
Meek
Menendez
Metcalfe
Millender-
McDonald
Miller (FL)
Minge
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Moakley
Molinari
Mollohan
Moran (KS)
Moran (VA)
Morella
Murtha
Myrick
Nadler
Neal
Nethercutt
Neumann
Ney
Northup
Norwood
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Ortiz
Owens
Oxley
Packard
Pappas
Parker
Paul
Paxon
Payne
Pease
Pelosi
Peterson (MN)
Peterson (PA)
Petri
Pickering
Pitts
Pomeroy
Portman

Price (NC)
Pryce (OH)
Quinn
Radanovich
Rahall
Rangel
Regula
Reyes
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Riley
Rivers
Rodriguez
Roemer
Rogan
Rogers
Rohrabacher
Ros-Lehtinen
Rothman
Roukema
Roybal-Allard
Royce
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Sanchez
Sandlin
Sanford
Sawyer
Saxton
Scarborough
Schumer
Sensenbrenner
Serrano
Sessions
Shadegg
Shaw
Shays
Sherman
Shimkus
Shuster
Siskiy
Skaggs
Skeen
Smith (MI)
Smith (NJ)
Smith (OR)
Smith, Linda
Snowbarger
Snyder
Spence
Spratt
Stabenow
Stenholm
Stokes
Stump
Sununu
Tanner
Tauscher
Taylor (NC)
Thomas
Thornberry
Thurman
Tierney
Torres
Traficant
Turner
Upton

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Waters	Wexler	Wise
Watt (NC)	Weygand	Wolf
Waxman	White	Woolsey
Weldon (FL)	Whitfield	Wynn

NAYS—62

Abercrombie	Green	Poshard
Becerra	Gutknecht	Ramstad
Berry	Hefley	Rush
Bishop	Hilleary	Sabo
Bonior	Hilliard	Schaffer, Bob
Borski	Hinchey	Scott
Brown (CA)	Hulshof	Slaughter
Brown (OH)	Kucinich	Solomon
Chenoweth	Lewis (GA)	Stearns
Clay	Lipinski	Strickland
Clyburn	LoBiondo	Stupak
Costello	McDermott	Taylor (MS)
DeFazio	McNulty	Thune
English	Nussle	Tiahrt
Ensign	Oberstar	Velazquez
Fazio	Olver	Vento
Filner	Pallone	Visclosky
Foglietta	Pascrell	Wamp
Fox	Pastor	Watts (OK)
Gephardt	Pickett	Weller
Gibbons	Pombo	

NOT VOTING—37

Andrews	LaTourette	Smith, Adam
Archer	Linder	Souder
Calvert	McCrery	Stark
Dellums	McDade	Talent
Dixon	Mica	Tauzin
Engel	Miller (CA)	Thompson
Fattah	Porter	Towns
Gonzalez	Salmon	Watkins
Gordon	Sanders	Yates
Hall (OH)	Schaefer, Dan	Young (AK)
Hefner	Schiff	Young (FL)
Jefferson	Skelton	
Johnson (CT)	Smith (TX)	

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So the Journal was approved.
The result of the vote was announced
as above recorded.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. COLINS). 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 Ms. McDevitt, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate had passed a bill of the following title, in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 670. An act to amend the Immigration and Nationality Technical Corrections Act of 1994 to eliminate the special transition rule for issuance of a certificate of citizenship for certain children born outside the United States.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain ten 1-minute speeches from each side.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 900

Mr. ROMERO-BARCELÓ. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to have my name deleted from H.R. 900.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Puerto Rico?
There was no objection.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. KLECZKA. Mr. Speaker, I regretfully missed rollcall No. 127 on May 14. Had I been present, I would have voted "no."

FREEDOM WORKS AWARD

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

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I am excited today to present the Freedom Works Award to Cornerstone Schools for their fine work in educating the children of Detroit. I established the Freedom Works Award to celebrate freedom by recognizing individuals and groups who promote personal responsibility instead of reliance on the Government.

Cornerstone Schools began in 1990 when a group of local businesses, church leaders and concerned members of the Detroit community joined together to establish academically challenging, faith-based schools for the children of Detroit.

The school has a simple mission: Give all children, no matter what their circumstance, an opportunity to receive a world-class education and, more importantly, a chance to succeed.

Cornerstone students participated in an 11-month school year, mandatory homework assignments 4 nights a week, foreign language classes from kindergarten to 8th grade, and winter and summer camp experiences. But good students and committee teachers are simply not enough.

Cornerstone's strength lies in its understanding that the key to a child's education is parental involvement. Cornerstone requires parents to take an active role in their children's education. Every parent, Mr. Speaker, must sign this covenant with the school that requires them to attend regularly scheduled parent meetings, provide their children with a quiet environment to study, ensure that their child is in school every day, and to do at least 10 hours of volunteer service per year.

Cornerstone has achieved their success without receiving a single penny of Federal assistance. Instead, the school has relied on personal initiative of community volunteers who have donated countless time and money to defend and finance these precious children's education.

Cornerstone has reminded all of us that nothing is more important to a child's learning potential than involved parents. Mr. Speaker, I am very proud of this fine school; and I am very proud of one fine young man who wrote me from the school and told me two things that I thought was profound. He has

moved through Cornerstone from a position of believing that he would never amount to anything, to progress toward his life's career of being a veterinarian, and he told me in this letter that his mother was his hero. How can you do better than that?

□ 1030

DENY CHINA MFN STATUS

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

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, China's trade surplus with America may exceed \$50 billion this year, and experts say it is no accident.

China smacks Uncle Sam right in the kisser with a 35-percent tariff on all goods and products. Thirty-five percent tariff. If that is not enough to wrap General Cho in a golden parachute, check this out. With that \$50 billion from Uncle Sam, China, reports say, is now buying aircraft carriers, warships, nuclear submarines and intercontinental ballistic missiles.

It does not take the Three Stooges to figure it out. China is not exactly creating a neighborhood crime watch over there. I say Congress should deny MFN to China and Congress should impose a 35-percent tariff until China removes their tariff.

And let me say one last thing. A Congress that takes away a gun from a mugger will never be called a protectionist. This may boil the blood of some free traders, but China is ripping us off.

AMERICAN PEOPLE ARE OVERTAXED

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

Mr. CHABOT. Mr. Speaker, let us face it, the American people are just overtaxed. Why? Well, too much of their hard-earned money comes here to Washington and it gets wasted in many, many ways.

Examples. We have a program called the Market Access Program, where we actually take the taxpayers' money and pay for corporations to advertise their products overseas. We still subsidize far too many farm products, cotton, peanuts, sugar, and the list goes on and on. We still pay farmers in this country not to grow crops. Maybe that made some sense back during the Depression, it makes no sense nowadays.

To pay for all these wasteful programs, our taxes have gone up. During my lifetime they have gone, for example, from 5 percent that people send to Washington to now 25 percent. If we add State and local taxes, it is about 40 percent the average American family pays out in taxes. So if we work a 5-day week, Monday and Tuesday we are working for the Government and only