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

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,

May 22, 1997.

I hereby designate the Honorable CHARLES H. TAYLOR to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NEWT GINGRICH,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Reverend Sam P. Lamback, Jr., Byron United Methodist Church, Byron, GA, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray. O Creator God, You have gifted and assembled Your servants on this new day for the vital work of leading the Nation. We pause to honor the memory of our veterans on the upcoming Memorial Day.

In all the proclamations, projects, and paperwork at hand, align our spirits with Your will. Encourage and equip us for the tough tasks of service amid the competing claims of a diverse and strong-willed people. Work in us firmness and compassion in proper balance.

As You give direction to those who direct our Nation, may humility surpass self-interest, and cooperation resolve personal quests.

So may what is best for America be found to be what is best for humankind, and peace become the product of our labors and the satisfaction of our strong service together.

In Your Holy Name we pray. 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. GIBBONS. 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. GIBBONS. 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. Pursuant to clause 5, rule I, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

Mr. TRAFICANT 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 and a concurrent resolution of the House of the following titles:

H.R. 1650. An act to authorize the President to award a gold medal on behalf of the Congress to Mother Teresa of Calcutta in recognition of her outstanding and enduring contributions through humanitarian and charitable activities, and for other purposes.

H. Con. Res. 67. Concurrent resolution authorizing the 1997 Special Olympics Torch Relay to be run through the Capitol Grounds.

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

S. 430. An act to amend the Act of June 20, 1910, to protect the permanent trust funds of the State of New Mexico from erosion due to inflation and modify the basis on which distributions are made from those funds.

The message also announced that the Senate agrees to the amendment of the House to the bill (S. 543) "An Act to provide certain protections to volunteers, nonprofit organizations, and governmental entities in lawsuits based on the activities of volunteers."

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO UNITED STATES GROUP OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC ASSEMBLY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, and pursuant to the provisions of 22 USC 1928a, the Chair announces the Speaker's appointment of the following Members of the House to the United States Group of the North Atlantic Assembly:

Messrs. BEREUTER of Nebraska, chairman; SOLOMON of New York, vice chairman; REGULA of Ohio; BATEMAN of Virginia; BLILEY of Virginia; BOEHLERT of New York; Mrs. ROUKEMA of New Jersey; and Messrs. BALLENGER of North Carolina; HAMILTON of Indiana; RUSH of Illinois; LANTOS of California; and MANTON of New York.

There was no objection.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

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