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The House met at 9:30 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore [Mr. SNOWBARGER].

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,

July 11, 1997.

I hereby designate the Honorable VINCE SNOWBARGER 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 pray-

We are grateful as individuals and as a people that we live without the threat of war and without the threat of conquest and we are at peace. O gracious God, as we express our gratitude for the security we enjoy, we remember those men and women of our Armed Forces who in peace or war protect the welfare of all citizens. May they see in their mission as peacemakers a ministry to the people of our land and may Your blessing, O God, that is new every morning be with them and their families now and evermore. 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 Jour-

nal stands approved. Mr. MILLER of California. 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. MILLER of California. 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The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.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.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain twelve 1-minutes on each side.

TRIBUTE TO PEGGY YOUNG

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

Mr. CHAMBLISS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to my good friend Peggy Young, who is retiring tonight as the museum director at the Museum of Aviation in Warner Robins, GA.

When Peggy retires this evening, she will leave as her legacy an aviation museum that ranks as the second largest in the Air Force, a far cry from its humble beginnings only 15 years ago with no building, two aircraft, and only \$20 in the bank.

Under Peggy's leadership, the Museum of Aviation has grown into a world-class museum complex that covers 43 acres, has over 85 aircraft on display, and hosts nearly a half million families, historians, and aviation enthusiasts each year.

As Peggy says good-bye tonight to the museum she literally helped build from the ground up, she leaves behind a living testament to her personal character and professional abilities.

Congratulations to Peggy, and her husband Bob, on a job well done. Thanks for your contribution to your community, your State, and your

IN OPPOSITION TO THE REPUBLICAN TAX PLAN

(Ms. VELÁZQUEZ asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ. Mr. Speaker, the Republican leader's newest motto is ''Listen, learn and lead,'' and in a way the Republicans are following that

They are listening to millionaires and powerful corporations who want huge tax breaks. They are learning how to provide clever tax loopholes to their rich friends, and they are leading this country down a road that will allow tax giveaways for the rich while working families struggle.

Mr. Speaker, the Democrats want to provide real tax relief for working families. Under the Republican bill, 15 million working families, working families, will get no tax relief. Democrats want to help those families. Under the Republican bill, college students will be hit with new taxes. Democrats want to make college more affordable.

Mr. Speaker, I propose today a new motto for the Republican leader: Listen, learn, and let the Democrats lead.

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