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House of Representatives

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

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
September 17, 1997.

I hereby designate the Honorable KEN CALVERT 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:

Through all the trials and tumult that divide the human family and in all the joys and celebrations that bring people together, Your Word of love, O God, is a beacon of hope and a source of comfort and solace. For better or worse, for richer or poorer, and in all the circumstances of life, Your Word unites us and makes us whole. Because of Your everlasting gifts to us, O God, we are grateful for this new day and move forward in the faith and in the hope that You have given to us. In Your name we pray. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. CALVERT). 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. 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 Speaker'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The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.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. BROWN] come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. BROWN of Ohio 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. 63. An act to designate the reservoir created by Trinity Dam in the Central Valley project, California, as "Trinity Lake".

The message also announced that the Senate had passed bills and a concurrent resolution of the following titles, in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 308. An act to require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study concerning grazing use and open space of certain land within and adjacent to Grand Teton National Park, Wyoming, and to extend temporarily certain grazing privileges;

S. 931. An act to designate the Marjory Stoneman Douglas Wilderness and the Ernest F. Coe Visitor Center;

S. 965. An act to amend title II of the Hydrogen Future Act of 1996 to extend an authorization contained therein, and for other purposes;

S. 1026. An act to reauthorize the Export-Import Bank of the United States; and

S. Con. Res. 45. Concurrent resolution commending Dr. Hans Blix for his distinguished service as Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency on the occasion of his retirement.

The message also announced that pursuant to sections 276d-276g of title 22, United States Code, as amended, the Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, appoints the following Senators as members of the Senate Delegation to the Canada-United States Interparliamentary Group during the 1st Session of the 105th Congress, to be held in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, Canada, September 11-15, 1997:

The Senator from Alaska [Mr. MURKOWSKI], Chairman;

The Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH];

The Senator from Iowa [Mr. GRASSLEY];

The Senator from Indiana [Mr. COATS];

The Senator from Ohio [Mr. DEWINE]; and

The Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI].

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Mr. MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I have a preferential motion at the desk.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will report the motion.

The Clerk read as follows:

Mr. MILLER of California moves that the House do now adjourn.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion to adjourn offered by the gentleman from California [Mr. MILLER].

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the noes appeared to have it.

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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. 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 43, nays 355, answered “present” 1, not voting 34, as follows:

[Roll No. 400]

YEAS—43

Allen	Filner	Mink
Andrews	Ford	Oliver
Baldacci	Frank (MA)	Owens
Becerra	Gejdenson	Pallone
Berry	Gephardt	Pelosi
Brown (OH)	Hastings (FL)	Slaughter
Coyne	Hefner	Stupak
Davis (FL)	Jefferson	Tierney
DeFazio	LaFalce	Towns
Delahunt	Lewis (GA)	Vento
DeLauro	Lowe	Waters
Deutsch	Martinez	Waxman
Dingell	McDermott	Woolsey
Doggett	McNulty	
Eshoo	Miller (CA)	

NAYS—355

Abercrombie	Cook	Gutierrez
Aderholt	Cooksey	Gutknecht
Archer	Costello	Hall (OH)
Armey	Cox	Hall (TX)
Bachus	Cramer	Hamilton
Baesler	Crane	Hansen
Baker	Cubin	Harman
Ballenger	Cummings	Hastert
Barcia	Cunningham	Hastings (WA)
Barr	Danner	Hayworth
Barrett (NE)	Davis (IL)	Hefley
Barrett (WI)	Davis (VA)	Heger
Bartlett	Deal	Hill
Bass	DeGette	Hilleary
Bateman	DeLay	Hinche
Bentsen	Diaz-Balart	Hinojosa
Bereuter	Dickey	Hobson
Berman	Dicks	Hoekstra
Bilbray	Dooley	Holden
Bilirakis	Doolittle	Hooley
Bishop	Doyle	Horn
Blagojevich	Dreier	Hoyer
Bliley	Duncan	Hulshof
Blumenauer	Dunn	Hunter
Blunt	Edwards	Hutchinson
Boehkert	Ehlers	Hyde
Boehner	Ehrlich	Jackson (IL)
Bonilla	Emerson	Jackson-Lee
Bono	Engel	(TX)
Borski	English	Jenkins
Boswell	Ensign	John
Boucher	Etheridge	Johnson (CT)
Boyd	Evans	Johnson (WI)
Brady	Everett	Johnson, E. B.
Brown (FL)	Ewing	Johnson, Sam
Bryant	Farr	Jones
Bunning	Fattah	Kanjorski
Burr	Fawell	Kasich
Burton	Fazio	Kelly
Buyer	Foley	Kennedy (MA)
Callahan	Forbes	Kennedy (RI)
Calvert	Fowler	Kennelly
Camp	Fox	Kildee
Campbell	Franks (NJ)	Kilpatrick
Canady	Frelinghuysen	Kim
Cannon	Frost	Kind (WI)
Capps	Gallagher	King (NY)
Cardin	Ganske	Kingston
Carson	Gekas	Klecza
Castle	Gibbons	Klink
Chabot	Gilchrest	Klug
Chambliss	Gillmor	Knollenberg
Christensen	Gilman	Kolbe
Clay	Goode	Kucinich
Clayton	Goodlatte	LaHood
Clement	Goodling	Lampson
Clyburn	Gordon	Lantos
Coble	Goss	Largent
Coburn	Graham	Latham
Collins	Granger	LaTourette
Combest	Green	Lazio
Condit	Greenwood	Leach

Levin	Pastor	Sisisky
Lewis (CA)	Paul	Skaggs
Lewis (KY)	Paxon	Skeen
Linder	Payne	Skelton
Lipinski	Pease	Smith (MI)
LoBiondo	Peterson (MN)	Smith (NJ)
Lofgren	Peterson (PA)	Smith (OR)
Lucas	Petri	Smith (TX)
Luther	Pickering	Smith, Adam
Maloney (CT)	Pickett	Smith, Linda
Maloney (NY)	Pitts	Snowbarger
Manton	Pombo	Snyder
Manzullo	Pomeroy	Solomon
Markey	Porter	Souder
Mascara	Portman	Spence
Matsui	Poshard	Spratt
McCarthy (MO)	Price (NC)	Stabenow
McCarthy (NY)	Quinn	Stark
McCollum	Radanovich	Stearns
McDade	Rahall	Stenholm
McGovern	Ramstad	Stokes
McHale	Rangel	Strickland
McHugh	Redmond	Stump
McIntosh	Regula	Sununu
McIntyre	Riley	Talent
McKeon	Rivers	Tanner
McKinney	Rodriguez	Tauscher
Meehan	Roemer	Tauzin
Meek	Rogan	Taylor (MS)
Menendez	Rogers	Thomas
Metcalfe	Rohrabacher	Thompson
Mica	Ros-Lehtinen	Thornberry
Mills	Rothman	Thune
McDonald	Roukema	Thurman
Miller (FL)	Royce	Tiahrt
Minge	Ryun	Torres
Moakley	Sabo	Trafigant
Mollohan	Salmon	Turner
Moran (KS)	Sanchez	Upton
Morella	Sandlin	Velazquez
Murtha	Sanford	Visclosky
Myrick	Sawyer	Walsh
Nadler	Saxton	Wamp
Neal	Scarborough	Watkins
Nethercutt	Schaefer, Dan	Watt (NC)
Neumann	Schaffer, Bob	Watts (OK)
Ney	Schumer	Weldon (FL)
Northup	Scott	Weldon (PA)
Nussle	Sensenbrenner	Weller
Oberstar	Serrano	Wexler
Obey	Sessions	Weygand
Ortiz	Shadegg	White
Oxley	Shaw	Whitfield
Packard	Shays	Wicker
Pappas	Sherman	Wolf
Parker	Shinkus	Wynn
Pascarella	Shuster	Young (FL)

ANSWERED “PRESENT”—1

Pryce (OH)

NOT VOTING—34

Ackerman	Gonzalez	Reyes
Barton	Hilliard	Riggs
Bonior	Hostettler	Roybal-Allard
Brown (CA)	Houghton	Rush
Chenoweth	Inglis	Sanders
Conyers	Istook	Schiff
Crapo	Kaptur	Taylor (NC)
Dellums	Livingston	Wise
Dixon	McCrery	Yates
Flake	McInnis	Young (AK)
Foglietta	Moran (VA)	
Furse	Norwood	

□ 1022

Mr. PARKER, Mrs. CUBIN, and Messrs. REDMOND, SHADEGG, KINGSTON, SUNUNU, GILCHREST, PETERSON of Pennsylvania, and EHLERS changed their vote from “yea” to “nay.”

So the motion to adjourn was rejected.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. ABERCROMBIE. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall vote 397 from yesterday, I inadvertently missed the vote. Had I been present, I would have voted “yes.”

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. CALVERT). Pursuant to clause 5 of rule I, the pending business is the question of agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal of the last day's proceedings.

The question is on the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, yesterday on rollcall 398, I was detained in traffic and missed the vote. Had I been present, I would have voted “no.”

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

APPROVE LOW-DOSE IRRADIATION FOR RED MEAT

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

Mr. GANSKE. Mr. Speaker, some people oppose vaccination for small pox, some people oppose pasteurization to kill TB in milk, some people oppose chlorination to kill bacteria in water, and some people oppose fluoridation of water for healthy teeth. Now we have the FDA sitting on approval for low-dose irradiation to kill bacteria in red meat, in hamburger. For 4 years they have done that. The FDA has already approved low-dose irradiation as safe and effective for spices, vegetables, fruits, chicken, and pork. Why not hamburger? Low-dose irradiation does not cause food to become radioactive. It does kill salmonella, tapeworms, and E. coli. In my opinion, the FDA taking 4 years to approve low-dose irradiation of red meat puts them right there with those critics of vaccination, pasteurization, chlorination, and fluoridation.

□ 1030

PROBLEMS AT THE POST OFFICE

(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, Martha Cherry, a letter carrier for 18 years, has been fired. The Postal Service said, “Your stride is too short.” If that is not enough to put a runner in your pantyhose, check this out.

According to the Postal Service, they wrote in the report that the heels of your leading foot did not pass the toe of your trailing foot by more than 1 inch, thus it took you 10 minutes longer to deliver the mail.

Beam me up, Mr. Speaker. Is this the KGB or the Postal Service? The truth