

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Reverend James David Ford, D.D., offered the following prayer:

Enable us, O gracious God, to lift our hearts and souls above the commotion of the moment and the busy tasks that are before us, to offer our thanks and praise for the innumerable blessings and benefits which You have given to us and to all people. May our spirits transcend the obligations and duties that must be accomplished in our daily lives to catch a spiritual vision where justice is our byword and service to others our great joy.

With this prayer of thanksgiving we offer to You, O God, our appreciation that we can live lives of promise and commitment and in a world that is often confused and bewildering, we can have a sense of fulfillment and satisfaction.

In Your holy name, we pray. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SNOWBARGER). 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 Chair'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The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.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 Colorado [Mr. HEFLEY] come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. HEFLEY 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.

TRIBUTE TO DEAN SMITH

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

Mr. BALLENGER. Mr. Speaker, Thursday, October 9 was a very sad day for basketball and sports fans alike.

After 36 seasons as head coach of the North Carolina Tarheels, Dean Smith, the ultimate competitor, left his post and passed the reins to his longtime assistant. With this announcement, Dean Smith ended an era in college basketball. His record of 879 total victories, 11 trips to the Final Four, 13 ACC Championships, and 2 National Championships will never be matched.

These stats and scores point out what every basketball fan already knows. Dean Smith is the winningest coach in college basketball history. His impact on the sports history books is only rivaled by his impact on the lives, hearts, and minds of his players. To quote a lesser known Tarheel, Michael Jordan, he says, "He's like a father figure to us all."

Today I honor a man who represents the best that college sports has to offer, a man of true integrity and class who makes North Carolinians proud that he calls Chapel Hill home. Thank you, Coach Smith, for your many years of commitment. We surely will miss you.

OPPOSE H.R. 1270

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

Mr. GIBBONS. Mr. Speaker, a letter circulated around Capitol Hill yesterday boasts that passing H.R. 1270 will save money. Mr. Speaker, if it were not for the severity of this issue, this letter would be laughable. This is yet another example of the nuclear industry distorting the truth. The truth is that H.R. 1270 will cost the American taxpayers \$1.5 billion, that is with a "B," over the next 5 years. Contrast this with the cost of onsite storage and the taxpayers will save, even then, close to \$1 billion over the next 5 years.

Rather than have high level nuclear waste transported through communities across this country, we could use this money to decrease the deficit, provide more tax relief for the American taxpayers, improve our roads, hire more teachers, or put more police officers on the street.

I urge my colleagues to get the facts. Do not be fooled by the nuclear industry. This is a bad bill. It is a bad bill for all Americans. Oppose H.R. 1270.

WHEN WILL THE WHITE HOUSE WISE UP?

(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 President is in America. President Jiang told the press China will not tolerate any interference by the U.S. Government. In fact, President Jiang sent over a list of irritant subjects he will not even discuss, Members.

No. 1, he will not even talk about trade, even though it is going to hit \$60

billion. No. 2, no, he will not talk about human rights. No. 3, he does not even want to hear about the last Presidential election. Do not mention John Huang, Charlie Trie. Stay out, Uncle Sam. And guess what? The White House said, "Don't worry, this is no big deal."

Beam me up. The White House will not wise up until there is a full-blown rice paddy on the east lawn of the White House. Somebody is smoking dope.

THE CLINTON WHITE HOUSE LEGACY

(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, there is a great deal of talk these days about the legacy that this administration will leave. I think it is fair to say that this White House has indeed set a new standard of ethics.

I think it is fair to say that this White House has set a new standard in the use of the Lincoln bedroom.

I think it is fair to say that this White House has set a new standard in terms of raising money on Federal property.

I think it is fair to say that this White House has set a new standard in terms of deciding which rich donors get to accompany the Secretary of Commerce on trade missions.

I think it is fair to say that this White House has set a new standard in terms of raising money at Buddhist temples, shaking down impoverished Indian tribes. Using the IRS for political purposes, rewarding top dollar fund-raisers with Commerce Department jobs, making huge money from cattle futures while declaring moral outrage at the decade of greed, and coming up with the "I don't recall" defense whenever the subject turns to raising money.

I agree, that is quite a legacy.

CELEBRATORY ATMOSPHERE SURROUNDING VISIT OF CHINA'S MILITARY LEADERS TO THE UNITED STATES IS INAPPROPRIATE

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

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, tomorrow the Clinton administration will roll out the red carpet for the ruler of a regime that rolled out the tanks in Tiananmen Square. Tomorrow the Clinton administration will give a 21-gun salute to the heads of the Chinese military that proliferates weapons of mass destruction and brutally occupies Tibet. I do not think that that is an appropriate welcome.

While I agree that we must engage China, that the leaders of our two countries must meet to discuss issues of concern, I think it is completely inappropriate to have such a celebratory

atmosphere surrounding the visit. The more appropriate auspices would have been a working visit President Clinton used to welcome many other leaders of important countries to Washington, DC.

Tomorrow, though, Project Democracy in China, of the Independent Federation of Chinese Students and Scholars and the Tiananmen Memorial Foundation, will hold a press conference, and I join with them in their aspirations when they call upon the President and the United States to demand that China's human rights record be condemned, its prisoners of conscience released, and demand political reform in China.

I urge my colleagues to join us in Lafayette Square for a protest rally at 12 noon in front of the White House.

RECOGNITION OF GOOD SCIENTIFIC WORK BY GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

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

Mr. EHLERS. Mr. Speaker, very often from this podium we hear criticism of our Government and of our Nation, and rightfully so, because we exercise an oversight role. But I believe we have an obligation also to point out when the Government does something good and something right. I would like to mention two such items that have happened recently.

First of all, Dr. William Phillips, of the National Institute of Standards and Technology, recently shared a Nobel Prize for physics for research that he had done on cooling atoms. This is a very esoteric field of research, and it has real promise for the future, particularly for precise timekeeping, and will improve our time-standard accuracy by a factor of 100.

In a recent science magazine I noticed also that William H.F. Smith from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and David Sandwell from Scripps Institution have succeeded in mapping the world, including the ocean floors, from satellites. What I am displaying here is a remarkable map, obtained for the first time in history, showing all the topographical details of the land and under-sea surfaces. This will be extremely useful in analyzing effects such as El Nino and determining how to improve our fisheries.

I commend these scientists as well as Dr. Phillips for the good work they have done. We are proud of them, and proud to have them as Government employees.

REPUBLICANS OFFER THE NATION'S CHILDREN HOPE AND OPPORTUNITY IN EDUCATION

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

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I am very disappointed with my friends across the aisle. They support the status quo for our Nation's education.

Why do they consistently oppose efforts to improve the lives and learning of our Nation's children? The Republican education agenda is simple: We want to give kids a chance. We want them to be able to leave inferior schools that cannot even teach them to read and write. We want parents involved in the children's education and to trust the schools they send their kids to every day.

I do not care if these schools are charter schools, public schools, private schools, or a school on Mars, but it is not fair to force our kids to go to schools where they sit in constant fear for their lives, where the roofs leak and the heat does not work. Why force kids to go to schools that do not teach? Let them attend a school where they can have a real educational experience and a real long-term potential.

It is simple: The Republicans offer the Nation's children hope and opportunity, while across the aisle all they can offer is status quo.

SAY NO TO EXPLOITING CHEAP LABOR AND THE ENVIRONMENT

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

Mr. DEFAZIO. Mr. Speaker, I noticed yesterday that the President gave a speech and he said that those who oppose his fast track authority have an ignorance of the new world international economy.

I saw the face of the new world economy last weekend, and I would like the President to hear about it. He should go to Juarez, Mexico: a 77-percent increase in maquiladora jobs since fast track passed.

Two-earner families living in hovels without water, heat, or even walls. They are made of pallets and packing crates. Working 45 hours a week for U.S. corporations, jobs that were here before NAFTA, for \$40 a week. No environmental controls, no labor protections, no right to organize. That is the face of the new world economy, Mr. President.

There is one place we are running a surplus today, that is in Latin and South America. And now the President wants fast track authority to go down there and see if he can screw that up too, and take more of our jobs south of the border so our corporations can exploit cheap labor and the environment. No.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
Washington, DC, October 27, 1997.

Hon. NEWT GINGRICH,
Speaker, U.S. House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted to Clause 5 of Rule III of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on Monday, October 27, 1997 at 11:42 a.m.: That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 2013.

With warm regards,

ROBIN H. CARLE,
Clerk, U.S. House of Representatives.

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COMMUNICATION FROM DEPUTY GENERAL COUNSEL OF CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SNOWBARGER) laid before the House the following communication from Jennifer L. Smith, Deputy General Counsel, Congressional Budget Office:

U.S. CONGRESS,
CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE,
Washington, DC, October 27, 1997.

Hon. NEWT GINGRICH,
Speaker, U.S. House of Representatives,
U.S. Capitol, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: This is to notify you, pursuant to Rule L of the Rules of the House of Representatives, that the Congressional Budget Office has been served with a subpoena issued by the Superior Court of the District of Columbia.

After consultation with the General Counsel of the House of Representatives, I will make the determinations concerning the subpoena as required under the Rule.

Sincerely yours,

JENNIFER L. SMITH,
Deputy General Counsel,
Congressional Budget Office.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 5 of rule I, the Chair announces that he will postpone further proceedings today on each motion to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or on which the vote is objected to under clause 4 of rule XV.

Such rollcall votes, if postponed, will be taken after debate has concluded on all motions to suspend the rules, but not before 5 p.m. today.

SENSE OF THE HOUSE REGARDING DOLLARS TO THE CLASSROOM

Mr. GOODLING. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 139) expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the Department of Education, States, and local education agencies should spend a greater percentage of Federal education tax dollars in our children's classrooms, as amended.

The Clerk read as follows:

H. RES. 139

Whereas we know that effective teaching takes place when we begin (1) helping children master basic academics, (2) engaging