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The House met at 10 a.m.

The Reverend Michael A. Nagy, Faith Evangelical Congregational Church, York, Pennsylvania, offered the following prayer:

Our Father and our God, it is with great joy, thanksgiving, and humility that we enter into Your presence this day as we lift up the Members of the 106th Congress to You. We ask that, as they govern, they will do so with divine grace, mercy, wisdom, and direction.

As You are ruler of all nations, we pray that You would rule in us today. As a nation, may we recover our awe of You. Refresh us with Your unfailing love. Revive our hearts. Renew our vision. Revitalize our sense of national purpose. Rekindle within us patriotism's flame. Restore in us our Founding Fathers' convictions of justice and equality.

This we pray through Him who reigns with You, both now and evermore. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. 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. DOGGETT. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to clause 1, rule I, I demand a vote on agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The SPEAKER. The question is on the Chair's approval of the Journal.

The question was taken; and the Speaker announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. DOGGETT. 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. Pursuant to clause 8, rule XX, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Texas (Mr. DOGGETT) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. DOGGETT 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.

INTRODUCTION FOR PASTOR MICHAEL A. NAGY

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

Mr. GOODLING. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to welcome Pastor Michael Nagy to the U.S. House of Representatives and thank him for his opening prayer this morning.

Pastor Nagy is the current full-time pastor of Faith Evangelical Congregational Church in York County, Pennsylvania, a position that he has enjoyed for the past 2½ years.

Pastor Nagy has been ministering to his congregation in a variety of ways. Aside from his duties as pastor, he teaches adult Sunday school, provides home care and counseling needs, and tends to the needs of his assembly. The pastor is also continuing his education at the Evangelical School of Theology in Myerstown, Pennsylvania, where he hopes to earn his Masters of Divinity degree.

He is joined today by his wife Tracy and their daughters Leona and Sarah.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will entertain 15 one-minute speeches on each side.

30-YEAR RAID ON SOCIAL SECURITY TRUST FUND HAS STOPPED WITH THIS LEADERSHIP

(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, because Republicans have held the line on spending, \$115 billion from the Social Security taxes are saved for the trust fund and to pay down debt. Republicans have stopped the 30-year raid on Social Security, and we are determined to make sure that this program is never raided again.

That is why we have announced that we will not schedule any legislation that spends one penny of Social Security Trust Fund. This leadership is committed to ending the 30-year raid on the senior's Social Security plan and to paying down the debt.

It is really a simple proposition. The Democrats have a risky scheme to finance big government spending on the backs of senior retirement plans. Republicans want to lock away every penny of Social Security for seniors.

Mr. Speaker, the President wants to spend the Social Security surplus. That is right. President Clinton wants to spend the Social Security surplus.

The President's budget would spend \$57 billion of Social Security in fiscal year 2000 alone. The President's \$57 billion Social Security spending spree is equal to the yearly Social Security taxes paid by one out of every eight American workers.

It gets worse, Mr. Speaker. The President's \$50 billion Social Security spending spree is equal to the yearly Social Security benefits for one out of every seven senior citizens.

Mr. Speaker, let me repeat. Not one dime of our Social Security taxes will be spent for something other than Social Security. Beginning in fiscal year 2000, we are stopping this 30-year raid.

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