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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. SHIMKUS).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
June 8, 2000.

I hereby appoint the Honorable JOHN SHIMKUS to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Reverend Father James Scherer, St. Paul the Apostle Church, Greensboro, North Carolina, offered the following prayer:

"To do work carefully and well, with love and respect for the nature of our task and with due attention to its purpose, is to unite ourselves to God's will in our work." Thomas Merton.

Lord, we have no idea where we are going. We do not even see the road ahead. We cannot know for certain where it will end. The fact that we think that we are following Your will does not necessarily mean that we are. We believe, however, the desire to please You does, in fact, please You. We hope we will never do anything apart from that desire. We know You will lead us by the right road. Therefore, we trust You always that You may lead us and we may not be lost. We will not fear, for You are ever with us, and You will never leave us to face our perils alone. 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. FOLEY. 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. FOLEY. 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 8, rule XX, 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The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.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 Illinois (Mr. PHELPS) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. PHELPS 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 has passed without amendment a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 4542. An act to designate the Washington Opera in Washington, D.C., as the National Opera.

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

S. 2625. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to revise the performance stand-

ards and certification process for organ procurement organizations.

The message also announced that pursuant to Public Law 105-389, the Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, in consultation with the Democratic Leader, announces the appointment of Robert R. Ferguson III of North Carolina, to serve as a member of the First Flight Centennial Federal Advisory Board.

WELCOMING FATHER JIM SCHERER

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

Mr. COBLE. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to welcome Father Jim Scherer from Greensboro, North Carolina as our guest chaplain today, although I did not sponsor Father Jim. Father Jim was sponsored by the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. WELDON) who this session has, in turn, sponsored Father Jim's nephew. I am delighted to welcome Father Jim Scherer to the House today.

Father Jim serves 3 parishes back in the 6th district of North Carolina. Our Lady of Grace where he conducts weekday mass; and Father Jim, I had the pleasure of addressing the student body at Our Lady of Grace last year; St. Paul the Apostle, and St. Pios for Sunday masses. In addition to that, Father Jim also served as a marriage and family therapist in private practice in Greensboro.

Mr. Speaker, I know my colleagues will join me in extending a warm welcome to Father Jim Scherer as our guest chaplain today.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the pending

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business is the question of the Speaker's approval of the Journal of the last day's proceedings.

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

Mr. BRYANT. 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 363, nays 45, answered “present” 5, not voting 21, as follows:

[Roll No. 246]

YEAS—363

Abercrombie	Crowley	Hoekstra	McKinney	Portman	Smith (WA)
Ackerman	Cubin	Holden	McNulty	Price (NC)	Snyder
Allen	Cunningham	Holt	Meehan	Pryce (OH)	Souder
Andrews	Davis (FL)	Hooley	Meek (FL)	Quinn	Spence
Archer	Davis (IL)	Horn	Meeks (NY)	Rahall	Spratt
Armey	Davis (VA)	Hostettler	Menendez	Regula	Stabenow
Baca	Deal	Hoyer	Metcalf	Reyes	Stearns
Bachus	DeGette	Hulshof	Mica	Reynolds	Stenholm
Baker	Delahunt	Hunter	Millender-	Riley	Stump
Baldacci	DeLauro	Hutchinson	McDonald	Rivers	Sununu
Ballenger	DeLay	Hyde	Miller (FL)	Rodriguez	Sweeney
Barcia	DeMint	Inslee	Miller, Gary	Roemer	Talent
Barr	Deutsch	Isakson	Miller, George	Rogan	Tanner
Barrett (WI)	Diaz-Balart	Istook	Minge	Rogers	Tauscher
Bartlett	Dicks	Jackson (IL)	Mink	Ros-Lehtinen	Tauzin
Barton	Dingell	Jackson-Lee	Moakley	Rothman	Taylor (NC)
Bass	Dixon	Jenkins	Mollohan	Roukema	Terry
Bateman	Doggett	John	Moore	Royal-Allard	Thomas
Becerra	Dooley	Johnson (CT)	Moran (KS)	Royce	Thornberry
Bentsen	Doolittle	Johnson, E. B.	Moran (VA)	Rush	Thune
Bereuter	Doyle	Johnson, Sam	Nethercutt	Ryan (WI)	Tiahrt
Berkley	Dreier	Jones (NC)	Ney	Ryun (KS)	Toomey
Berman	Duncan	Jones (OH)	Northup	Schaffer	Towns
Berry	Dunn	Jones (OH)	Nussle	Schakowsky	Traficant
Biggert	Edwards	Kanjorski	Olver	Scott	Turner
Bilirakis	Ehlers	Kaptur	Ortiz	Sensenbrenner	Udall (CO)
Bishop	Ehrlich	Kasich	Ose	Sessensbrenner	Upton
Blagojevich	Emerson	Kelly	Paul	Serrano	Velazquez
Bliley	Engel	Kennedy	Payne	Sessions	Vitter
Blumenauer	Eshoo	Kildee	Pease	Shadegg	Walden
Blunt	Etheridge	Kilpatrick	Pallone	Shaw	Walsh
Boehlert	Evans	Kind (WI)	Pascrell	Shays	Wamp
Boehner	Everett	King (NY)	Pastor	Sherman	Watkins
Bonilla	Ewing	Kingston	Paul	Sherwood	Watt (NC)
Bonior	Farr	Kilpatrick	Payne	Shimkus	Watts (OK)
Bono	Fletcher	Klindall	Pease	Show	Waxman
Boswell	Foley	Kolbe	Pelosi	Shuster	Weiner
Boucher	Forbes	Kuykendall	Phelps	Petri	Weldon (FL)
Boyd	Ford	LaFalce	Pickering	Pelosi	Weldon (PA)
Brady (TX)	Fowler	LaHood	Pitts	Sisisky	Wexler
Brown (FL)	Frank (MA)	Lampson	Pombo	Skreen	Weygand
Brown (OH)	Franks (NJ)	Lantos	Porter	Pitts	Whitfield
Bryant	Frelighuysen	Largent	Porter	Shelton	Wilson
Burr	Frost	Larson	Porter	Smith (NJ)	Wise
Burton	Galleghy	Latham	Porter	Smith (TX)	Wolf
Buyer	Ganske	LaTourette	ANSWERED “PRESENT”—5	Simpson	Woolsey
Callahan	Gekas	Lazio	Barrett (NE)	Sisisky	Wynn
Calvert	Gephhardt	Leach	Carson	Sklenar	Young (AK)
Camp	Gibbons	Lee	ANSWERED “PRESENT”—5	McDermott	Young (FL)
Campbell	Gilchrest	Lewis (CA)	Barrett (NE)	Hall (OH)	Sabo
Canady	Gillmor	Lewis (KY)	Carson	Baird	Slaughter
Cannon	Gilman	Linder	ANSWERED “PRESENT”—5	Baldwin	Stark
Capps	Gonzalez	Lipinski	Barrett (NE)	Bilbray	Strickland
Capuano	Goode	Lofgren	Carson	Brady (PA)	Hilleary
Cardin	Goodlatte	Lowey	ANSWERED “PRESENT”—5	Costello	Hilliard
Castle	Goodling	Lucas (KY)	Barrett (NE)	Crane	Kucinich
Chabot	Gordon	Lucas (OK)	Carson	DeFazio	Thompson (CA)
Chambliss	Goss	Luther	ANSWERED “PRESENT”—5	Dickey	Thompson (MS)
Chenoweth-Hage	Graham	Maloney (CT)	Barrett (NE)	Fattah	LoBiondo
Clayton	Granger	Maloney (NY)	Carson	Filner	McDermott
Clement	Green (WI)	Martinez	ANSWERED “PRESENT”—5	Greenwood	Obey
Clyburn	Gutknecht	Mascara	Barrett (NE)	Hinojosa	Hill (NM)
Coble	Hall (TX)	Matsui	Carson	ANSWERED “PRESENT”—5	Jackson (IL)
Coburn	Hansen	McCarthy (MO)	ANSWERED “PRESENT”—5	Clay	Klindall
Collins	Hastings (WA)	McCarthy (NY)	ANSWERED “PRESENT”—5	Cummings	Klink
Combest	Hayes	McCullum	ANSWERED “PRESENT”—5	Danner	Manzullo
Condit	Hayworth	McCrary	ANSWERED “PRESENT”—5	Fossella	Markey
Cook	Herger	McGovern	ANSWERED “PRESENT”—5	Gejdenson	McIntosh
Cooksey	Hill (IN)	McHugh	ANSWERED “PRESENT”—5	Greenwood	Tierney
Cox	Hinchey	McInnis	ANSWERED “PRESENT”—5	Hinojosa	Vento
Coyne	Hobson	McIntyre	ANSWERED “PRESENT”—5	ANSWERED “PRESENT”—5	ANSWERED “PRESENT”—5
Cramer	Hoefell	McKeon	ANSWERED “PRESENT”—5	ANSWERED “PRESENT”—5	ANSWERED “PRESENT”—5

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to House Resolution 407, this time has been designated for the taking of the official photo of the House of Representatives in session.

The House will be in a brief recess while the Chamber is being prepared for the photo. As soon as these preparations are complete, the House will immediately resume its actual session for the taking of the photograph.

About 15 minutes after that, the House will proceed with the business of the House. The 1-minutes will be at the end of the legislative session today.

For the information of the Members, when the Chair says, the House will be in order, we are ready to take our picture. That will be in just a few minutes.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until 10:30 a.m.

Accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 29 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess until 10:30 a.m.

1030

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order at 10 o'clock and 30 minutes a.m.

(Thereupon the Members sat for the official photograph of the House of Representatives for the 106th Congress.)

RECESS

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until approximately 10:50 a.m.

Accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 33 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess until approximately 10:50 a.m.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. PEASE) at 10 o'clock and 52 minutes a.m.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 4577, DEPARTMENTS OF LABOR, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, AND EDUCATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2001

Ms. PRYCE of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, by the direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 518 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 518

Resolved, That at any time after the adoption of this resolution the Speaker may, pursuant to clause 2(b) of rule XVIII, declare the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4577) making appropriations for the Departments of Labor,