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House of Representatives

The House met at 12:30 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. LAHOOD).

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DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
September 25, 2000.

I hereby appoint the Honorable RAY LAHOOD to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

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

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MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Cheek, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed with amendment in which the concurrence of the House is requested, a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 4365. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to children's health.

The message also announced that the Senate agrees to the amendment of the House to the bill (S. 430) "An Act to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act to provide for a land exchange between the Secretary of Agriculture and the Kake Tribal Corporation, and for other purposes."

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. 2511. An act to establish the Kenai Mountains-Turnagain Arm National Heritage Area in the State of Alaska, and for other purposes.

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MORNING HOUR DEBATES

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of January 19, 1999, the Chair will now recognize

Members from lists submitted by the majority and minority leaders for morning hour debates. The Chair will alternate recognition between the parties, with each party limited to not to exceed 30 minutes, and each Member, except the majority leader, the minority leader, or the minority whip, limited to not to exceed 5 minutes.

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RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until 2 p.m.

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 31 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess until 2 p.m.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. LAHOOD) at 2 p.m.

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PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer: Divine Wisdom and Eternal Goodness, be with us today as this Congress assembles. Help us to be enthusiastic in accomplishing what is good for Your people and strategic for the future of this Nation.

May our set purpose be rewarded by You alone, God of our salvation and our destiny.

For if we bear Your spirit of peace in our hearts as we go about our work, we will not veer off course or be disappointed.

In the end, we will have accomplished Your holy will by building Your kingdom of justice and lasting peace, now and forever. Amen.

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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.

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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.

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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:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, September 22, 2000.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,
The Speaker, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted to Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on September 22, 2000 at 1:55 p.m.

That the Senate agreed to Conference Report H.R. 4919.

That the Senate passed without amendment H. Con. Res. 405.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

JEFF TRANDAHL,
Clerk of the House.

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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:

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OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, September 22, 2000.
Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,
The Speaker, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, I have the honor to transmit a sealed envelope received from the White House on September 22, 2000 at 12:42 p.m. and said to contain a message from the President whereby he notifies the Congress that he has extended the national emergency with respect to Angola (UNITA) beyond September 26, 2000, by Notice filed earlier with the Federal Register.

With best wishes, I am
Sincerely,

JEFF TRANDAHL,
Clerk of the House.

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CONTINUATION OF NATIONAL
EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO
UNITA—MESSAGE FROM THE
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED
STATES (H. DOC. NO. 106-294)

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following message from the President of the United States; which was read and, together with the accompanying papers, without objection, referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered to be printed:

To the Congress of the United States:

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act, 50 U.S.C. 1622(d) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent the enclosed notice, stating that the emergency declared with respect to the National Union for the Total Independence of Angola (UNITA) is to continue in effect beyond September 26, 2000, to the *Federal Register* for publication.

The circumstances that led to the declaration on September 26, 1993, of a national emergency have not been resolved. The actions and policies of UNITA pose a continuing unusual and extraordinary threat to the foreign policy of the United States. United Nations Security Council Resolutions 864 (1993), 1127 (1997), 1173 (1998), and 1176 (1998) continue to oblige all member states to maintain sanctions. Discontinuation of the sanctions would have a prejudicial effect on the prospects for peace in Angola. For these reasons, I have determined that it is necessary to maintain in force the broad authorities necessary to apply economic pressure on UNITA to reduce its ability to pursue its military operations.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.
THE WHITE HOUSE, September 22, 2000.

RECOGNIZING THE MINING
INDUSTRY

(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, last Tuesday, the Nevada Mining Association and two government agencies began closing the final 8 of 13 abandoned mine sites in Clark County, Nevada.

Six private mining companies are picking up 100 percent of the cost of making these abandoned shafts and caverns inaccessible and safe. The first five abandoned mines were backfilled 2 weeks ago, and these efforts show the willingness and the capability of our Nation's mining companies to work with the Federal and State governments to protect the public from any danger proposed by abandoned mines.

Mr. Speaker, our mining companies are dedicated to working with the government to protect the environment. We should encourage these efforts and support the mining industry in the United States. By supporting our mining industry, we will ensure that all Americans can maintain the quality of life style to which they have become accustomed, including advancements in medical research technology and communications.

Mr. Speaker, mining impacts our lives every day and in every way. And as the old saying goes, "If it can't be grown, it has to be mined."

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RUSSIA AND CHINA JOIN FORCES

(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, surprise, surprise. A new report says that even though Uncle Sam gave Russia \$112 billion over the last 10 years, Russia and China are joining forces. The report says Russia sold missiles and submarines to China knowing full well that China would point those missiles at America. Now, if that is not enough to make you barf right here, the report further says that Russia will support China if Uncle Sam intervenes in Taiwan.

Unbelievable. What is even worse? While all this was going on, Janet Reno was investigating Monica Lewinsky. Beam me up. Congress better wake up and smell the treason around here.

I yield back the fact that Chinagate makes Watergate look like a toilet bowl commercial.

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IT IS TIME FOR HATE CRIMES
LEGISLATION

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

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, last Friday a man named Edward Gay marched

into a gay bar, killed a man, and wounded six others. He said he was tired of people making fun of his last name: Gay. No joke. He said he wanted to get rid of faggots.

What happened in that gay bar last Friday was the exact equivalent of lynchings, common in the South in the first half of this century. This House never passed an anti-lynching law. And there was no hate crimes in Texas when James Byrd, a black man, was dragged behind a truck to his death. George W. Bush opposed a hate crimes law in Texas.

James Byrd gave us all the reasons we ever needed for a Federal hate crimes law. Edward Gay's act of murder against gays is a mandate to pass the hate crimes act now. Bring it to the floor, Mr. Speaker.

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ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER
PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8 of rule XX, 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 6 of rule XX.

Such record votes, if postponed, will be taken after debate has concluded on all motions to suspend the rules, but not before 6 p.m. today.

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TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF
EDUCATION FOR ALL HANDICAPPED CHILDREN ACT

Mr. GOODLING. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 399) recognizing the 25th anniversary of the enactment of the Education for All Handicapped Children Act of 1975.

The Clerk read as follows:

H. CON. RES. 399

Whereas the Education for All Handicapped Children Act of 1975 (Public Law 94-142) was signed into law 25 years ago on November 29, 1975, and amended the State grant program under part B of the Education of the Handicapped Act;

Whereas the Education for All Handicapped Children Act of 1975 established the Federal policy of ensuring that all children, regardless of the nature or severity of their disability, have available to them a free appropriate public education in the least restrictive environment;

Whereas the Education of the Handicapped Act was further amended by the Education of the Handicapped Act Amendments of 1986 (Public Law 99-457) to create a preschool grant program for children with disabilities 3 to 5 years of age and an early intervention program for infants and toddlers with disabilities from birth through age 2;

Whereas the Education of the Handicapped Act Amendments of 1990 (Public Law 101-476) renamed the statute as the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA);

Whereas IDEA currently serves an estimated 200,000 infants and toddlers, 600,000 preschoolers, and 5,400,000 children 6 to 21 years of age;