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

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,  
March 22, 2001.

I hereby appoint the Honorable CHARLES F. BASS to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

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

### PRAYER

The Reverend Rebecca Hartvigsen, Home of Guiding Hands, Santee, California, offered the following prayer:

Every head bowed, every eye closed.

Thank You, God, for being here this morning.

Surround us, remind us, You have fearfully and wonderfully made us all. From the most impaired to the most vigorous, You are not a respecter of persons.

You know each by name. You know the numbers of hairs counted on our head. You know our thoughts this moment and at all times.

Please walk among Members of the Congress. Pour out Your anointing of wisdom, knowledge, understanding. Assign each bodyguards of Godliness and integrity. Give all freshness of spirit, renewed faith; brighten their hopes for peace, justice for all. Touch Your servants, Father. Bless them and bless their families.

Bless all who live, love and work in this great Nation.

In His name, 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. STEARNS. 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. STEARNS. 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The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.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 New York (Mr. HINCHEY) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. HINCHEY 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 bills of the House of the following titles:

H.R. 132. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 620 Jacaranda Street in Lanai City, Hawaii, as the "Goro Hokama Post Office Building."

H.R. 395. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at

2305 Minton Road in West Melbourne, Florida, as the "Ronald W. Reagan Post Office of West Melbourne, Florida."

The message also announced that pursuant to Public Law 101-549, the Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, appoints Josephine S. Cooper, of Washington, D.C., to the Board of Directors of the Mickey Leland National Urban Air Toxics Research Center, vice Joseph H. Graziano.

### WELCOMING REVEREND REBECCA HARTVIGSEN

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

Mr. HUNTER. Mr. Speaker, a few days ago we passed a resolution offering our deepest sympathies to the victims of the tragedy at Santana High School in San Diego County. Today offering our prayer is Reverend Rebecca Hartvigsen who participated with what she described as a multitude of spiritual leaders whose counseling of parents and students has started the healing process in east San Diego County.

We offer all those spiritual leaders who have taken on this burden of the heart our warmest thanks.

### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain 15 one-minutes from each side.

### OUT WITH THE OLD, IN WITH THE NEW

(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, the Bush administration has begun to right the wrongs of the past 8 years.

This week, the Department of Interior announced that it would suspend

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mining regulations forced on the public in the waning minutes of the Clinton administration. Known as the 3809 regulations, the Clinton changes would have resulted in the loss of more than 3,000 jobs in Nevada alone and an economic shortfall in that State of up to \$350 million. In addition, the regulations would have forced the United States to become just as dependent on foreign-mined metals as we are on foreign-produced oil, the recipe for yet another national crisis. And it would have been the American consumers who would have suffered.

Luckily, a new day has dawned and a new administration has arrived. The public can again have faith in their government and know that their views will be heard.

I yield back the last-minute, reckless decisions of the prior administration and welcome the fair, responsible and sensible disposition of the new Bush administration.

#### INTERNATIONAL CHILD ABDUCTION

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

Mr. LAMPSON. Mr. Speaker, next week the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. CHABOT) and I will be attending the Fourth Special Commission on The Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction. Later this morning we will have the opportunity to vote on a resolution that urges all contracting states to The Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction to adopt a resolution drafted by the International Center for Missing and Exploited Children that would recommend that the Permanent Bureau of The Hague produce and promote Practice Guides to assist in the implementation and operation of the Convention.

While great strides have been made, we recognize that there are serious shortcomings in its implementation. These Practice Guides, therefore, are necessary.

There will be no parents included from the U.S. on the trip to The Hague. So at this time I would like to let the parents of abducted children, including people like Lady Catherine Meyer, Joseph Cooke, Jim Rinaman, Tom Sylvester, Tom Johnson and others know that I have heard their stories, I have heard their voices, and I will be representing them and their concerns before the 60 contracting parties. Their voices will be heard there.

#### CONGRATULATING FOUNDERS OF MIAMI'S WOMEN'S PARK AND HISTORY GALLERY

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

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, the gentlewoman from Florida (Mrs.

MEEK) and I wish to congratulate the founders of Miami Women's Park and History Gallery:

Mother of the Park and women's rights pioneer, Roxcy O'Neal Bolton; chair of the committee, Judge Bonnie Lano Rippingille; secretary, Teresa Zorilla Clark; treasurer, Molly Turner; and historian, Dr. Dorothy Jenkins Fields.

I also congratulate and as well the gentlewoman from Florida (Mrs. MEEK) congratulates founders Leona Cooper, Katherine Fernandez-Rundle, Diane Brant, Colette McCurdy Jackson, Dr. Patricia Clements, and the late Elaine Gordon, Monna Lighte and Helen Miller.

Judge Rippingille also founded Sisters of the Heart, a program that links delinquent girls with positive female role models.

Tomorrow, the Park will exhibit 100 years of African American Women's History, narrated by historian Dr. Jenkins Fields. The girls will learn of African American women in literature and in the suffrage movement. They will write essays and paint posters with positive images.

We congratulate the Women's Park Committee for the contributions of women in South Florida and for leaving a positive legacy by investing in the lives of our future leaders. Tomorrow's leaders are today's girls.

#### CDBG RENEWAL ACT

(Mrs. MEEK of Florida asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. MEEK of Florida. Mr. Speaker, today, with the support of 50 of my colleagues, I am introducing the Community Development Block Grant Renewal Act, a bill that directs more CDBG funding to the low and moderate income people so that the CDBG program should serve.

The basic mission of the Community Development Block Grant program is to direct Federal funding to the neediest among us. Today, pressures on low and moderate income people are more acute than ever before because of a severe shortage of affordable housing, the growing loss of public housing units and the changes in welfare law.

Mr. Speaker, the CDBG program is not a revenue-sharing measure. It is not meant to simply redistribute money from the Federal Government to the States and local governments for any purposes whatsoever. Rather, the Community Development Block Grant program is to build housing, to provide safe, healthy housing for people who cannot afford market rents. It is meant to provide economic development and jobs for people with low and moderate income.

My bill would amend the CDBG statute to better reflect the original spirit and intent of the law. It will require grantees to spend at least 80 percent of their CDBG funds to directly benefit low and moderate income people.

#### LOS SERRANOS COUNTRY CLUB ADOPTS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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

Mr. GARY MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the partnership that has been forged between Los Serranos Country Club in Chino Hills, California, and Los Serranos Elementary School.

Jack Kramer, the owner of the Los Serranos Country Club, has committed to donating \$10,000 a year over the next 5 years to the Los Serranos Elementary School. The first to participate in the Chino Valley Unified School District's new Adopt-A-School program, Mr. Kramer is demonstrating one way businesses can support their local schools.

Mr. Kramer's desire to improve his community is admirable and worthy of praise. As the first business owner to participate in this program, he has set an outstanding example to other business leaders, and his generosity has most certainly set a high standard. However, most noteworthy is Mr. Kramer's reason for participating. His simple statement, "it's worthwhile," says everything about education.

#### PEACE IN THE BALKANS RE- QUIRES INDEPENDENCE FOR KOSOVO

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

Mr. TRAFICANT. From the United Nations to heads of state, everyone is hoping against hope for peace in the Balkans. I do not want to rain on everyone's parade, but in my opinion there will never be peace in the Balkans until there is independence for Kosovo. The bottom line, it is the right thing to do. Ninety percent of the citizens of Kosovo are ethnic Albanians. Freedom and independence for Kosovo is the only long-term solution for a lasting peace in the Balkans.

I yield back the fact that map boundaries have been redrawn regularly throughout history to accomplish peace.

#### NURSE JILL STANEK TO ADDRESS LAWMAKERS TODAY

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

Mr. PITTS. Mr. Speaker, at noon today, some of us will be hearing from Jill Stanek, a nurse from Christ Hospital in Oak Lawn, Illinois. She will be sharing some actual experiences with us, telling us what happens when a baby survives an abortion. That is something we do not often hear about.

Just what does happen? Babies survive abortion more often than one