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

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
June 20, 2001.

I hereby appoint the Honorable CHRISTOPHER SHAYS to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

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

PRAYER

The Rabbi Rafael G. Grossman, Senior Rabbi, Baron Hirsch Synagogue, Memphis, Tennessee, offered the following prayer:

O merciful God, in this august Chamber, Thy servants represent a nation blessed to live in freedom. Grant wisdom and courage so the path they pave can be traversed by all.

You chose us, the American people, from among all people, to be the "light unto the nations" and the voice for the silenced and the suffering. Thy children everywhere look to this hall of democracy for hope and strength, as old and young continue to face the evil hand of terror and exploitation. Give us determination to bring joy and life to victims of terror and might against those who perpetrate it. Your voice resonates in our hearts, and this is the vision of America's destiny.

Isaiah, in the language of the Bible: (Here the cited verse was read in Hebrew.) He "has sent me to bind up the broken hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and opening of the eyes of those who are bound." The old Prophet's words beckon the hearts of Americans to bring the freedom of our blessings to humankind's downtrodden, to

those shackled by chains of exploitation and demagoguery. The free, dear God, are only free when all of God's children are free.

Would you join me in saying, 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.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Kansas (Mr. TIAHRT) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. TIAHRT 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. Monahan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed a bill and concurrent resolutions of the following titles in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 657. An act to authorize funding for the National 4-H Program Centennial Initiative.

S. Con. Res. 35. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that Lebanon, Syria, and Iran should allow representatives of the International Committee of the Red Cross to visit the four Israelis, Adi Avitan, Binyamin Avraham, Omar Souad, and Elchanan Tannenbaum, presently held by Hezbollah forces in Lebanon.

S. Con. Res. 42. Concurrent resolution condemning the Taleban for their discriminatory policies and for other purposes.

WELCOME TO RABBI RAFAEL G. GROSSMAN

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

Mr. BRYANT. Mr. Speaker, I would like to join my colleagues in welcoming today's guest Speaker, Rabbi Rafael Grossman, and thank him for leading the House in prayer.

Rabbi Grossman has led the Baron Hirsch Congregation in Memphis for some 25 years. In those 25 years, Rabbi Grossman has overseen the construction of a new synagogue building and has established numerous programs that have benefited members of his congregation, the City of Memphis, and the State of Israel. Through the programs and his continued counsel, the Rabbi has touched the lives of each member of his congregation.

The Rabbi was chosen as one of a group of 10 Rabbis to be recognized and honored at the centennial celebration of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America for his outstanding achievements. He also was a recipient of the National Rabbinic Leadership Award from that organization and has written many scholarly works for numerous journals.

Rabbi Grossman is married to Mrs. Shirley Grossman, and together they are the proud parents of four children and nine grandchildren. It is my distinct pleasure to welcome him here today as our guest chaplain.

PRICE CAPS ARE NOT THE ANSWER

(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, until recently, I thought everyone understood the law of supply and demand, but that was before some in this town started crying for price caps on energy.

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The ins and outs of energy policy may be complicated, but the law of supply and demand is very simple. President Bush has a sensible, balanced, and comprehensive plan to increase supply through new and better energy sources and to address demand through better efficiency and modernization. We should not let anyone tell us that price controls are the answer to the energy crunch we are in.

The Soviet Union tried running things that way for 70 years, and bread lines only got longer. We need to increase supply. Price controls will not produce one drop of oil or one watt of electricity. They only reduce the pain temporarily, but compound the problem actually.

Mr. Speaker, we need a long-term solution, not a short-term fix.

A CHALLENGE FOR VICTORIA'S SECRET

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

Mr. TRAFICANT. A California woman has set a world record by hooking 7,000 brassieres together to create the biggest bra ball in history. This bra ball is a protest against the way women's breasts have been exploited. Now, if that is not enough to challenge Victoria's Secret, this buxom diva has filed a lawsuit against another artist who is also building a ball of bras.

Think about it. America's courts are bogged down with drugs and murder, and now we will be tied up with 200 pounds of Maidenforms. Unbelievable. Even Slappy White of hillzoo.com cannot believe this. What is next, Congress? A stainless steel panty hose contest?

Beam me up. I yield back the fact that all this money being used for this litigation would be better served if they put it towards a cure for breast cancer.

KEEPING THE LIGHTS ON IN AMERICA

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

Mr. TIAHRT. Mr. Speaker, as we embark on the 21st century, Americans expect certain things. We want a secure future for our children, a clean environment; and when we flick the switch on a lamp, we expect the light to shine. Unfortunately, due to extreme environmental policies, many Americans cannot be assured the lights will come on. That is why I commend the President for showing real leadership in developing a national energy plan that takes a balanced approach to solving our energy crisis.

The President's plan takes into account the incredible developments in energy research, exploration, technology, which not only reduces our

heavy reliance on foreign oil, but preserves and protects our Nation's environment. This comprehensive energy plan has more than 100 concrete recommendations, nearly 50 percent of which deal with conservation. This is a commonsense, long-term, high-tech solution that protects the environment and secures our future.

Americans should expect the best electric system in the world, while we secure clean air and water for our children. The President's plan will ensure our priorities and keep the lights on in America.

TRIBUTE TO BIOTECHNOLOGY

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

Mr. ISSA. Mr. Speaker, most of us go throughout the day without noticing that many of the products we use are a direct result of biotechnology. Everything from important medical breakthroughs like insulin and many HIV drugs to household detergents and cleaners and the like can be attributed to the discoveries made by biotechnology. It is time we recognize the biotechnology community for the numerous achievements and discoveries that have improved the quality of life for people around the globe.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to introduce bipartisan legislation recognizing the benefits of biotechnology. I hope my colleagues will join the many cosponsors of this bill which recognizes biotechnology for its contributions of the past and for the amazing potential this technology holds for the future.

HONORING AIRMAN MATHEW KURIAN

(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, I wish today to address just very briefly congratulations for those people who work hard to improve themselves and their community.

So today I rise to salute and congratulate 99th Supply Squadron Airman First Class Mathew Kurian, currently stationed at Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada.

Today, Airman Kurian will receive the Congressional Gold Award, an honor which recognizes initiative, achievement, and excellence among people in the United States aged 14 to 23. Recipients must set and achieve goals in four areas: Expedition and exploration, personal development, physical fitness, and voluntary public service. They must set and achieve challenging goals for the betterment of themselves and their community.

Airman Kurian met and exceeded those goals. Over the past 2 years he volunteered for over 400 hours of public service, including helping with chil-

dren's ceramic classes, and he served on the Nellis Honor Guard. Airman Kurian is a role model for all Air Force members, and for all Americans as well.

I congratulate him on his achievement and thank him for his devoted efforts to better Nevada and to serve our Nation.

TRIBUTE TO EDWARD J. ROSASCO

(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, I rise today to honor Edward J. Rosasco for his 17 years of service and dedication as president and chief executive officer at Mercy Hospital. Under Ed Rosasco's leadership, Mercy Hospital has strengthened its long-standing tradition of providing quality health care to all residents of south Florida.

His dedication to improving and establishing his new patient services is evident with Mercy's Pain Management Center which cures patients who never thought that they would live without pain again.

Another example is Mercy Hospital's Diabetes Treatment Center, one of only six in the Nation to be named a model center qualified to serve as a training location and a prototype for other diabetes programs.

Mercy is also recognized as an important provider for international patients and is the leading choice for residents in the Caribbean and Central and South America who seek top quality care and treatment not available in their countries.

For 17 exceptional years, Ed Rosasco has ensured that Mercy has remained true to its mission: maintaining an uncompromising commitment to excellence.

Mercy Hospital will honor Ed tomorrow, and today I ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to Ed Rosasco for his service to our south Florida community.

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SUPPORTING MEASURE PROVIDING HEALTH CARE COVERAGE FOR LEGAL IMMIGRANTS

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

Mr. FOLEY. Mr. Speaker, I am here to strongly support a bill introduced by my colleagues, the gentleman from Florida (Mr. DIAZ-BALART) and the gentlewoman from Florida (Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN), among others, that would allow us to provide health care coverage for legal immigrants of the United States.

Let me be very specific. My colleague, the gentleman from Florida (Mr. DIAZ-BALART), will speak a little more on this subject. What we have to