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The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. CULBERSON).

DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
June 26, 2001.

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

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

MORNING HOUR DEBATES

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of January 3, 2001, 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 25 minutes, and each Member, except the majority leader, the minority leader, or the minority whip, limited to not to exceed 5 minutes, but in no event shall debate extend beyond 9:50 a.m.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Oregon (Mr. BLUMENAUER) for 5 minutes.

PROJECT IMPACT

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, numerous natural events of the past few months, including the earthquake in the State of Washington and Tropical Storm Allison of just recent days in Texas and Louisiana, have underscored our need for disaster preparedness.

What we have learned from these events is that we can in fact save lives and money by making investments up

front to protect our communities. What we have learned is that what we do in the beginning by hardening the sites, preparing people's responses, moving out of harm's way, has an overwhelming payback, a payback not just in money but in lives saved and injury and human misery avoided.

As was pointed out in yesterday's Washington Post, spending money in disaster mitigation pays off. It has often been cited that in the great flood of 1993, Charles County, Missouri, suffered \$26 million in damages. However, the same area, after a significant buyout and a similar flood 2 years later, caused only \$300,000 in damage.

Our friends at the Federal Emergency Management Agency believe that in the past 8 years the buyout programs of the Federal government have received a 200 percent rate of return in investment in disaster mitigation.

It is frustrating that, in the wake of these tragedies, the Bush administration and its Office of Management and Budget have proposed cutting funds for several of these Federal mitigation programs, including FEMA's Project Impact.

Mr. Speaker, I have had significant opportunity to interact with the men and women working with Project Impact. This was one of the creations of former Director James Lee Witt that has in fact earned him international recognition.

I have seen that, contrary to the administration's assertion that Project Impact has not proven effective, I have seen Project Impact leverage even a modest Federal investment in my own community to be a lynchpin for additional commercial investments, as well as careful planning and consideration by local government.

I had an opportunity last fall to address the Conference of Project Impact Volunteers. One of the most important aspects of this program is the development of the human infrastructure to

aid in disaster mitigation. It is hard to imagine a Federal investment doing more than to produce these dedicated volunteers making the difference in making these programs work.

Project Impact is not a grant program. It provides seed money to build disaster-resistant communities. It is a commonsense approach to help communities protect themselves. It offers expertise and technical assistance. It puts the latest technology and mitigation practices into the hands of local communities, and most important, it brings people together to understand how they can solve their own problems.

Started just 5 years ago with seven pilot projects across the country, there are now 2,500 Project Impact business partners, including Federal agencies like NASA, that are working in 250 Project Impact communities.

Mr. Speaker, Joe Allbaugh, a longtime friend and Bush appointee, the new Director of FEMA, has pointed out that he is deeply impressed by the "swift and tangible results," his words, of buy-out programs and other efforts to mitigate the cost of disasters before they strike. I know from the news accounts that he has taken his budget concerns to the bean-counters at OMB who need to understand the potential benefits of continuing this program.

I must commend the Bush administration for understanding the potential of using reform in other contexts. I appreciate and applaud their putting money in the budget that signifies reform of the National Flood Insurance Program.

The gentleman from Nebraska (Mr. BEREUTER) and I for the last 2 years have been working to reform the flood insurance program so it is no longer subsidizing people to live in areas where it is repeatedly shown that it is dangerous and inappropriate.

I hope the administration will build on this notion of reform that they are proposing in flood insurance and carry

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it over in Project Impact. We cannot afford to lose it.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. There being no further requests for morning hour debates, pursuant to clause 12, rule I, the House will stand in recess until 10 a.m.

Accordingly (at 9 o'clock and 8 minutes a.m.) the House stood in recess until 10 a.m.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order at 10 a.m.

The Reverend Lawson Anderson, Canon Pastor, Episcopal Diocese of Arkansas, Little Rock, Arkansas, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray. Gracious God, as we prepare in the week ahead to celebrate the anniversary of the founding of this Republic, we commend this Nation to Your merciful care. We pray that being guided by Your providence we may live securely in Your peace.

Grant to the President of the United States, to the Members of this Congress, and to all in authority wisdom and strength to know and to do Your will. Fill them with the love of truth and righteousness and make them ever mindful of their calling to serve this country in Your fear. Guide them as they shape the laws for maintaining a just and effective plan for our government.

Give to all of us open minds and caring hearts and a firm commitment to the principles of freedom and tolerance established by our Nation's founders and defended by countless patriots throughout our history.

Help us to stamp out hatred and bigotry, to embrace the love and concern for others that You have clearly shown to be Your will for all mankind. Bring peace in our time, O Lord, and give us the courage to help You do it.

For we ask this in Your name. 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. ISAKSON. 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 Speaker's approval of the Journal.

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

Mr. ISAKSON. 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 New York (Mr. McNULTY) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. McNULTY 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.

WELCOME TO REVEREND LAWSON ANDERSON, GUEST CHAPLAIN

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

Mr. HUTCHINSON. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I welcome Reverend Lawson Anderson to the House floor and thank him for such an encouraging opening prayer.

Reverend Anderson is a lifelong resident of Arkansas and thousands have been blessed with his compassion and support in times of crisis. He is well-known for his wisdom, his wonderful wit, and his easy manner in any situation. After successful careers in forestry and banking, Lawson was called to the ministry and has served Episcopal congregations in Springdale, Newport, and North Little Rock.

In his life, Lawson reflects a true commitment to helping and encouraging others; from prison ministries to respite care for the elderly; from youth services to mental health; from crisis to crime prevention.

After 25 years of ministry, he continues his work. He has provided support and counseling to law enforcement officials, educators, and health professionals following the tragic school shootings in Jonesboro and the tornadoes in Central Arkansas.

He has served his community, his State, and his Nation with honor and compassion. While he reminds me that he is here today not to be praised but to pray, I am honored to have him pray with us today and to recognize the work he has done for the people of Arkansas.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to clause 8, rule XX, the pending 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 announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. ISAKSON. 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. Evidently a quorum is not present.

The Sergeant at Arms will notify absent Members.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER (during the vote). The Chair would like the Members' attention.

The Chair is advised that one column of the lights on the voting display panel is inoperative at this moment but that all those Members are being recorded. Members should verify their votes.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 346 nays 45, answered "present" 1, not voting 40, as follows:

[Roll No. 189]

YEAS—346

Abercrombie	Davis, Jo Ann	Horn
Ackerman	Davis, Tom	Hostettler
Akin	Deal	Houghton
Allen	DeGette	Hoyer
Andrews	Delahunt	Hulshof
Armey	DeLauro	Hunter
Baca	DeLay	Hutchinson
Bachus	DeMint	Hyde
Baker	Deutsch	Inslie
Baldacci	Diaz-Balart	Isakson
Baldwin	Dicks	Israel
Ballenger	Dingell	Issa
Barcia	Doggett	Jackson (IL)
Barr	Dooley	Jackson-Lee
Barrett	Dreier	(TX)
Bartlett	Duncan	Jefferson
Barton	Dunn	Jenkins
Bass	Edwards	Johnson (CT)
Becerra	Ehlers	Johnson (IL)
Bentsen	Ehrlich	Johnson, E. B.
Bereuter	Emerson	Johnson, Sam
Berkley	Engel	Jones (NC)
Berman	English	Jones (OH)
Berry	Eshoo	Kanjorski
Biggert	Etheridge	Keller
Blirakis	Evans	Kennedy (RI)
Blagojevich	Everett	Kerns
Blumenauer	Farr	Kildee
Blunt	Ferguson	Kilpatrick
Boehlert	Flake	Kind (WI)
Boehner	Fletcher	King (NY)
Bonilla	Foley	Kirk
Bono	Ford	Kleczka
Boswell	Frank	Knollenberg
Boyd	Frelinghuysen	Kolbe
Brady (TX)	Frost	LaFalce
Brown (FL)	Galleghy	LaHood
Brown (OH)	Ganske	Lampson
Brown (SC)	Gekas	Langevin
Bryant	Gephardt	Lantos
Burr	Gibbons	Larson (CT)
Buyer	Gilchrest	Leach
Callahan	Gillmor	Lee
Calvert	Gilman	Levin
Camp	Gonzalez	Lewis (CA)
Cannon	Goode	Lewis (KY)
Cantor	Goodlatte	Linder
Capito	Gordon	Lofgren
Capps	Goss	Lowey
Cardin	Graham	Lucas (KY)
Carson (IN)	Granger	Lucas (OK)
Carson (OK)	Graves	Luther
Castle	Green (TX)	Maloney (NY)
Chabot	Green (WI)	Manzullo
Chambliss	Greenwood	Markey
Clayton	Grucci	Mascara
Clyburn	Gutierrez	Matheson
Coble	Hall (OH)	Matsui
Collins	Hall (TX)	McCarthy (MO)
Combest	Hansen	McCarthy (NY)
Condit	Harman	McCollum
Conyers	Hart	McCrery
Cooksey	Hastings (WA)	McGovern
Coyne	Hayes	McHugh
Cramer	Hayworth	McInnis
Crenshaw	Hill	McIntyre
Crowley	Hilleary	McKeon
Cubin	Hobson	McKinney
Culberson	Hoefel	McNulty
Cunningham	Hoekstra	Meehan
Davis (CA)	Holden	Meek (FL)
Davis (FL)	Honda	Meeks (NY)
Davis (IL)	Hooley	Mica