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The House met at 10 a.m.

The Rabbi Peter J. Rubinstein, Central Synagogue, New York, New York, offered the following prayer:

Dear friends, we gather during this festival of Hanukkah when Jews celebrate the blessing of light and rededication and renewal. Long ago, those enemies who would have destroyed us profaned our sacred alters. They wished to rid the world of the fundamental teachings of our faith: that peace is founded upon justice, that all human beings are God's creation deserving of ultimate decency and goodness, and that the loveliness of light will always, in the end, obliterate the suffocating specter of darkness.

So, again, as we battle for the vision of light and peace, we ask You, O God, to bless us today in our gathering. Send healing to the sick, comfort to all who are in pain, and tender love to the sorrowing hearts among us. Deepen our love for our country and our desire to serve it. Let Your blessing rest upon us so that our Nation may forever be to the world an example of justice and compassion. As well, may all that we do be a blessing and in Your service, O God and let us say, 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. FORBES. 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 Chair's approval of the Journal.

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

Mr. FORBES. 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The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.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 RABBI RUBINSTEIN

(Mrs. MALONEY of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to welcome to this Chamber Rabbi Peter J. Rubinstein, senior Rabbi at Manhattan's Central Synagogue.

Built in 1872, Central Synagogue is a national and city landmark that was nearly destroyed by fire in 1998. But thanks to Rabbi Rubinstein and others, the Central Synagogue rose from the ashes not only restored, but improved.

New York would do well to follow its example.

On September 9, along with thousands of New Yorkers, I was pleased to attend a glorious celebration when the synagogue reopened. But the joy was shortlived. Just days later, Central Synagogue was hosting memorial services for World Trade Center victims. In retrospect, the renovations were completed just in time.

The Central Synagogue and Rabbi Rubinstein have been there for New Yorkers in times of joy and sorrow alike, and the synagogue was ready for the most sorrowful day in our city's history.

It gives me great pleasure that a man who has meant so much to so many was able to lead us in prayer today.

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THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to clause 8, rule XX, the pending business is the question of the Chair's approval of the Journal of the last day's proceedings.

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. FORBES. 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.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 355, nays 44, answered "present" 1, not voting 33, as follows:

[Roll No. 486]

YEAS—355

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| Armey | Davis, Jo Ann | Honda |
| Baca | Davis, Tom | Horn |
| Bachus | DeGette | Houghton |
| Baker | DeLauro | Hoyer |
| Baldacci | DeLay | Hulshof |
| Baldwin | DeMint | Hunter |
| Barcia | Deutsch | Hyde |
| Barr | Diaz-Balart | Inslee |
| Barrett | Dicks | Isakson |
| Bartlett | Doggett | Israel |
| Barton | Doolittle | Issa |
| Bass | Dreier | Istook |
| Becerra | Duncan | Jackson (IL) |
| Bentsen | Dunn | Jackson-Lee |
| Bereuter | Edwards | (TX) |
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| Berman | Ehrlich | Jenkins |
| Berry | Emerson | John |
| Biggert | Engel | Johnson (CT) |
| Bilirakis | Eshoo | Johnson (IL) |
| Bishop | Evans | Johnson, E. B. |
| Blagojevich | Everett | Johnson, Sam |
| Blumenauer | Farr | Jones (NC) |
| Blunt | Fattah | Jones (OH) |
| Boehler | Ferguson | Kanjorski |
| Boehner | Flake | Kaptur |
| Bonilla | Fletcher | Keller |
| Bono | Foley | Kennedy (RI) |
| Boozman | Forbes | Kerns |
| Boswell | Ford | Kildee |
| Boucher | Frank | Kilpatrick |
| Boyd | Frelinghuysen | Kind (WI) |
| Brady (TX) | Frost | King (NY) |
| Brown (FL) | Gallegly | Kingston |
| Brown (SC) | Ganske | Kirk |
| Bryant | Gekas | Kleczyka |
| Burr | Gibbons | Knollenberg |
| Burton | Gilchrest | Kolbe |
| Callahan | Gillmor | LaFalce |
| Calvert | Gilman | LaHood |
| Camp | Goode | Lampson |
| Cannon | Goodlatte | Langevin |
| Capito | Gordon | Lantos |
| Capps | Goss | Largent |
| Cardin | Graham | Larson (CT) |
| Carson (IN) | Graves | Latham |
| Carson (OK) | Green (TX) | LaTourette |
| Castle | Green (WI) | Lee |
| Chabot | Greenwood | Levin |
| Chambliss | Grucci | Lewis (CA) |
| Clayton | Hall (OH) | Lewis (GA) |
| Clement | Hall (TX) | Lewis (KY) |
| Clyburn | Hansen | Linder |
| Coble | Harman | Lipinski |
| Collins | Hart | Lofgren |
| Combest | Hastings (WA) | Lowey |
| Condit | Hayes | Lucas (KY) |
| Cooksey | Hayworth | Lucas (OK) |
| Cox | Herger | Lynch |
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| Manzullo | Petri | Simmons |
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| McCarthy (MO) | Pombo | Smith (NJ) |
| McCarthy (NY) | Pomeroy | Smith (TX) |
| McCollum | Portman | Smith (WA) |
| McCrery | Price (NC) | Snyder |
| McGovern | Pryce (OH) | Solis |
| McHugh | Putnam | Souder |
| McInnis | Quinn | Spratt |
| McIntyre | Radanovich | Stearns |
| McKeon | Rahall | Stump |
| McKinney | Rangel | Sununu |
| McNulty | Regula | Sweeney |
| McNulty | Rehberg | Tanner |
| Meeks (NY) | Reyes | Tauscher |
| Menendez | Reynolds | Tauzin |
| Mica | Riley | Taylor (NC) |
| Millender- | Rivers | Terry |
| McDonald | Rodriguez | Thomas |
| Miller, Dan | Roemer | Thornberry |
| Miller, Gary | Rogers (KY) | Thune |
| Miller, Jeff | Rogers (MI) | Thurman |
| Mink | Rohrabacher | Tiahrt |
| Moran (VA) | Ros-Lehtinen | Tiberi |
| Morella | Ross | Tierney |
| Murtha | Rothman | Toomey |
| Myrick | Roukema | Towns |
| Nadler | Roybal-Allard | Traficant |
| Napolitano | Royce | Turner |
| Neal | Rush | Udall (CO) |
| Nethercutt | Ryan (WI) | Upton |
| Ney | Ryun (KS) | Velazquez |
| Northup | Sanders | Vitter |
| Norwood | Sandlin | Walden |
| Nussle | Sawyer | Walsh |
| Oliver | Saxton | Wamp |
| Ortiz | Schakowsky | Watkins (OK) |
| Osborne | Schiff | Watson (CA) |
| Ose | Schrock | Watt (NC) |
| Otter | Scott | Watts (OK) |
| Owens | Sensenbrenner | Waxman |
| Oxley | Serrano | Weiner |
| Pallone | Shadegg | Wexler |
| Pastorell | Shaw | Whitfield |
| Pastor | Shays | Wilson |
| Paul | Sherman | Wolf |
| Payne | Sherwood | Woolsey |
| Pelosi | Shimkus | Wu |
| Pence | Shows | Wynn |
| Peterson (PA) | Shuster | Young (FL) |

NAYS—44

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| Allen | Hastings (FL) | Ramstad |
| Baird | Hefley | Sanchez |
| Bonior | Hilliard | Schaffer |
| Borski | Holt | Stenholm |
| Brady (PA) | Hooley | Strickland |
| Brown (OH) | Kelly | Stupak |
| Capuano | Kennedy (MN) | Taylor (MS) |
| Costello | Kucinich | Thompson (CA) |
| Crane | Larsen (WA) | Thompson (MS) |
| DeFazio | LoBiondo | Udall (NM) |
| English | McDermott | Visclosky |
| Etheridge | Moore | Waters |
| Filner | Moran (KS) | Weller |
| Gutierrez | Oberstar | Wicker |
| Gutknecht | Peterson (MN) | |

ANSWERED "PRESENT"—1

Tancredo
NOT VOTING—33

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| Ballenger | Dingell | Meek (FL) |
| Buyer | Dooley | Miller, George |
| Cantor | Doyle | Mollohan |
| Clay | Fossella | Obey |
| Conyers | Gephardt | Sabo |
| Coyne | Gonzalez | Sessions |
| Cubin | Granger | Slaughter |
| Culberson | Hinchey | Stark |
| Davis (IL) | Hostettler | Weldon (FL) |
| Deal | Leach | Weldon (PA) |
| Delahunt | Luther | Young (AK) |

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So the Journal was approved.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

ARMEY ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT FROM CONGRESS

(Mr. ARMEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, at the end of this Congress, I will have served 18 years in the United States House of Representatives.

Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the good people of the 26th Congressional District of Texas who nine times elected me to represent them in this body. How very privileged I am to have been given that trust, that responsibility and the opportunity to serve the values I share with these good people: faith, freedom, safety, security and peace, in that order.

Mr. Speaker, I have come to love this place. This is the most marvelous democratic institution in the history of the world. It is true what we say about this wonderful House Chamber. Here the people govern; we, the House of Representatives. It is more than a place. It is we the people, working each in our own way to secure the blessings of liberty for ourselves and our posterity.

In my time here we have managed to secure many blessings of liberty. We have been the instruments of the American people during a special period when America led the world in a freedom revolution. As a lesson in how freedom works, we whipped stagflation and set a course of economic prosperity and growth unparalleled in the history of the world.

America halted the march of communism in our hemisphere. We inspired the demise of its tyranny in Eastern Europe. The Cold War ended on our terms. The Soviet Union collapsed. The Berlin Wall fell. We won the Gulf War, and as we speak, we are removing the scourge of terrorism from the globe.

□ 1030

Peace through strength and supply-side economics changed this world for the better. Because the American people champion liberty, more people in the world live free today than at any time in the world's history. Yet there is more to be done, and it is America who will lead the way.

Mr. Speaker, that marvelous creativity known as practical American genius led us through the agricultural revolution and the industrial revolution. It now leads us through the electronic revolution. Once again we see new marvels, deriving from the American creativity and hard work. Today, we see a renewal of faith in God that lifts the hearts of everyone in America. There is a renewal of patriotism that vindicates the faith of our fathers and the sacrifices of our heroes.

America is a good Nation, where blessings endure and difficulties pass. The American people deserve a government that knows their goodness and has the decency to respect it. It is up to us to be that government, and I have complete confidence that we will continue to be just that.

Because of this confidence, I am comfortable telling you today that the end