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

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
April 17, 2002.

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

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

PRAYER

The Reverend Norvel Goff, Sr., Pastor, Baber African Methodist Episcopal Church, Rochester, New York, offered the following prayer:

O God, our Heavenly Father, Almighty and Everlasting God, we come this day to thank You for last night's rest and early rising this morning. We come praying on behalf of and for the Members of Congress as they seek to know and to do Thy will for America and in the works of the House of Representatives.

O most gracious God, who knows the secrets of our hearts and the thoughts of our minds, we humbly beseech You as we pray for peace throughout the world.

We pray for our President of these United States of America, and the leaders around the world, that You will guide and direct them, that You would lead this world into a path of peace and happiness, truth and justice.

Direct us, O Lord, in all of our endeavors, that in You we may glorify Your most holy name. These and many other blessings we ask in Jesus' 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. TIAHRT. 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. TIAHRT. 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The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.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 gentlewoman from Minnesota (Ms. McCOLLUM) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. McCOLLUM 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.

WELCOMING REVEREND NORVEL GOFF, SR., PASTOR, BABER AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, ROCHESTER, NEW YORK

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

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, today we opened this legislative day

with a prayer from the Reverend Norvel Goff, Sr. I would like to take a moment to tell my colleagues and the country about Reverend Goff and the significant role he plays in my community.

Reverend Goff has served as pastor of Baber African Methodist Episcopal Church in Rochester since 1991. He has been an outstanding advocate in civil rights, economic justice, and peace issues in the Rochester community.

Reverend Goff is joined here today by his wife, Anna Marie, and his son, Norvel, Jr., who is a law student at Howard University; and they have a younger son, John, who is a student at Morehouse College in Atlanta.

Reverend Goff is a teacher, a lecturer, a writer and an outstanding orator. He has served on numerous community boards and committees in Rochester, including the Monroe County Public Defender's Advisory Board, the Community Energy Board, and Fleet Bank's Community Development Corporation Board.

Reverend Goff currently serves as the president and CEO of the Greater Rochester NAACP and is chairman of the Black Ministers Alliance in Rochester. Under his leadership, the Black Ministers Alliance founded the Footprints Program, which is a partnership with local banks that has provided more than \$10 million in mortgages for first-time homeowners. The Rochester chief of police recently appointed Reverend Goff as the chairman of the Faith Community Subcommittee Initiative Against Illegal Drugs in Rochester.

Reverend Goff continuously displays extraordinary commitment to the children of the Baber African Methodist Episcopal community and to all the other children in Rochester. He serves as a mentor and encourages academic achievement among the area youth. Reverend Goff recognizes the children of his church who make the honor roll at a church service and takes the time

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to visit and have lunch with them at school and check on their progress.

Reverend Goff's accomplishments in the area of civil rights, business, community and religious affairs have earned him numerous awards, including the Annual Friends of Education Award from the Rochester City School District and the Winn Newman Pay Equity Award from the National Committee on Pay Equity.

Reverend Goff is truly a modern-day crusader for justice, and I am grateful for his valuable work in our community. I am pleased that the House of Representatives could have him lead us in such a powerful prayer.

CONGRATULATING J.R. UNITED INDUSTRIES AND COMPANY PRESIDENT SALO GROSFELD

(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 would like to congratulate J.R. United Industries and company president Salo Grosfeld for their involvement in an extraordinary back-to-school project.

Afghan Minister for Women's Affairs, Dr. Sima Samar, asked for help to send girls back to school in Afghanistan, for, you see, school uniforms are considered a luxury that few Afghan families can afford. But J.R. United, located in my congressional district, helped by providing sewing machines and fabrics through their commercial partners in Pakistan.

Salo Grosfeld and his company are giving children thousands of miles away something greater than just uniforms. They are giving them hope for a brighter future and a better life.

Please join me in congratulating Salo Grosfeld and J.R. United for their generosity to the children of Afghanistan. Thank you, Salo.

SPEAKING AGAINST CUT IN PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES PROGRAM

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

Mr. UDALL of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak out against the administration's 21 percent cut of the Payments in Lieu of Taxes Program.

Many of our western States have substantial Federal land within their borders. On the one hand, these lands provide many opportunities for all Americans. But for local counties who are financially strapped, Federal lands mean the loss of a tax base.

To deal with this issue fairly and so that the Federal Government is a good neighbor, we pay a portion of the lost tax revenue. This is called Payments in Lieu of Taxes. It is a good program that should be fully funded, although it never has been. By cutting this valu-

able program, the administration is turning its back on many western counties.

I urge my colleagues to reject this unwise and unsound cutback.

MAKE CHILD PORNOGRAPHY ILLEGAL

(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, the United States Supreme Court ruling Tuesday on the Child Pornography Prevention Act drew strong reaction, mostly negative, regarding the High Court. However, the ruling did receive some support from some in the adult movie industry.

"We are extremely disappointed with this decision," said the American Center for Law and Justice. The Supreme Court clears the way for pornographers to use the first amendment as a shield and gives them a green light to engage in this kind of Internet activity."

I say whether in movies or photographs, it does not make a difference whether or not the person engaged in sex is actually a child. If it looks like a child, is said to be a child, pedophiles have found their fix and their search for true child pornography will only be enhanced.

Attorney General Ashcroft said the ruling makes prosecution of child pornographers immeasurably more difficult. He offered to work with Congress on new legislation that could withstand the Court's scrutiny.

Mr. Ashcroft, I join you today in hoping we can craft a bill that meets the fitness test of the Supreme Court so we can rule this to be an illegal activity.

RESTORE FOOD STAMPS FOR LEGAL PERMANENT RESIDENTS

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

Mr. RODRIGUEZ. Mr. Speaker, despite the calls from President Bush for efforts to provide legal permanent residents access to Federal nutrition programs, the House conferees on the farm bill have refused to budge. Now we hear today that the gentleman from Colorado (Mr. TANCREDO) has an amendment to instruct on the farm bill on this particular item.

There are too many cases of legal immigrant children suffering from hunger right here in our own backyards. These are legal residents. Their parents work hard, they pay taxes, they serve our country, they play by the rules; but they are unable to qualify for food stamps if they find themselves in that situation.

The reality is, and I will appeal to the Republicans, that we have over 62,560 military people right now that are legal immigrants; and as we well know, we have a lot of people in the

military that also qualify for food stamps. This amendment would disqualify them from being able to have access to food stamps.

So I make the appeal and ask that we look at what the administration has been saying, that we ought to be providing for those services.

CELEBRATING THE PRODUCTION OF NEVADA'S 50 MILLIONTH OUNCE OF GOLD

(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, Nevada's nickname may be the Silver State, but our State is diverse and has a wealth of many minerals, including many precious metals like gold, silver and platinum. In fact, only two countries in the world are ahead of Nevada in total gold production, South Africa and Australia; and only those two locations have ever achieved the same milestone which Nevada celebrated this week, the production of the 50 millionth ounce of gold.

Let me put this achievement in perspective. If 50 million troy ounces of gold were viewed as cube, it would be approximately 14 feet 2 inches square and weigh about 1,714 tons.

This achievement was produced by the Carlin Trend, located about 10 miles south of Carlin, Nevada, which produces nearly 4 million ounces of gold annually, contributing \$1.8 billion to America's economy every year.

Congratulations to the hard-working men and women of the Carlin Trend on this accomplishment, and thank you to the mining industry for producing the minerals which allow us to live in and enjoy the 21st century.

DEFENDING LEGAL IMMIGRANTS

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

Ms. SOLIS. Mr. Speaker, I also rise in disappointment at the action that will take place today on the floor, and that is to instruct conferees on the farm bill to remove the provision of food stamps for legal immigrants.

We talk about legal immigrants. Let us really put a face to it. Let us look at who these people are. They serve in our wars; they are serving in the military. Many of them are grandparents, many are children. They are here legally. They are playing by the rules. Their families pay into the tax base.

The President has said he wants to honor them and give them food stamps; but his own party, the Republican Party, wants to take that away. We are sending mixed messages here, and I would hope we could unite around this whole concept of compassionate giving to people who earn their way here in the country.

I would ask that the conferees and everyone please take hold of this situation, address it, and help to feed the