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

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,

April 25, 2002.

I hereby appoint the Honorable STEVEN C. LATOURETTE to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

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

PRAYER

Dr. Paul Dixon, President, Cedarville University, Cedarville, Ohio, offered the following prayer:

Our Father, we praise You today as the sovereign God of the universe. We bow before You, the creator God; the God who demonstrated Your great love for us while we were yet sinners. Your Son died for us.

God, though a young Nation, You have smiled upon America. The only way to explain our great country is You. Truly, God, You have blessed America. Thank You for Your sustaining grace since September 11. Our enemies meant it for evil, but You have used it for good and for Your glory. We cast ourselves on You for those who lost loved ones and who continue to mourn.

I especially thank You for those dedicated men and women who gather today to do our Nation's business. They serve us, the people. They are Your servants. Please continue to grant strength and wisdom to President Bush, and to these women and men in the House.

Today we exalt You. We long for Your approval. In the name of our Lord. 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. McNULTY. 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. McNULTY. 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The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.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 Texas (Mr. SAM JOHNSON) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas 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 of the following title in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 2248. An act to extend the authority of the Export-Import Bank until May 31, 2002.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. HOBSON) for the purpose of introducing the guest chaplain.

RECOGNIZING CEDARVILLE UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT DR. PAUL DIXON

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

Mr. HOBSON. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of Senator DEWINE and myself, I rise today to recognize this morning's honored guest chaplain, Dr. Paul Dixon, who serves as the president of Cedarville University, which is located in Greene County, Ohio, in my district, and in Cedarville, which is also the home of Senator DEWINE.

Dr. Dixon has served in this capacity for 24 years, which is about twice as long as I have been a Member of Congress. Prior to assuming the role as president, Dr. Dixon ministered as an evangelist. He continues his ministry today, traveling to hundreds of churches, youth camps, and adult fellowships throughout the year.

Dr. Dixon is also a popular speaker for professional sports chapel programs, including those of the Cincinnati Reds, the Bengals, the former Houston Oilers, and many National League ball teams.

Dr. Dixon's tenure at Cedarville has been marked by many accomplishments, not the least of which is the institution's physical growth. Under Dr. Dixon's exceptional leadership, enrollment has increased 140 percent, and

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Cedarville has enjoyed record enrollments for 23 of the 24 years he has been president.

In addition, the campus has grown from less than 100 acres to more than 400 acres. He has built probably \$100 million worth of new buildings on this wonderful campus.

He is a graduate of Tennessee Temple University, and holds a doctorate in education from the University of Cincinnati. In May of 2000, he will be transitioning to the role of chancellor for Cedarville University.

As Ohio's Seventh District Representative to the Congress of the United States, I take this opportunity to publicly recognize Dr. Dixon for his achievements on behalf of Cedarville University, and his many contributions to the spiritual growth of Ohio are noteworthy.

I thank him for his service to all those he serves.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain ten 1-minutes per side.

H.R. 3231, BARBARA JORDAN IMMIGRATION REFORM AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 2002

(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, about 30 days ago, the INS sent a notice to a flight school that Mohammed Atta could continue training on an aircraft. It was a big blunder, a colossal mistake, and the President described the following day that he was very mad.

Thirty days later, the President and this Congress have worked on a bill to restructure the INS. It is coming to the floor today, and I want to commend the President, the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. SENSENBRENNER), the chairman, and all who have worked to bring this important bill to the floor today.

We need to bring some credibility to this agency. We need to be fair on immigration. We need to be just. We need to operate with respect, but we also have to enforce the laws of the land.

Strengthening our borders, strengthening the integrity of the system, finding those who have slipped through the cracks and have ill intent in this country, that should be our priority; not focusing on hardworking people that are here legitimately, but finding those who wrought terror on us on September 11 and seek to continue to undermine the country.

This is a good bill. I urge its adoption.

TANF REAUTHORIZATION: REAL JOBS, NOT WORKFARE

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

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. KUCINICH. What should we seek to change in TANF when it is reauthorized: to make TANF reduce poverty and help recipients get good jobs with adequate wages, or to punish people and increase poverty? The Herger and McKeon bills only punish people when they enact counterproductive workfare programs.

Does workfare provide training? No. Does workfare provide educational opportunities? No. Does workfare provide the minimum wage? No. Does workfare provide coverage for health and safety, civil rights, and other employment laws? No. Does workfare provide a chance at being hired? No.

Workfare will not help recipients find or keep a good job. TANF should allow a recipient to get a GED, learn English, and get a post-secondary degree in order to obtain a good job. TANF should allow a recipient to get rehabilitation, to deal with a physical disability, deal with domestic violence, and access mental health counseling.

TANF should provide adequate funding for child care, and allow mothers to care for their children if they are very young or disabled. They should end the punitive full family sanctions, which eliminate food stamps and other benefits from poor children when their parents are not in compliance. TANF should help people out of poverty, not punish families and children for being poor.

CONGRATULATING GIRL SCOUTS OF AMERICA ON 90TH ANNIVERSARY

(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 am here to congratulate the Girl Scouts of America on its 90th anniversary.

Since 1912, Girl Scouting has empowered girls with the confidence to develop their potential, and the counseling and guidance to formulate sound values and decision-making skills.

Girl Scouting allows the opportunity for girls to develop physically, mentally, and spiritually, and enables them to make significant contributions to our society.

Over 50 million American women, including two-thirds of our doctors, lawyers, educators, community leaders, and even my colleagues in the U.S. Congress, were Girl Scouts. My daughters, Amanda Michelle and Patricia Marie, benefited from the joys of being Girl Scouts, and just several years ago I served as their Girl Scout troop leader.

Girl Scouts is indeed a place where girls grow strong. I ask my colleagues in Congress to join me in congratulating Girl Scouts of all ages, and the Girl Scouts of America as it celebrates its 90th anniversary.

STATE DEPARTMENT ASSISTANCE NEEDED TO BRING ABDUCTED CHILDREN HOME

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

Mr. LAMPSON. Mr. Speaker, I feel like a broken record. I am here to talk about Ludwig Koons, who is being held in a pornographic compound in Italy. We need the help of our governments, the United States and Italy, to return this child, along with thousands of others who have been removed by non-custodial parents outside of our country.

I have mentioned the State Department before in these 1-minute addresses. I asked recently Secretary Powell to help American parents and children, but I find that the message is not getting through.

On Monday, a member of my staff met with a man whose children had been abducted by an ex-wife and taken to Mexico. The State of California had awarded custody of the children to the father. They have now been in Mexico for 2 years.

When he met with the State Department, he did not get the help that he needed. Instead, he was told he probably would not see his children again.

What an outrageous attitude. The State Department should be an unfailing advocate for Americans and their children, who are, I remind Members, American citizens themselves.

The situation is unacceptable to me. I cannot imagine that it is not unacceptable to other Members. Please join me. We must bring our children home.

INS

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

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, over the past 8 months, the American people have heard horror stories about the inefficiencies and inadequacies of the INS. I am afraid we have only seen the tip of the iceberg. Something has to be done, and it needs to be done now.

First and foremost, we must remember that immigration to America is not a right, it is a privilege. We must ensure that our government is doing everything it can to make the system run more efficiently and protect our people. We can no longer allow people who respect our laws to fall to the back of the line while those who neglect laws fall through the cracks.

The INS is one bureaucratic blunder after the next, and I fear what that means for the American people. We must be fair, and laws must be followed.

In short, when it comes to the INS, those who follow the law should be rewarded; those who break the law should be deported.