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The House met at 10 a.m.

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer:

Lord God, our guardian and protector, guide and bless all the Members of the House of Representatives this day. Together may they exercise all in their power to assure the security of our homeland; and as individuals may they model good leadership for all who work in public service on behalf of the citizens of this great Nation.

Lord, we praise You and we thank You for all the men and women You have called to serve as police and law enforcement officers throughout the States and the District of Columbia. Renew them in their commitment and protect them as they strive to guarantee safety, order and equal justice in their communities.

Reward with eternal life and Your saving presence all those who in the past year have made the ultimate sacrifice of offering their lives in the effort to serve others. Console and provide for the families of officers fallen but not forgotten.

Surround with a special blessing today each member of the Capitol Police and Secret Service, and answer their prayers. They stand tall and are honored here as our vanguard of protection in the face of terrorism. Be with them, Lord, now and forever. 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. FOLEY. 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. FOLEY. 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 330, nays 63, answered “present” 1, not voting 40, as follows:

[Roll No. 167]

YEAS—330

Abercrombie	Callahan	Doolittle	Hayes	Maloney (NY)	Ros-Lehtinen
Ackerman	Calvert	Dreier	Hayworth	Manzullo	Ross
Akin	Camp	Duncan	Herger	Matheson	Rothman
Allen	Cannon	Dunn	Hill	Matsui	Roukema
Andrews	Cantor	Ehlers	Hilleary	McCarthy (MO)	Roybal-Allard
Arney	Capito	Emerson	Hinojosa	McCarthy (NY)	Royce
Baca	Capps	Eshoo	Hobson	McCollum	Rush
Bachus	Cardin	Etheridge	Hoefel	McCrery	Ryan (WI)
Baker	Carson (IN)	Evans	Hoekstra	McHugh	Ryun (KS)
Baldacci	Castle	Everett	Holden	McInnis	Sanchez
Ballenger	Chabot	Farr	Honda	McIntyre	Sandlin
Barcia	Chambliss	Ferguson	Hooley	McKeon	Sawyer
Barr	Clayton	Flake	Horn	Meehan	Saxton
Barrett	Clement	Foley	Hostettler	Meeks (NY)	Schiff
Bartlett	Clyburn	Forbes	Houghton	Mica	Schrock
Barton	Coble	Ford	Hoyer	Millender	Scott
Bass	Collins	Frank	Hyde	McDonald	Sensenbrenner
Becerra	Combest	Frelinghuysen	Inslee	Miller, Dan	Serrano
Bentsen	Conyers	Gallegly	Isakson	Miller, Gary	Sessions
Bereuter	Cooksey	Ganske	Israel	Miller, Jeff	Shadegg
Berkley	Cox	Gekas	Issa	Mollohan	Shaw
Berman	Coyne	Gephardt	Istook	Moran (VA)	Shays
Berry	Cramer	Gibbons	Jackson (IL)	Morella	Sherman
Biggert	Crenshaw	Gilchrest	Jackson-Lee	Myrick	Sherwood
Bilirakis	Crowley	Gillmor	(TX)	Nadler	Shimkus
Bishop	Cubin	Gilman	Jefferson	Napolitano	Shows
Blumenauer	Cummings	Gonzalez	Jenkins	Neal	Shuster
Blunt	Cunningham	Goode	John	Nethercutt	Simmons
Boehlert	Davis (CA)	Goodlatte	Johnson (CT)	Ney	Simpson
Boehner	Davis (FL)	Goss	Johnson (IL)	Northup	Skeen
Bonilla	Davis (IL)	Graham	Johnson, Sam	Norwood	Skelton
Bono	Davis, Jo Ann	Granger	Jones (NC)	Nussle	Smith (MI)
Boozman	Deal	Graves	Kanjorski	Ortiz	Smith (NJ)
Boswell	DeGette	Green (TX)	Kaptur	Osborne	Smith (TX)
Boucher	Delahunt	Green (WI)	Keller	Ose	Smith (WA)
Boyd	DeLauro	Greenwood	Kelly	Otter	Solis
Brady (TX)	DeLay	Grucci	Kennedy (RI)	Owens	Souder
Brown (OH)	DeMint	Hall (TX)	Kerns	Pascarell	Spratt
Brown (SC)	Diaz-Balart	Hansen	Kildee	Paul	Stearns
Bryant	Dicks	Harman	Kilpatrick	Payne	Stenholm
Burr	Dingell	Hart	Kind (WI)	Pelosi	Stump
Buyer	Dooley	Hastings (WA)	King (NY)	Pence	Sullivan
			Kingston	Peterson (PA)	Sununu
			Kirk	Petri	Sweeney
			Klecza	Pickering	Tauzin
			Knollenberg	Pitts	Terry
			Kolbe	Pomeroy	Thomas
			LaHood	Portman	Thornberry
			Langevin	Price (NC)	Thune
			Lantos	Pryce (OH)	Thurman
			Larson (CT)	Putnam	Tiahrt
			LaTourette	Quinn	Tiberi
			Lee	Radanovich	Tierney
			Levin	Rahall	Toomey
			Lewis (CA)	Regula	Towns
			Lewis (GA)	Rehberg	Turner
			Lewis (KY)	Reyes	Upton
			Linder	Reynolds	Velazquez
			Lipinski	Riley	Walden
			Lofgren	Rivers	Walsh
			Lowey	Rodriguez	Wamp
			Lucas (KY)	Roemer	Watkins (OK)
			Lucas (OK)	Rogers (KY)	Watson (CA)
			Luther	Rogers (MI)	Watt (NC)
			Lynch	Rohrabacher	Waxman

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Weiner	Whitfield	Woolsey
Weldon (FL)	Wilson (NM)	Wynn
Weldon (PA)	Wilson (SC)	Young (FL)
Wexler	Wolf	

NAYS—63

Aderholt	Holt	Phelps
Baird	Johnson, E. B.	Ramstad
Baldwin	Jones (OH)	Sabo
Bonior	Kennedy (MN)	Schaffer
Borski	Kucinich	Schakowsky
Brady (PA)	Larsen (WA)	Snyder
Capuano	Latham	Strickland
Carson (OK)	LoBiondo	Stupak
Costello	Markay	Tanner
DeFazio	McDermott	Tauscher
Doggett	McGovern	Taylor (MS)
English	McNulty	Thompson (CA)
Fattah	Menendez	Thompson (MS)
Filner	Miller, George	Udall (CO)
Fletcher	Moore	Udall (NM)
Frost	Moran (KS)	Visclosky
Gutknecht	Oberstar	Waters
Hastings (FL)	Obey	Watts (OK)
Hefley	Oliver	Weller
Hilliard	Pallone	Wicker
Hinche	Peterson (MN)	Wu

ANSWERED "PRESENT"—1

Tancredo

NOT VOTING—40

Blagojevich	Gordon	Oxley
Brown (FL)	Gutierrez	Pastor
Burton	Hall (OH)	Platts
Clay	Hulshof	Pombo
Condit	Hunter	Rangel
Crane	LaFalce	Sanders
Culberson	Lampson	Slaughter
Davis, Tom	Leach	Stark
Deutsch	Maloney (CT)	Taylor (NC)
Doyle	Mascara	Traffant
Edwards	McKinney	Vitter
Ehrlich	Meek (FL)	Young (AK)
Engel	Mink	
Fossella	Murtha	

□ 1025

So the Journal was approved.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

Mr. KUCINICH 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.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 1613

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to have my name removed as a cosponsor of H.R. 1613, a measure referred to the House Subcommittee on National Parks, Recreation and Public Lands.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Ohio?

There was no objection.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain 10 one-minutes per side.

CONGRATULATING BARBARA GAYNOR, FOUNDER AND DIRECTION OF MOTHERS' VOICES OF SOUTH FLORIDA

(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 congratulate Barbara Gaynor, founder and director of Mothers' Voices of South Florida, for her vision in targeting parents, caregivers and our youth.

Under her leadership, Mothers' Voices has helped scores of families strengthen communication about sexual health. Barbara Gaynor lost her son to HIV. Her inability to save him served as the catalyst in forming Mothers' Voices and in strengthening her resolve to reduce the number of HIV infections among our youth through prevention, education and awareness.

According to the Office of National AIDS, 50 percent of all HIV infections occur in 13 to 26-year-olds. As a mother who was hit at home by HIV-AIDS, Barbara Gaynor knows best the impact that parental involvement can have in preventing children from becoming statistics.

I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Barbara and all of the people that work at Mothers' Voices for their commitment to preserve the future of our Nation's youth.

PROVIDING RESOURCES FOR FAMILIES TO GET OFF OF WELFARE

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

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, while welfare caseloads have dropped dramatically, the decrease in poverty is marginally less. After 5 years, welfare cash assistance caseloads have decreased by nearly 50 percent, but overall poverty has declined by less than 2 percent.

Today we are going to be visiting this issue of what to do about welfare in America. Work is at the center of the welfare debate, and it was at the center of the debate in 1996.

The work requirements are the most significant part of the debate. If States choose or are mandated a 40 hour a week work requirement, that will mean workfare programs. Workfare is overwhelmingly bad for recipients. It will mean the need for even more child care, on top of the \$11 billion that is in the bill now, and it will undermine efforts to place people in good jobs.

We need to be very careful in any vote that we take today to make sure that we are not making it impossible for families who are trying to get off of welfare to be able to have the resources that they will need to be able to care for their children.

REMEMBERING FRANCISCO CHAVIANO GONZALES

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

Mr. BALLENGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to talk about the plight of a Cuban man, Francisco Chaviano Gonzales. Francisco is a political prisoner in Cuba. He is the President of the National Council for Civil Rights, an organization dedicated to democracy and human rights.

Francisco was arrested for possessing documents revealing human rights abuses in Cuba. A military tribunal sentenced him to 15 years in prison. He languishes today in isolation where he is deprived of basic medical care and proper food. Ironically, Francisco's captivity proves the existence of human rights abuses in Cuba even more than the documents they arrested him for.

The Cold War is over, but the United States' fight for freedom will never end. This man was arrested for promoting the very things America values.

Francisco, we remember you.

□ 1030

DISTURBING INFORMATION FOR AMERICANS

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

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, last night and this morning, Americans got some very, very disturbing news. America was informed that sometime last August, the President of the United States was informed of efforts by bin Laden and his followers to engage in a hijacking scheme against American citizens. That information, while disturbing, was not acted upon, with no information flowing to the American people.

It is suggested that this was done because it was a hijacking in the normal sense of the word. The fact of the matter is, we know that a major plot was interrupted to crash a number of 747s in Southeast Asia into the Earth simultaneously, and we know that an effort was interrupted to crash a plane into the Eiffel Tower. We know that we interrupted the millennium scheme.

While it is disturbing that this effort was not taken as seriously as it should have been, it is also very disturbing that this information and the briefing of the President of this information has not been released to the American people or to the Congress of the United States for over 8 months.

TIME TO END THE POULTRY EMBARGO

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