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The House met at 10 a.m.

The Most Reverend Oscar H. Lipscomb, Archbishop of Mobile, Mobile, Alabama, offered the following prayer:

O God, our shield and defender, ancient of days, pavilioned in the splendor of Your creation and girded with the praise of Your children, be with us now as we pray for this House and all parts of our government and Nation.

Our troubled times teach us that of ourselves peace and security rests uneasy and incomplete. Help us with the wisdom and strength sought by Your servant Solomon as he set out to govern the people You committed to his care.

Touch all our hearts and change them after the model offered us by Your Son: "As I have loved you, love one another." Then may there be realized in our land the vision of the prophet Isaiah: "There shall be no harm or ruin on all my holy mountain; for the Earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the Lord, as water covers the sea." 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 352, nays 50, not voting 32, as follows:

[Roll No. 239]

YEAS—352

Abercrombie	Chabot	Frank	John	Miller, Gary	Sawyer
Ackerman	Clay	Frelinghuysen	Johnson (CT)	Miller, George	Saxton
Akin	Clayton	Frost	Johnson (IL)	Miller, Jeff	Schakowsky
Allen	Clement	Gallegly	Johnson, Sam	Mink	Schiff
Andrews	Clyburn	Ganske	Jones (NC)	Mollohan	Schrock
Armey	Coble	Gekas	Kanjorski	Moore	Scott
Baca	Collins	Gephardt	Kaptur	Moran (VA)	Sensenbrenner
Bachus	Combest	Gibbons	Keller	Morella	Serrano
Baker	Condit	Gillmor	Kelly	Murtha	Sessions
Ballenger	Cooksey	Gilman	Kennedy (RI)	Myrick	Shadegg
Barcia	Coyne	Gonzalez	Kerns	Nadler	Shaw
Barr	Cramer	Goode	Kildee	Napolitano	Sherman
Barrett	Crenshaw	Goodlatte	Kilpatrick	Nethercutt	Sherwood
Bartlett	Crowley	Goss	Kind (WI)	Ney	Shimkus
Barton	Cubin	Lantos	King (NY)	Northup	Shows
Bass	Culberson	Larson (CT)	Kirk	Norwood	Shuster
Becerra	Cunningham	Latham	Kleczka	Nussle	Simmons
Bentsen	Davis (CA)	LaHood	Knollenberg	Obey	Skeen
Bereuter	Davis (FL)	Lampson	Kolbe	Ortiz	Skelton
Berkley	Davis (IL)	Langevin	LaFalce	Osborne	Smith (MI)
Berman	Davis, Jo Ann	Lantos	LaHood	Ose	Smith (WA)
Berry	Davis, Tom	Larson (CT)	Langevin	Owens	Snyder
Biggert	Deal	Latham	Lantos	Oxley	Solis
Bilirakis	DeGette	LaTourette	Lantos	Pallone	Souder
Bishop	Delahunt	Leach	Larson (CT)	Pascarella	Spratt
Blagojevich	DeLauro	Lee	Latham	Pastor	Stearns
Blumenauer	DeLay	Levin	LaTourette	Paul	Stenholm
Blunt	DeMint	Lewis (CA)	Leach	Payne	Sullivan
Boehler	Deutsch	Lewis (KY)	Lee	Pelosi	Sununu
Boehner	Diaz-Balart	Linder	Lee	Pence	Tanner
Bonilla	Dicks	Lipinski	Levin	Peterson (PA)	Tauscher
Bonior	Dingell	Lofgren	Lewis (CA)	Petri	Tauzin
Bono	Doggett	Lowey	Lewis (KY)	Phelps	Taylor (NC)
Boozman	Dooley	Lucas (KY)	Lipinski	Pickering	Terry
Bowwell	Doolittle	Lucas (OK)	Lofgren	Pitts	Thomas
Boucher	Dreier	Luther	Lowey	Platts	Thornberry
Boyd	Duncan	Lynch	Lucas (KY)	Pombo	Thune
Brady (TX)	Dunn	Maloney (CT)	Lucas (OK)	Portman	Thurman
Brown (FL)	Edwards	Maloney (NY)	Luther	Price (NC)	Tiahrt
Brown (SC)	Ehlers	Manzullo	Lynch	Pryce (OH)	Tiberi
Bryant	Emerson	Markey	Maloney (CT)	Putnam	Tierney
Burr	Engel	Mascara	Maloney (NY)	Quinn	Toomey
Burton	Eshoo	Matheson	Manzullo	Radanovich	Towns
Buyer	Etheridge	Matsui	Markey	Rahall	Turner
Callahan	Evans	McCarthy (MO)	Mascara	Rangel	Upton
Calvert	Everett	McCarthy (NY)	Matheson	Regula	Velazquez
Camp	Farr	McCollum	Matsui	Rehberg	Vitter
Cannon	Fattah	McCrery	McCarthy (MO)	Reyes	Walsh
Cantor	Ferguson	McGovern	McCarthy (NY)	Reynolds	Wamp
Capito	Flake	McHugh	McCollum	Riley	Watkins (OK)
Capps	Fletcher	McIntyre	McCrery	Rivers	Watson (CA)
Cardin	Foley	McKeon	McGovern	Rodriguez	Watt (NC)
Carson (IN)	Forbes	McKinney	McHugh	Roemer	Watts (OK)
Carson (OK)	Ford	Meehan	McIntyre	Rogers (KY)	Waxman
Castle	Fossella	Meek (FL)	McKeon	Rogers (MI)	Weldon (FL)
		Meeks (NY)	McKinney	Rohrabacher	Whitfield
		Mica	Meehan	Ros-Lehtinen	Wicker
		Millender-	Meek (FL)	Ross	Wilson (NM)
		McDonald	Meeks (NY)	Rothman	Wilson (SC)
		Miller, Dan	Mica	Roybal-Allard	Wolf
			Millender-	Ryan (WI)	Woolsey
			McDonald	Sanders	Young (FL)
			Miller, Dan	Sandlin	

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NAYS—50

Aderholt	Johnson, E. B.	Sanchez
Baird	Jones (OH)	Schaffer
Baldwin	Kennedy (MN)	Slaughter
Borski	Kucinich	Stark
Brady (PA)	Larsen (WA)	Strickland
Brown (OH)	LoBiondo	Stupak
Capuano	McDermott	Sweeney
Costello	McNulty	Taylor (MS)
DeFazio	Menendez	Thompson (CA)
English	Moran (KS)	Thompson (MS)
Filner	Neal	Udall (CO)
Gutknecht	Oberstar	Udall (NM)
Hart	Olver	Visclosky
Hefley	Otter	Waters
Hinchey	Peterson (MN)	Weller
Holt	Ramstad	Wu
Israel	Sabo	

NOT VOTING—32

Baldacci	Isakson	Smith (NJ)
Chambliss	Kingston	Smith (TX)
Conyers	Lewis (GA)	Stump
Cox	McInnis	Tancred
Crane	Pomeroy	Traficant
Cummings	Roukema	Weiner
Doyle	Royce	Weldon (PA)
Ehrlich	Rush	Wexler
Gordon	Ryun (KS)	Wynn
Hilliard	Shays	Young (AK)
Hyde	Simpson	

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Mr. KERNs changed his vote from "nay" to "yea."

So the Journal was approved.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. COOKSEY). Will the gentlewoman from Wisconsin (Ms. BALDWIN) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. BALDWIN 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 concurrent resolutions of the following titles in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. Con. Res. 110. Concurrent resolution honoring the heroism and courage displayed by airline flight attendants on a daily basis.

S. Con. Res. 114. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress regarding North Korean refugees in China and those who are returned to North Korea where they face torture, imprisonment, and execution.

□ 1030

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO PRESIDENT'S EXPORT COUNCIL

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. COOKSEY). Without objection, and pursuant to Executive Order 12131, the Chair announces the Speaker's appointment of the following Members of the House to the President's Export Council:

Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania;
Mr. PICKERING of Mississippi;
Mr. HAYES of North Carolina;

Mr. INSLEE of Washington; and
Mr. WU of Oregon.

There was no objection.

RECOGNIZING EPILEPSY FOUNDATION OF SOUTH FLORIDA FOR DEDICATION TO PROMOTING COMMUNITY AWARENESS OF EPILEPSY

(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 rise today to recognize the Epilepsy Foundation of South Florida for its dedication to promoting a community awareness of this disorder, and for its work to improve the lives of individuals afflicted with this terrible disease.

Epilepsy affects 2.3 million Americans, and over 180,000 individuals develop epilepsy each year. In my area alone, over 60,000 people suffer from this disease. The foundation, however, believes that epilepsy should not keep people from achieving a productive life.

With this goal in mind, the foundation has raised funds to help provide medical evaluations, treatments, and employment training tailored to meet the needs of these individuals.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to commend the Epilepsy Foundation of South Florida for its use of innovative programs and services that improve the lives of so many in our community.

URGING STATE DEPARTMENT TO TAKE ACTION TO HELP BRING AMERICA'S 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, last week the Committee on Government Reform held a hearing on women and children who are being held in Saudi Arabia. It was an emotional hearing on a situation that unfortunately exists in countries all over the world, not just in the Middle East right now.

I have been telling the story of trying to help a father whose son is being held in Italy, one of our supposed closest friends. His son, Ludwig Koons, has been in Italy for 8 years and is being held in a pornographic compound by his abductor mother, and the Italian authorities and our State Department let it happen.

I applaud the gentleman from Indiana (Chairman BURTON) for bringing this issue to light in his strong statement to his committee. For years I have been working with left-behind parents who are trying to get their children back to where they belong. For years I have witnessed a State Department that does nothing tangible to help.

We need a State Department that fights for U.S. citizens, not an idle information agency. This issue is one

that none of us can afford to ignore. We need to be aware, and we need to put pressure on other countries that are not sending American children home.

American parents are asking for someone to take action and help them bring their children home. The State Department is not stepping up to the plate for Ludwig Koons or for anyone else. Bring our children home.

URGING IMMEDIATE ACTION ON INS REFORM

(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, House rules prohibit me from urging the other body to act on pending legislation, so let me just take a moment to tell of a very important piece of legislation that left this Chamber some time ago, and that was INS reform.

Our borders are vulnerable. We have been picking up absconders who have orders against them to be deported, and yet they are not sent out of the country. We have potential terrorists living in our country, and the INS is in a shambles. We have asked, through this body, that this agency reorganize.

Somewhere between here and the other end of the building, legislation awaits action. We demand action on that bill, and we urge action on that bill for whoever is listening to this conversation. This is a critical issue. It is critical for the safety and security of this country, and I cannot fathom why we wait and delay getting that important piece of legislation to the President's desk for signature.

CUTTING FUNDING FOR A GROWING AMTRAK IS WORST POSSIBLE RESPONSE

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

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, as we speak this morning, the administration is distributing a statement that will cut ground out from underneath the efforts of Amtrak to deal with its \$200 million shortfall. They are ignoring the wishes of over 160 Members of this House who have joined with us, and a majority of the Senate, to support the bipartisan compromise that has been worked out by the gentleman from New York (Mr. QUINN) and the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. CLEMENT).

We can long debate the merits of their destructive proposals to gut long runs across the country, to privatize the most profitable lines, and to abandon any semblance of a rail system in this country, but every Member should push back now to protect Amtrak.

The irony of our giving \$5 billion to the airlines after we give them \$11 billion in subsidy, despite declining passengers, yet we are going to cut Amtrak off when it is growing, is the