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The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. SIMPSON).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
June 21, 2002.

I hereby appoint the Honorable MICHAEL K. SIMPSON to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

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

PRAYER

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

Almighty God, we praise You for another day. May the brightness of Your holy presence fill this chamber and our lives that we might serve You by seeking the white light of justice and serve Your people, especially those in most need of Your merciful shadow to shield them.

Amid the silent moorings of the sun's constellation, this common planet on which we stand twists on turn and Your people enter into a new season.

May our summer days be fulfilled with joy and peace. May our work flourish in the bright sun of honesty and personal effort.

While holding us in the balance of America's expectations and accountability to other nations, help us to secure safe travel, rejoice in the earth's natural resources and share a bountiful harvest of summer's gifts with the less fortunate.

From this day forward, our days grow shorter and we ready ourselves for Your judgment both now and forever. 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. HOBSON. 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. HOBSON. 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. 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 318, nays 45, answered “present” 1, not voting 70, as follows:

[Roll No. 244]

YEAS—318

Abercrombie
Akin
Allen
Andrews
Armey
Baca
Bachus
Baldacci
Ballenger
Barcia
Barr
Barrett
Bartlett
Barton
Bass
Becerra
Bentsen
Bereuter
Berkley
Biggert
Bilirakis
Bishop
Blumenauer

Blunt
Boehlert
Boehner
Boenilla
Bono
Boozman
Boswell
Boyd
Brady (TX)
Brown (SC)
Bryant
Burr
Burton
Buyer
Calvert
Camp
Cannon
Cantor
Cepito
Capps
Cardin
Castle
Chabot

Chambliss
Clayton
Clyburn
Coble
Collins
Combest
Condit
Cooksey
Cramer
Crenshaw
Crowley
Cubin
Culberson
Cunningham
Davis (CA)
Davis (IL)
Davis, Jo Ann
Deal
DeGette
DeLauro
DeLay
DeMint
Deutsch

Diaz-Balart
Dicks
Doggett
Dooley
Dreier
Duncan
Dunn
Edwards
Ehlers
Ehrlich
Emerson
Engel
Eshoo
Etheridge
Evans
Farr
Fattah
Ferguson
Flake
Foley
Forbes
Ford
Fossella
Frank
Frelinghuysen
Frost
Gallegly
Gekas
Gephardt
Gilchrest
Gillmor
Gilman
Gonzalez
Goode
Goodlatte
Goss
Graham
Granger
Graves
Green (TX)
Green (WI)
Greenwood
Grucci
Hall (OH)
Hall (TX)
Harman
Hastings (FL)
Hastings (WA)
Hayes
Hayworth
Hefley
Herger
Hill
Hinojosa
Hobson
Hoeffel
Hoekstra
Holden
Holt
Honda
Hooley
Horn
Hostettler
Hoyer
Hulshof

Hunter
Hyde
Inslee
Isakson
Israel
Issa
Istook
Jackson (IL)
Jackson-Lee (TX)
Jefferson
Jenkins
John
Johnson (CT)
Johnson (IL)
Johnson, Sam
Jones (NC)
Jones (OH)
Kanjorski
Kaptur
Kelly
Kennedy (RI)
Kerns
Kildee
Kilpatrick
Kind (WI)
King (NY)
Kingston
Kirk
Kleczka
Knollenberg
Kolbe
LaFalce
Langevin
Lantos
Larson (CT)
Latham
LaTourette
Leach
Lee
Levin
Lewis (CA)
Lewis (KY)
Linder
Lofgren
Lowey
Lucas (KY)
Lucas (OK)
Luther
Lynch
Maloney (CT)
Maloney (NY)
Mascara
Matheson
Matsui
McCarthy (MO)
McCarthy (NY)
McCollum
McCrery
McGovern
McHugh
McIntyre
McKeon
Meehan
Menendez

Mica
Millender-McDonald
Miller, Dan
Miller, Gary
Miller, Jeff
Mink
Mollohan
Moran (KS)
Moran (VA)
Morella
Myrick
Napolitano
Nethercutt
Ney
Nussle
Obey
Osborne
Ose
Otter
Pallone
Pascarelli
Paul
Payne
Pelosi
Pence
Peterson (PA)
Petri
Phelps
Pickering
Platts
Pombo
Pomeroy
Portman
Price (NC)
Pryce (OH)
Putnam
Quinn
Radanovich
Rahall
Rangel
Regula
Rehberg
Reynolds
Rivers
Rodriguez
Roemer
Rogers (KY)
Rogers (MI)
Rohrabacher
Ros-Lehtinen
Ross
Rothman
Roybal-Allard
Royce
Rush
Ryan (WI)
Ryun (KS)
Sandlin
Sawyer
Saxton
Schiff
Schrock
Scott
Sensenbrenner

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Shaw	Stearns	Walsh
Shays	Stenholm	Wamp
Sherman	Sullivan	Watkins (OK)
Sherwood	Tauzin	Watson (CA)
Shimkus	Taylor (NC)	Watts (OK)
Shows	Terry	Waxman
Shuster	Thornberry	Weldon (FL)
Simmons	Thune	Weldon (PA)
Simpson	Thurman	Wexler
Skeen	Tiahrt	Wicker
Skelton	Tiberi	Wilson (NM)
Slaughter	Tierney	Wilson (SC)
Smith (NJ)	Toomey	Wolf
Smith (TX)	Towns	Woolsey
Smith (WA)	Turner	Young (FL)
Snyder	Upton	

NAYS—45

Aderholt	Kennedy (MN)	Sanchez
Baird	Kucinich	Schaffer
Baldwin	LoBiondo	Schakowsky
Berry	Markey	Strickland
Brady (PA)	McDermott	Sweeney
Capuano	McNulty	Tanner
Carson (OK)	Miller, George	Taylor (MS)
Costello	Moore	Thompson (CA)
DeFazio	Neal	Thompson (MS)
English	Oberstar	Udall (NM)
Filner	Oliver	Visclosky
Fletcher	Pastor	Waters
Gutknecht	Peterson (MN)	Weller
Hart	Ramstad	Whitfield
Johnson, E. B.	Sabo	Wu

ANSWERED "PRESENT"—1

Tancredo

NOT VOTING—70

Ackerman	Everett	Norwood
Baker	Ganske	Ortiz
Berman	Gibbons	Owens
Blagojevich	Gordon	Oxley
Bonior	Gutierrez	Pitts
Borski	Hansen	Reyes
Boucher	Hilleary	Riley
Brown (FL)	Hilliard	Roukema
Brown (OH)	Hinchey	Sanders
Callahan	Houghton	Smith (MI)
Carson (IN)	Keller	Stark
Clay	LaHood	Stump
Clement	Lampson	Stupak
Conyers	Larsen (WA)	Sununu
Cox	Lewis (GA)	Tauscher
Coyne	Lipinski	Thomas
Crane	Manzullo	Trafigant
Cummings	McInnis	Udall (CO)
Davis (FL)	McKinney	Watt (NC)
Davis, Tom	Meek (FL)	Watt (NC)
Delahunt	Meeks (NY)	Weiner
Dingell	Murtha	Wynn
Doolittle	Nadler	Young (AK)
Doyle	Northup	

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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 Florida (Mr. JEFF MILLER) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. JEFF MILLER of Florida 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.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain 15 1-minutes per side.

COVETED TROPHY GOES TO REPUBLICANS AFTER 41ST ANNUAL ROLL CALL BASEBALL GAME, AND CHARITY IS THE BIG WINNER

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

Mr. OXLEY. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to hold the coveted Roll Call trophy for the victory last night at Bowie Baysox Stadium, where I want to thank our good friend, the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. HOYER), the host of the evening, for a wonderful time, the 41st Annual Roll Call Baseball Game between the Republicans and the Democrats for charity.

The big winner last night really was charity. We raised over \$90,000 for the Boys and Girls Clubs and for the Literacy Council. It was a well-played game.

I want to thank my cohort on the other side of the diamond, the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. SABO), for once again being a great sportsman, and the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. WATT), the pitcher for the Democrats, a consistent player, and all of the Republican team for a great victory.

Our MVP last night was the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. SHIMKUS). He was extraordinary. I took him from behind the plate and put him on the mound. Nobody thought we could win after STEVE LARGENT left; but the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. SHIMKUS) was magnificent, and did not walk a hitter and only allowed one earned run. Our infield played solid, and our outfield, as well. We had some timely hits from a couple of unlikely sources, and we came away victorious, so of course I thank the Members so much for this.

Let me also say how proud we were of the women on our team. Republicans have had women players now for the last 12 years, and I invite our friends on the other side of the aisle perhaps to find some capable women to play that game. We are the embodiment of title IX on the Republican side, and proud of it.

Mr. SABO. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. OXLEY. I yield to the gentleman from Minnesota.

Mr. SABO. Mr. Speaker, let me simply congratulate the manager and the Republicans on a well-played game. They played incredibly well. Their defense was good, and they hit the ball hard. We will be back next year, but congratulations for this year.

Mr. OXLEY. I thank my friend, the gentleman from Minnesota.

THE ADMINISTRATION'S APPALLING PLAN TO DISMEMBER AMTRAK

(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, it was appalling yesterday to have the administration finally come forward with its plan for Amtrak. It is appalling that when the administration finally comes forward with its plan for Amtrak, it is basically to dismember the system, arguing somehow that Amtrak should be self-supporting.

When this Congress and administration gave \$5 billion to the airline industry, on top of the \$11 billion for air traffic control, for an industry that has never shown a profit over its 75 years is a little bit disingenuous, to say the least.

Amtrak plays a critical role in our transportation system. To dismember it now, to privatize a few profitable lines and then walk away from our commitment when we have never, never provided the money that was authorized originally, would be a sad day.

Luckily, there is broad bipartisan support in this Congress. Over 162 Members support the approach of the gentleman from New York (Chairman QUINN) and the ranking member, the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. CLEMENTS), to fund it for this year. A majority of the Senate agrees. Hopefully, we will be able to step up where the administration is failing in nerve.

INTRODUCTION OF H.R. 4971, SUPPORT OF AMERICAN EAGLE SILVER BULLION PRODUCTION ACT

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

Mr. OTTER. Mr. Speaker, yesterday, joined by my colleagues, the gentleman from Idaho, (Mr. SIMPSON) and the gentleman from Nevada (Mr. GIBBONS), I introduced H.R. 4971, the Support of the American Silver Bullion Production Act. This bill will allow the U.S. Mint to continue its production of the American eagle silver dollar, the most popular silver coin in the world.

The Sunshine Mint Company in my district produces the blanks for these coins, and employs 60 of my constituents. Idaho is the greatest silver producer in history, mining more than 1.1 billion ounces since 1884.

Passage of this bill into law will allow us, number one, to meet the worldwide demand for bullion; number two, to continue to build on the \$264 million that this program has contributed to the deficit reduction; and, finally, to preserve the connection between Idaho's Silver Valley and our Nation's coinage.

PEACE CORPS CHARTER OF THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY

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

Mr. FARR of California. Mr. Speaker, I would first of all like to welcome to the United States Capitol all the returned Peace Corps volunteers who