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

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
September 25, 2002.

I hereby appoint the Honorable RAY LAHOOD to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

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

PRAYER

Rabbi Melvyn May, West End Temple Sinai Congregation, Neponsit, New York, offered the following prayer:

Our God and God of our fathers, as this session of the House of Representatives begins, we pray that the spirit that permeates this room today will enhance and enrich the endeavors of our Congressmen and Congresswomen on behalf of all the citizens of our great country, the United States of America.

In the words of the Psalmist: How good and pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together. During this period when Jews throughout the world celebrate the High Holy Days and the spirit of renewal, we seek to understand and to do God's will so that all humankind will be free. As a Nation under God, we affirm the obligation of our elected officials to lead this country in the spirit of brotherhood, justice and righteousness that was taught by the prophets.

Almighty God, bestow Your continued blessings upon all of our elected officials and their staffs, for good health, happiness, knowledge and strength.

Implant in the hearts of the Members of Congress a sincere desire to toil together for the aims and goals of our American heritage, as exemplified in

the spirit of the Constitution. We pray that unity of purpose and harmony of spirit will forever prevail.

With God's divine guidance may their best ideals come to fruition. 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. LAMPSON) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. LAMPSON 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 announces that there will be ten 1-minutes on each side.

WELCOMING RABBI MELVYN MAY, WEST END TEMPLE SINAI CON- GREGATION, NEPONSIT, NEW YORK

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

Mr. WEINER. Mr. Speaker, I ask the House to join me in welcoming Rabbi Melvyn May, who gave the invocation this morning. He is the spiritual leader of the West End Temple in Neponsit, New York. His path to that post took him through Connecticut, New Jersey and Brooklyn; and in each and every place he held positions of leadership in the community. He was someone who led the campaign for better understanding among our communities.

When he arrived at Neponsit, he arrived at, frankly, a most troubled time in our community. He arrived in October, 2001, one month almost to the day after the horrific attack on the World Trade Center that took so many of our neighbors in Rockaway, and he arrived also one month before a terrible plane crash in Belle Harbor, a stone's throw from his congregation's home.

During that time, Rabbi May, with dignity and with great understanding, led our community through that most difficult time. He has, in a relatively brief time, just about a year, become a force for healing and understanding throughout our community.

At this time of the holidays in the Jewish faith, he has been someone who has also led a campaign for better understanding among our very diverse communities in New York City.

I ask my colleagues in the House to join me in welcoming Rabbi May, and

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we ask that his accomplishments be spread across the record of this great body so that they can be shared throughout the Nation.

U.N. MUST PASS STRONG RESOLUTION ON IRAQ

(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, last week we heard Iraq agree to allowing U.N. weapons inspectors back into their country without conditions. All I can say is we have been down this road before.

Mr. Speaker, the United Nations must show real backbone if they want to be a meaningful organization in the 21st century. Unfortunately, we have had a decade of defiance and deception from Iraq. Let us not forget that between 1991 and 1998, in spite of 13, yes, 13 different U.N. resolutions mandating unconditional access, Iraq never allowed that to happen.

Saddam always had conditions. Inspectors were kept from presidential palaces, mosques and military installations, just to name a few locations.

The U.N. must pass a resolution that not only mandates unconditional weapons inspections, but also outlines the serious consequences for Saddam if Iraq fails to act and fails to allow U.N. inspectors to do their complete and unfettered job. The U.N. must take control and mandate unfettered inspections, and Saddam Hussein must comply. It is time for the U.N. and not Saddam Hussein to be in the driver's seat.

SUPPORT SECRET SERVICE CHILD PROTECTION ACT

(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 stand here today to tell you that the Secret Service does not just protect the President, they also protect missing kids. Nearly a decade ago, Congress authorized the U.S. Secret Service to participate in a multi-agency task force with the purpose of providing resources, expertise and other assistance to local law enforcement agencies and the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children in cases involving missing and exploited children.

This began a strong partnership between the Secret Service and the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children and resulted in the Secret Service providing critical forensic support, including polygraph examinations, handwriting examinations, fingerprint research and identification, age progressions and regressions and audio and video enhancements to the National Center and the law enforcement in numerous missing children's cases.

However, there is a clear need to provide explicit statutory jurisdiction to

the Secret Service to continue this forensic and investigative support upon request from local law enforcement, or NCMEC.

I urge Members to support the Secret Service and NCMEC by cosponsoring the Secret Service Child Protection Act, H.R. 5389. Help the Secret Service continue their work on behalf of America's children.

ENSURING AMERICA'S NATIONAL AND ECONOMIC SECURITY

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

Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland. Mr. Speaker, America and the world must overcome the threat posed by Saddam Hussein's continuing effort to control or disrupt supplies of Arab oil. Successful completion of the House-Senate conference on a national energy bill is imperative to ensure America's national security and economic security.

Americans are 5 percent of the world's population, we use 25 percent of the world's oil production, and we produce 30 percent of the world's goods and services. We are the most energy-efficient and productive nation on Earth. However, America has only 2 percent of the world's known reserves of oil. America imports almost 60 percent of our oil, up from 32 percent in 1992 and 34 percent during the last Arab oil embargo. In 2002, Americans have already paid Saddam Hussein \$2.3 billion for oil we need to run our economy and our military.

Since 1970, oil production in the United States has declined, with only a tiny blip up from Alaska's Prudhoe Bay. Many experts agree that U.S. oil production will continue to decline, no matter what we do in terms of drilling.

A comprehensive energy bill with advances in conservation, efficiency and alternative and renewable forms of energy will strengthen America's economy and national security and lessen our dependence upon oil from Saddam Hussein.

HONORING JOSEF D'HEYGERS FOR HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO MATER DEI HIGH SCHOOL

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

Ms. SANCHEZ. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor Josef D'Heygers for his contributions to Mater Dei High School in Santa Ana and to our community.

Josef worked as a caretaker for Mater Dei High School for over 40 years, beginning in 1956. He has lived a modest life, living on campus in a trailer filled with crosses and Mater Dei memorabilia.

Josef recently donated his life savings to Mater Dei to assist with the school's plans to expand. His was one of

the top donations given to the campaign.

Mater Dei has always been Josef's family. He gave generously because he firmly believes that education keeps teenagers happy and out of trouble, and he wants his gift to offer students what they need for college and for a lifetime of success.

Josef was recently honored by Mater Dei by having the new counseling and classroom building named after him.

I think all of us can learn from Josef's generosity and his dedication to the education of our Nation's children.

SUPPORT BALANCED ENERGY PLAN TO SECURE TERRORIST- FREE FUTURE FOR AMERICA

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

Mr. REHBERG. Mr. Speaker, America is already at war. We are at war against terrorists and those that support evil.

Today we have an important decision to make: Will we continue to finance Saddam Hussein's war machine by buying his oil, or will we support energy independence? I stand here today in support of America and for using America's untapped energy resources.

While our sons and daughters bravely fight terrorism, there are those in this Chamber that would have America continue to import almost 60 percent of our oil from terrorist-sponsoring regimes.

I urge my colleagues to support a balanced energy plan to secure a terrorist-free America for our future.

RESERVATIONS CONCERNING PROPOSED ATTACK ON IRAQ

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

Mr. WU. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my grave reservations concerning this administration's proposed attack on Iraq. If there were evidence of an imminent threat against us or an attack on Iraq's neighbors, I would not hesitate to use force. But every successful American wartime President, Lincoln, Wilson, Roosevelt, Kennedy, presented evidence to the Nation and to the world that war was absolutely necessary, and thereby led a united Nation in purpose and in moral certitude.

Mr. Speaker, I want to quote a President who avoided becoming a wartime President. In averting a war with France almost 2 centuries ago, John Adams wrote to his wife, Abigail: "Great is the guilt of an unnecessary war."

If there is evidence of imminent necessity, I ask the administration to present it now. We owe it to ourselves, to the world, and to posterity.