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

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
October 2, 2002.

I hereby appoint the Honorable VITO FOSSELLA to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

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

PRAYER

Rabbi Gerald M. Kane, Temple Beth El, Las Cruces, New Mexico, offered the following prayer:

Dear God, Author of life, Creator of all:

As we gather today in this history-packed, awesome Chamber, we ask Your blessing on our esteemed Representatives as they continue to help chart a course for our Nation and its citizens.

Although the times in which we are blessed to live provide them with many legislative challenges, may they, guided by Your wisdom, seek the very best ways to keep our country free from prejudice, oppression and strife.

In these days of turbulence in our world, keep them steady in their deliberations. Inspire them to continue in their quest, not just for us, but for all citizens of this planet, to promote the values upon which this great Nation was founded: justice, liberty, equality, freedom and peace.

Let Your blessing rest upon them and be near to them. Grant them strength of body, of health, of mind.

Lift up Your countenance upon us all, and grant us Your most precious of blessings, the gift of shalom—balance and peace. 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The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

WELCOMING RABBI GERALD KANE

(Mr. SKEEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. SKEEN. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to welcome our guest chaplain, Rabbi Gerald Kane, the rabbi of Temple Beth El in Las Cruces, New Mexico. Jewish pioneers have played an important role in the development of New Mexico for almost 200 years. Since the establishment of the first synagogue in 1883, New Mexico has benefited from the wisdom of many learned Jewish leaders. Rabbi Kane has continued that proud tradition. He grew up in New Jersey and graduated from the University of Buffalo. He was ordained from Hebrew Union College in 1970. For his long record of distinguished service, he received a doctor of divinity from Hebrew Union College in 1995. Rabbi Kane has helped guide many outstanding organizations around the United States. He has worked tirelessly for education and interfaith cooperation throughout our communities. He created programs to stop violence toward women and children and for supporting the battle on mental health. Southern New Mexico has also benefited from his love of the theater and his commitment to bring the arts to students everywhere. I welcome Rabbi Kane to the House of Representatives and thank him for his opening prayer this morning.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from New York (Mr. McNULTY) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. McNULTY 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 one 1-minute speech at this point.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will put the question on approving the Journal and on motions to suspend the rules on which further proceedings were postponed on Tuesday, October 1, in the order in which that motion was entertained.

Votes will be taken in the following order:

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