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The House met at 10 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,
March 13, 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 Reverend Bryan K. Finch, Chaplain, U.S. Coast Guard Training Center, Yorktown, Virginia, offered the following prayer:

O Lord, we commend the interest of our dearest country to the protection of Your Almighty hand, especially in this day of new challenges and threats. Guide our leaders and this Congress to move with vigilance toward the tests ahead, and let them look beyond mere mortal understanding and seek wisdom and guidance from above. For what is decided here shall not remain here, but will impact the cause of freedom and those who love liberty across this world.

Impress upon our hearts the summation of all the commands, "To love the Lord our God, and to love our neighbor as ourselves."

Pour this truth into each heart in order that we may serve You and this country as servants of justice and mercy.

O Lord, these who have the mighty task of superintending hope and peace and freedom in this land and in distant countries, I commit them into Thy holy keeping.

In God's holy name this day we pray. 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The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.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 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.

WELCOME TO CHAPLAIN BRYAN FINCH OF OLDE YORKE CHAPEL, U.S. COAST GUARD TRAINING CENTER

(Mr. COBLE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his re-

marks and include extraneous material.)

Mr. COBLE. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to welcome as our guest chaplain today, Chaplain Bryan Finch of the Olde Yorke Chapel, U.S. Coast Guard Training Center, Yorktown, Virginia. I would also like to thank Chaplain Finch for his thoughtful and inspiring invocation.

Chaplain Finch is joined today by his wife and Captain John Gentile, who is the Commanding Officer of the Training Center.

Mr. Speaker, I came to know the chaplain last fall when the chief petty officers in the Tidewater, the Yorktown area, invited me to be their guest speaker for their annual gala. A great time was had by all. At that time the Chaplain expressed interest in joining us up here.

Chaplain Finch is an ordained Southern Baptist pastor, a graduate of LaGrange College in LaGrange, Georgia. He earned a Master of Divinity at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas, and also obtained a Masters of Theology in Culture and Religion at Princeton Theological Seminary in Princeton, New Jersey.

Chaplain Finch also has a distinguished military career, having served in both the Army and Navy. Upon graduation from high school, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy for 4 years. Chaplain Finch then went on to pursue his college seminary degrees and, upon completion, joined the Army where he served as Chaplain of the First Battalion, Sixth Infantry in Vilseck, Germany.

He later received an interservice transfer to the U.S. Navy and was commissioned in the Navy on January 7, 1991.

Presently, Chaplain Finch is assigned to the U.S. Coast Guard Training Center in Yorktown, Virginia, where he has served as Chaplain since June, 2000.

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Mr. Speaker, I would be remiss if I did not mention one of Chaplain Finch's most noteworthy contributions was his service on the Chaplain Emergency Response Team which was activated to assist in the aftermath of the events of September 11. Along with Chaplain Finch, there were 30-plus other Navy chaplains assigned to Coast Guard units who assisted in this effort, and at this time, I would like to submit their names for inclusion in the RECORD in recognition of their significant contribution, as well.

Mr. Speaker, again, I want to extend a cordial welcome to Chaplain Bryan Finch for being here today. His presence and blessing on this House means so much to me and the thousands of young men and women who proudly wear Coast Guard blue.

CHAPLAINS WHO SERVED WITH THE CERT AT
THE WORLD TRADE CENTER

CPT Leroy Gilbert, Chaplain of the Coast Guard, USCG HQ, Washington, DC.

CPT Thomas Murphy, USCG Academy, New London, CT.

CPT Ronald Swafford, USCG Pacific Area, Alameda, CA.

CPT Peter Larsen, U.S. Naval Reserve Chaplain.

CDR Wilbur Douglass, USCG Atlantic Area/Fifth CG District, Portsmouth, VA.

CDR Deborah Jetter, USCG RELSUP 106 (District Nine).

CDR Douglas Waite, Deputy Chaplain of the Coast Guard, Washington, DC.

CDR Derek Ross, USCG Training Center, Cape May, NJ.

CDR Lawrence Greenslit, USCG District Seven, Miami, FL.

CDR Steven Brown, USCG District Nine, Cleveland, OH.

CDR Richard Carrington, U.S. Naval Reserve Chaplain.

CDR Michael Doyle, U.S. Naval Reserve Chaplain.

LCDR Randall Brown, USCG Air Station, Cape Code, MA.

LCDR Thomasina Yuille, USCG District One, Boston, MA.

LCDR William Brown, USCG District Eight, New Orleans, LA.

LCDR James Jensen, USCG RELSUP 106 (District Thirteen).

LCDR Gregory Todd, USCG Activities New York, Staten Island, NY.

LCDR Manuel Biadog, USCG Training Center, Petaluma, CA.

LCDR Bryan Finch, USCG Training Center, Yorktown, VA.

LCDR Phillip Lee, USCG RELSUP 106 (District Eight).

LCDR Thomas Hall, USCG GANTSEC, San Juan, PR.

LCDR Brian Haley, USCG Academy, New London, Ct.

LCDR Dennis Boyle, USCG Air Station, Cape Code, MA.

LT Keith Shuley, USCG Training Center, Petaluma, CA.

LT Thomas Walcott, USCG Group, Milwaukee, WI.

LT Steven Bartell, USCG RELSUP 106 (District One).

LT James Finely, USCG Training Center, Yorktown, VA.

LT Alan Andraeas, USCG Air Station, Borinquen, PR.

LT Peter Rosa, USCG Group, St. Petersburg, FL.

LT Douglas Vrieland, USCG Group, Charleston, SC.

RAISING AWARENESS FOR THE
ERADICATION OF HIV/AIDS AND
TUBERCULOSIS

(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, one-third of the world, including 15 million Americans, are infected with tuberculosis. My State of Florida ranks among the top four in tuberculosis cases every year. Tuberculosis is the leading killer among people infected with HIV/AIDS, and both remain public health concerns that we must continue to address.

This year, in conjunction with the Miami-Dade County Health Department, the Florida Department of Health, the South Florida American Lung Association, and the Global Health Council and many other public health organizations, I am promoting a forum entitled "When HIV and TB Collide: A World TB Day Event." This conference will explore how unique partnerships between government, faith-based groups, and community-based organizations can together help combat the deadly combination between HIV/AIDS and tuberculosis that threatens the health and well-being of our communities. I urge my colleagues to help raise awareness on these diseases both globally and locally, and to continue working until they are eradicated from our world.

BRINGING ABDUCTED AMERICAN
CHILDREN HOME

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

Mr. LAMPSON. Mr. Speaker, I continue today with my story of Ludwig Koons. Last week, we left off with Jeff Koons finding his son abandoned by his mother and left in a dangerous and pornographic environment. Mr. Koons took Ludwig from this environment and returned with him to New York City where he immediately initiated divorce and custody proceedings in the Supreme Court of New York.

His ex-wife filed an appearance through counsel, and the parties agreed on joint custody of Ludwig. The agreement prohibited either party from removing the child from New York until a final ruling on the divorce. Both parties agreed to be accompanied by a bodyguard outside the home to ensure that Ludwig remain in New York City. The Supreme Court of New York ordered ratification of the parties' agreement, ruling that the parties were prohibited from removing Ludwig from the jurisdiction until further court order.

Well, Mr. Speaker, Ilona Staller ignored that court order and on June 9, 1994 abducted Ludwig to Italy. Neither the United States Government nor the Italian Government is working to help solve this problem.

Mr. Speaker, join me in helping bring Ludwig Koons and all American children home.

CALLING FOR THE IMMEDIATE RETURN OF
LIEUTENANT COMMANDER JOHN SPEICHER

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

Mr. PITTS. Mr. Speaker, we learned this week that there are credible reports that Saddam Hussein has been holding an American Navy pilot for the last 10 years. Lieutenant Commander Scott Speicher was shot down over Iraq during the Gulf War, and he has never been accounted for. Now, intelligence sources are saying Saddam Hussein captured him and has been holding him prisoner ever since.

Mr. Speaker, we know that Saddam Hussein does not follow the rules of peace or war. The world knows that he is a tyrant who murders his own people, and we know that he has repeatedly invaded his neighbors. Now it seems he may be secretly imprisoning an American officer.

To be clear, we do not know yet if this is true, but if it is, Saddam Hussein needs to return our pilot to us immediately. If he does not, the Government of Iraq will have to pay the consequences, and I do not need to point out that those consequences will be severe.

PRAYING FOR A SAFE RETURN
FOR MIRANDA GADDIS AND ASHLEY POND

(Ms. HOOLEY of Oregon asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. HOOLEY of Oregon. Mr. Speaker, I come before the House today to alert those who may be watching in Oregon and across the Nation to the tragic disappearance of two young teenagers from my district.

Miranda Gaddis and Ashley Pond, both 13 years of age, students at Gardiner Middle School in Oregon City and teammates on the school dance team, have been recently reported missing.

Ashley disappeared January 9, and Miranda vanished last Friday, March 8. Both were last seen by their mothers early in the morning as they left their homes at the Newell Village Creek apartments to catch the bus to school on South Beavercreek Road.

The FBI has recently stated that Ashley and Miranda's disappearances appear to be related and that foul play may be involved.

If anyone has any information regarding Ashley or Miranda's whereabouts, please contact your local FBI offices or the Oregon City Police Department.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the families of these girls and law enforcement as they continue to work tirelessly for the safe return of these girls.