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The House met at 10 a.m.

The Reverend David K. Stewart, Pastor, First United Methodist Church, Wayne, Michigan, offered the following prayer:

I dedicate this prayer this morning to a dear, dear friend who went to be the with the Lord on Monday, Delynn Roehrs of Beaverton, Michigan, a powerful woman in the Lord. Let us pray.

Dear Father in Heaven, Creator of heaven and Earth, You are the Lord of history. As it says in Daniel 2, when the mystery of King Nebuchadnezzar's dream was revealed to Daniel:

"Praise be to You, God, forever and ever;

"Wisdom and power are Yours.

"You change time and season;

"You set up kings and depose them.

"You give wisdom to the wise and knowledge to the discerning.

"You reveal deep and hidden things;

"You know what lies in darkness, and light dwells with You."

Give us wisdom and power. Make known to us the wisdom we ask of You for our deliberations today. May we know and do Your will.

In conflict, may we be Your instrument of justice and not the object of Your wrath. May we make the effort to live in peace with all.

We pray for wisdom that we might practice frugality and prudence balanced with compassion and vision, that our actions today and in the future will constitute a blessed inheritance for our children and succeeding generations.

This we pray in the name of the Lord, 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. QUINN. 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. QUINN. 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. 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The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.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. Will the gentleman from Tennessee (Mrs. BLACKBURN) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. BLACKBURN 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 bills of the following titles in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 153. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, to establish penalties for aggravated identity theft, and for other purposes.

S. 342. An act to amend the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act to make improvements to and reauthorize programs under that Act, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that pursuant to Public Law 94-304, as amended by Public Law 99-7, the Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, appoints the following Senators as members of the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (Helsinki)

during the One Hundred Eighth Congress—

The Senator from Kansas (Mr. BROWNBACK);

The Senator from Oregon (Mr. SMITH);

The Senator from Texas (Mrs. HUTCHISON); and

The Senator from Georgia (Mr. CHAMBLISS).

The message also announced that pursuant to Public Law 100-458, the Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, reappoints William E. Cresswell, of Mississippi, to the Board of Trustees of the John C. Stennis Center for Public Service Training and Development, for a six-year term, commencing on October 11, 2002.

The message also announced that pursuant to Public Law 68-541, as amended by Public Law 102-246, the Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, in consultation with the Democratic Leader, reappoints John W. Kluge, of New York, as a member of the Library of Congress Trust Fund Board for a term of five years.

The message also announced that pursuant to Public Law 106-286, the Chair, on behalf of the President of the Senate, and after consultation with the Majority Leader, appoints the following Members to serve on the Congressional-Executive Commission on the People's Republic of China:

The Senator from Kansas (Mr. BROWNBACK).

The Senator from Oregon (Mr. SMITH).

The Senator from Wyoming (Mrs. THOMAS).

The Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS).

The Senator from Nebraska (Mr. HAGEL), Chairman.

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