forms of fundraising to occur in this country. We all want the peace process to be successful in the United Kingdom with regard to Northern Ireland.

So I wanted to share with the American people and with my colleagues my dismay and my disappointment with the President of the United States and with regard to how he is treating Gerry Adams and the Sinn Fein Party.

WE MUST SPEAK UP AGAINST TYRANNY AND HORROR AND EVIL SO IT WILL NOT BE REPEATED

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of May 12, 1995, the gentlewoman from Texas [Ms. JACKSON-LEE] is recognized during morning business for 5 minutes.

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, this past Sunday in Houston we had somewhat of the joy and celebration and elation of long years of toil for Jewish citizens in our community to give back a measure of their life and their history to those of us living in Houston, TX, for 2,000 individuals attended the opening of the Holocaust Museum in Houston, TX. Participating in that ceremony, I listened to the recounting of the toiling and the hard work that helped to bring about this outstanding facility for our community. There was a chronicling of how the idea started, and how it generated, and how it grew. But there was a sense of love and appreciation for all who gathered for a recognition of the true symbol of this Holocaust Museum, an acknowledgment of the tragedy of tyranny and the horror of silence, 6 million lost in Germany and other places before and through World War II.

We heard from Benjamin Meed, president of the American Gathering Federation of Jewish Holocaust Survivors, and he eloquently reminded us, ''every survivor, and there are many here, can recall someone near death saying, if you survive, tell the story.'' It was not done in harshness or meanness, but it was done in the spirit of educating all of us that if we fail to speak up against tyranny and horror and evil, we are doomed to repeat that same horror.

It was interesting to hear holocaust survivor William Morgan describe what the building meant to some 350 survivors in the Houston area. ''This holocaust museum in Houston I call the House of Love,'' Morgan said. ''It will remove the hate from the hearts that enter. It will unite all of us no matter what race or color.''

I found that to be most striking in the shadow of the tragedies that are occurring all over the world, and I stand now to vigorously condemn the horrorful bombing that is occurring in Israel, horrorful and vicious and inciting, clearly a major effort to undermine the powerful efforts of good men and good women. Certainly not in the spirit of Prime Minister Rabin and his efforts, followed now by Prime Minister Peres and Yasser Arafat, there would be those who call for death and condemnation of those leaders, and I simply ask for a reckoning, a reckoning that we must move forward in peace, however vile these acts, however wrenching, however deep the pain we feel embedded in our heart.

As I read yesterday's paper, the headlines said everybody is crying, crying with our soul, crying with our minds, crying in confusion. But you see that is the purpose of the evil doers, for they are certainly seeking to destroy the progress made in the peace talks.

I would ask that this Congress, as it gathers to deliberate, and this administration, seek to reinforce the policies that have allowed the peace discussions to go forward, be tempered in their discussion and debate to find the real solution that will respond to the evil doers by punishing them, and promote those who would do good. These peace talks, as I understand from the leadership on both sides of this issue, from the Arab world and the Israeli world, must go forward, and it is certainly difficult in the shadow of these great tragedies, and it is great, the loss of children, men and women, disruption of families, the fear for their lives, the violation of the sanctity of a sovereign nation. But we must stand for peace and moving forward.

I will simply ask that as we rise to speak, in grief of course, that our remarks are in fact tempered, but that they are strong with the desire to ensure that people can live in peace, and that peace negotiations are respected, and that the evil doers be caught and condemned and penalized.

As I listened to my colleague, the gentlewoman from Colorado [Mrs. SCHROEDER], this is the month to celebrate women, and it was interesting, Mr. Speaker, as I close, that we had a schoolteacher, dressed in a mask for the Purim celebration, bring to our attention God's, promise to Noah in Genesis 9: 14–15:

> And it shall come to pass when I bring a cloud over the Earth that the bow shall be seen in the cloud and I will remember my covenant and the waters shall no more become a flood to destroy all flesh.

Let us believe, and let us realize together that we can bring peace to this world, to Israel and the Arab world.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, the House stands in recess until 11 a.m.

Accordingly (at 9 o'clock and 53 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess until 11 a.m.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore [Mr. ROGERS] at 11 a.m.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Rev. James David Ford, D.D., offered the following prayer:

Open our eyes, O God, so we have a better vision of Your glory; guide our words so we speak good news; strengthen our hands so we do the works of justice and peace, and move our hearts to feel compassion toward every person. For all these gifts and the blessings of life, we offer this prayer of thanksgiving. 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. GOSS. 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 Chair's approval of the Journal.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. GOSS. 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 5 of rule I, further proceedings on this question are postponed.

The point of order is considered withdrawn.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentlewoman from Wyoming [Mrs. CUBIN] come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. CUBIN 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.

SUNDRY MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Sundry messages in writing from the President of the United States were communicated to the House by Mr. Edwin Thomas, one of his secretaries.

ON AMENDMENT PROCEDURE ON H.R. 2703, THE EFFECTIVE DEATH PENALTY AND ANTITERRORISM BILL

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

Mr. GOSS. Mr. Speaker, the Rules Committee is planning to meet this Friday, March 8, to grant a rule on H.R. 2703, the effective death penalty

and antiterrorism bill. Subject to the approval of the Rules Committee, this rule may include a provision limiting amendments to those specified in the rule.

Any Member who desires to offer an amendment should submit 55 copies and a brief explanation of the amendment by noon on Thursday, March 7, to the Rules Committee, at room H–312 in the Capitol.

Members who filed amendments last December to H.R. 1710, the Comprehensive Antiterrorism Act, do not have to file those same amendments again. Those amendments were already drafted to the text of H.R. 2703. Members should use the Office of Legislative Counsel to ensure that their amendments are properly drafted and should check with the Office of the Parliamentarian to be certain their amendments comply with the rules of the House.

PERMISSION FOR SUNDRY COMMITTEES AND THEIR SUBCOMMITTEES TO SIT TODAY DURING THE 5-MINUTE RULE

Mr. GOSS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the following committees and their subcommittees be permitted to sit today while the House is meeting in the Committee of the Whole House under the 5-minute rule. Committee on Agriculture, Committee on Commerce, Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, Committee on International Relations, Committee on National Security, Committee on Resources, Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence.

It is my understanding that the minority has been consulted and that there is no objection to these requests.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Florida?

There was no objection.

IN SUPPORT OF ANTITERRORIST LEGISLATION

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

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, the heinous terrorist bombings in Israel that have claimed the lives of more than 50 Israelis, Americans, and others, and injured more than 150 have shocked all Americans. They must be stopped.

Today I plan to introduce legislation calling upon Yasir Arafat, and the Palestinian leadership to crack down decisively against the terrorists and those who support them.

My resolution also calls for a review of United States assistance to the Palestinians, and calls upon President Clinton to consider making available to Israel appropriate antiterrorist and intelligence resources.

I urge my colleagues to cosponsor and support his measure.

Finally, Mr. Speaker, our Committee on International Relations will hold a hearing on Tuesday, March 12, into these vicious attacks, and on compliance of the PLO with the commitments it has made to the peace process.

SMALL BUSINESS RELIEF

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

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, this afternoon the Republican leadership is brining up the Small Business Relief and Regulatory Accountability Act. This is nothing more than the Contract With America repackaged.

It is an effort to bog down Federal agencies, particularly those involved with the environment such as the EPA, so that they cannot get the job done. From the beginning of this session last year, the Republicans made a point that they were going to push through regulatory reform. But this regulatory reform is nothing more than but an effort to burden departments and agencies that protect our public health and safety with duplicative and unnecessary paperwork and bureaucracy.

It is a shame that the Republican leadership is going to try again to raise this issue and do what is necessary, what they think they can do to break down environmental protection and make it impossible for the EPA and other agencies that protect our environment and protect our public health from doing their job. But we will have to fight it again today and make the point that this is not the way that Congress should be run.

IN SUPPORT OF H.R. 994, SMALL BUSINESS GROWTH AND ADMINISTRATIVE ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 1996

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

Mr. BALLENGER. Mr. Speaker, working Americans have suffered under the proregulation, protax policies of the Clinton administration. In 1993, Bill Clinton enacted the largest tax increase in history. Since then, average working Americans have had to deal with higher taxes on one hand, and stagnant wages on the other.

Under President Reagan family income increased, the economy grew, and economic confidence soared. Today, the Clinton administration is overjoyed if growth is over 2 percent in a year. That's simply not getting the job done. We need faster economic growth and the way we do that is by easing the burden of Government. We need to cut taxes for families and cut repetitive and burdensome regulation on small business.

Mr. Speaker, later today we will vote on H.R. 994. This bill will help create a cheaper and more effective regulatory system and let small businesses do what they do so well—create jobs and grow the American economy.

EDUCATION CUTS

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

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, yesterday I visited a local school in my district and met with parents and educators, the people we entrust with the lives of our children, with the future of our Nation.

Mr. Speaker, these dedicated people are afraid that the devastating education cuts passed by my Republican colleagues spell disaster for our schools and for our children.

The temporary spending bill which expires in a week includes deep cuts in basic skills training and in Federal violence prevention funds to keep our schools safe. In my State of Connecticut, these cuts alone amount to a $9 million loss in aid to education.

At a time when Americans are anxious about their job security and in an age the income you earn is tied to the skills you have learned, education is the last place we should cut.

This week, we are scheduled to take up an extension of the spending bill through the end of the fiscal year. I urge my Republican colleagues to do more than pay lipservice to the anxiety in the American workplace. Retreat from your extreme agenda. Restore the funds you took from our classrooms, and give our students the tools they need.

PASS H.R. 994

(Mrs. CUBIN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. CUBIN. Mr. Speaker, later today we will take up H.R. 994, the Small Business Growth and Administrative Accountability Act. H.R. 994 will improve the Federal regulatory system and is the first step toward ending the Clinton crunch.

For too long small businesses have been subjected to a flood of regulation and compliance costs. It is estimated that for the smallest of businesses—those with only one to four employees—the regulatory costs per employee are over $30,000. It is no wonder that so many people today feel that the entrepreneurial spirit is being choked by Washington taxes, Washington regulation, and Washington interference.

Today we have the chance to do something about this problem. Today we can send a message to small business owners and those who dream one day of owning their own business. Let's pass H.R. 994 and fix the burdensome regulatory system and let small businesses do what they do best: create jobs.

SUPREME COURT RULING

(Mr. TRAFICANT asked and was given permission to address the House