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The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. LATOURETTE).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
June 19, 1998.

I hereby designate the Honorable STEVEN C. LATOURETTE to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NEWT GINGRICH,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

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

With gratefulness and joy we celebrate that Your grace, O God, is sufficient for all our needs and available to us in all the reaches of our lives. If we live with the good fortune of life, You are there, and if we suffer and know anguish, You are there. Whether in the heights of happiness or in the depths of despair, whether at the end of the day or at the morning light, in youth or age, in all the seasons of our existence, we can be confident that Your spirit leads us and Your grace accepts us, whatever we have been and wherever we are.

For all these great gifts, O God, we offer our praise and 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.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. BALLENGER) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. BALLENGER 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. Lundregan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate had passed without amendment a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 1316. An act to amend chapter 87 of title 5, United States Code, with respect to the order of precedence to be applied in the payment of life insurance benefits.

The message also announced that the Senate passed bills of the following titles, in which concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 1104. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to make corrections in maps relating to the Coastal Barrier Resources System.

S. 1279. An act to amend the Indian Employment, Training and Related Services Demonstration Act of 1992 to provide for the transfer of services and personnel from the Bureau of Indian Affairs to the Office of Self-Governance, to emphasize the need for job creation on Indian reservations, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that pursuant to sections 276h–276k of title 22, United States Code, as amended, the Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, appoints the following Senators as members of the Senate Delegation to the Mexico-United States Interparliamentary Group meeting during the Second Session of the One Hundred Fifth Congress, to be held in Morelia, Mexico, June 19–21, 1998—

The Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS); and

The Senator from Alabama (Mr. SESSIONS).

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces that he will entertain five 1-minutes on each side.

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY FROM THE FATHERHOOD PROMOTION TASK FORCE

(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, as the co-chair of the Task Force on Fatherhood Promotion, I rise today to discuss the importance of a faithful father.

With Father's Day this Sunday, it is vital that we pause to thank the men across this country who have given time to their children, love them, discipline them and show their commitment to keeping a family together.

When more than 50 percent of all adults agree that fathers today spend less time with their children than their own fathers did with them, this should cause us to pause. We must consider the reality that only if we spend time with our kids now will they desire time with us later.

As Father's Day comes and goes again, we should resolve that the most important relationship we will ever cultivate will not be here in the halls of Congress, or over dinner downtown, or at a campaign fund-raiser, but will be the ones that develop in our own homes.

To all those fathers who are working to be good dads:

Keep up the valuable work that you are doing. Society and, most importantly, your own kids will say, ''Thank you.''

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