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House of Representatives

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

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
July 18, 2001.

I hereby appoint the Honorable RAY LAHOOD to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

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

PRAYER

The Reverend H. Warren Casiday, Emanuel Reformed United Church of Christ, Thomasville, North Carolina, offered the following prayer:

May we join in prayer, please. O Lord, Our Lord, how majestic is Your Name in all the Earth. We pause at this moment to turn our hearts and minds toward You.

God, You have called each of these fine men and women to the respective positions in this great House to serve You, to serve their constituents, to serve each citizen of our great country. Bless each Representative as they respond to Your call.

Grant each of them wisdom as they seek to understand what is both right and necessary for America at this time. Grant that they may have the courage to reach the decisions that will be consistent with Your desires for our Nation. Grant each Representative the peace that comes with the knowledge that they have attempted to do Your will for our country. May You continue to bless this great Nation of ours through the faithful service of each Member of this distinguished House.

By Your grace, may each of these requests be granted. I offer this prayer in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. 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The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.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 Ohio (Mr. KUCINICH) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. KUCINICH 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 has passed with amendment in which the concurrence of the House is requested, a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 333. An act to amend title 11, United States Code, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the Senate insists upon its amendment to the bill (H.R. 333) ''An Act to amend title 11, United States Code, and for other purposes,'' requests a conference with the House on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and appoints: Mr. LEAHY, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. KOHL, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. HATCH, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. KYL, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. SESSIONS, and Mr. MCCONNELL, to be the conferees on the part of the Senate.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces there will be 10 1-minutes per side, beginning with the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. COBLE), the sponsor of the guest chaplain today.

WELCOME TO GUEST CHAPLAIN, THE REVEREND H. WARREN CASIDAY

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

Mr. COBLE. Mr. Speaker, Thomasville, North Carolina, is known as the chair capital of the world. It is also the home of the Emanuel Reformed United Church of Christ, where our guest Chaplain today has served for the past 7 years. We are pleased to have Warren, his wife, Marie, and son, Jason, with us today.

Mr. Speaker, I visited the Emanuel Church many months ago for a dinner on the grounds, and on that day some

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