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

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

Washington, DC, August 1, 2001.

I hereby appoint the Honorable JOHN E. SWEENEY to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

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

PRAYER

The Reverend Gregory S. Cox, Senior Pastor, Warwick Assembly of God Church, Hampton, Virginia, offered the following prayer:

Our Lord and our God, we are thankful for Your gracious favor upon this distinguished House. The wisdom and authority You have entrusted to this legislature have helped forge a Nation unparalleled in human history. Every man and woman elected to serve here is important. Each has a part in continuing our heritage. Grant them Your wisdom today.

We are grateful for their selfless and tireless commitment to public service and for the often unheralded sacrifices they make to improve the lives of the American people. Grant them Your strength today.

Be with those gathered in this great hall. Direct their steps. Guide their discussions and debates. Enable them to construct and enact laws that will serve and protect all of the people of this land, from the onset of life to natural death. Help each one to remember their sacred responsibility as guardians of our inalienable rights—life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness—endowed by Your hand, O God. Grant them boldness today.

Bless all assembled here, as well as their families, with Your merciful care and protection. Grant them understanding today, both to know and obey Your will, as they serve the American people with diligence and distinction.

And finally, O God, grant all of us the courage to stand together, as people of goodwill, not driven by the pursuit of our own selfish interests or clamoring for the satisfaction of our own individual desires, but instead motivated by the dream of working together to build a good and just society where people can serve You in freedom and in peace to the glory of Your great name.

This we ask in the name of God, our Father, and his son, the Lord Jesus Christ, our redeemer, and the Holy Spirit, our powerful advocate and counselor. 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.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Lundregan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed a bill of the following title in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. Con. Res. 45. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress that the Humane Methods of Slaughter Act of 1958 should be fully enforced so as to prevent needless suffering of animals.

The message also announced that the Senate has passed with amendments in which the concurrence of the House is requested, a bill of the House of the following title:

H. R. 2647. An act making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the Senate insists upon its amendments to the bill (H.R. 2647) ''An Act making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, and for other purposes,'' requests a conference with the House on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and appoints Mr. DURBIN, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. REED, Mr. BYRD, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. STEVENS, and Mr. COCHRAN, to be the conferees on the part of the Senate.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 2761 of title 22, United States Code, as amended, the Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, and upon the recommendation of the Republican Leader, appoints

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the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) as Vice Chairman of the Senate Delegation to the British-American Interparliamentary Group during the One Hundred Seventh Congress.

The message also announced that in accordance with sections 1928a–1928d of title 22, United States Code, as amended, the Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, appoints the Senator from Oregon (Mr. SMITH) as Vice Chairman of the Senate Delegation to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization Parliamentary Assembly during the One Hundred Seventh Congress.

PASTOR GREGORY S. COX

(Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS of Virginia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor and privilege to welcome Pastor Greg Cox as our guest chaplain this morning. Pastor Cox is the Senior Pastor of Warwick Assembly of God Church in Hampton, Virginia.

Pastor Cox serves as Presbyter of the Tidewater North Section of the Potomac District of the Assemblies of God, and also serves on the board of directors for Youth Challenge and Mid-Atlantic Teen Challenge.

Both of these organizations are dedicated to liberating teens and young adults from drug and alcohol addiction and other life-controlling problems.

Pastor Cox also holds a seat on the Ministry Cabinet of the National Clergy Council, a consortium of thousands of pastors from across the Nation dedicated to liberty and the sanctity of human life.

In 2001, Pastor Cox directed the National Day of Prayer activities in Hampton, Virginia, and has served his denomination in State and national committees.

Pastor Cox, a devoted husband and father of three, is a man of stellar reputation and high ideals. It is an honor to have such a man of integrity and faith represent my district today.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Today the Chair will entertain 10 1-minutes for each side.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL MINORITY DONOR AWARENESS DAY

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

Mr. GIBBONS. Mr. Speaker, today is National Minority Donor Awareness Day. Observed every year on August 1, National Minority Donor Awareness Day is an intensive awareness campaign reaching out to minorities of all ethnic groups.

The awareness campaign seeks to address organ and tissue donation fears and obstacles of specific concerns to minorities.

The campaign also promotes healthy living and disease prevention, and seeks to increase the number of people who sign donor cards and actually become donors.

Also, this day increases awareness of behaviors that may lead to the need for transplantation, such as smoking, alcohol and substance abuse, and poor nutrition.

Several communities will be holding activities in observance of National Minority Donor Day, and I support these efforts wholeheartedly.

Over 77,500 patients are currently waiting for an organ transplant. The more donors we can recruit, the more lives we can save.

REPUBLICAN ENERGY POLICY DOES NOTHING ABOUT PRICES

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

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, the Republican energy bill on the floor today does nothing about the prices, the obscene prices, that we are still paying for electricity in California and the West.

If we had to pay for a loaf of bread what we are paying for energy today, we would be paying the equivalent of $19.99 for this loaf of bread. At times, we have been paying almost $200.

What does this energy bill do for us on the West Coast? Absolutely nothing. It may give us just a few crumbs, and I will tell this body that 65 percent of my small businesses face bankruptcy because of the high prices. When this bill passes, all of my small businesses will be toast.

NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY MAKES VALUABLE CONTRIBUTIONS TO COMMUNITIES IT SERVES

(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, I congratulate Nova Southeastern University for striving to make valuable contributions to the communities that it serves. It has made exciting educational partnerships with three south Florida public schools: Miami-Dade, Broward and Palm Beach Counties.

With the help of influential business and educational leaders, South Florida has strengthened its pledge to community service and renewed its commitment to excellence in education.

On September 20 and 21, Nova will build an awareness and support system for local and educational improvement efforts through an ''Educational Express'' Back to School tour.

I congratulate the public/private partnerships and the following participating schools in my congressional district: Dr. Michael Krop High School; Coral Way Bilingual Elementary; and Miami Edison Middle School.

Because of these partnerships, students in these schools will gain more self-esteem, commit to high academic standards, improve their mastery of reading, writing, math and science, and contribute to their communities.

I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating Nova Southeastern University and all of its partners who are working to prepare our Nation's future leaders.

PENTAGON WAVED OLD GLORY WRONG WAY

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

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, news reports say the Pentagon is stuck with 600,000 black berets made in China, and the Pentagon is storing these Communist hats in a warehouse in Pennsylvania.

If that is not enough to bust your balloons, the Pentagon is trying to sell these Communist hats to foreign countries; and guess what the Pentagon is hearing from these foreign countries. Why would we buy them? Why would we want our troops to wear hats made in China?

Beam me up. The Pentagon just did not wave the Buy American Act, the Pentagon waved Old Glory the wrong way.

Mr. Speaker, I suggest that these Chinese berets be made into suppositories and be used on Pentagon brass.

CONGRESS NEEDS TO WORK HARD TO IMPLEMENT PRESIDENT'S ENERGY PLAN

(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, every American relies on energy to live a quality life. We need gasoline to get to work or go to the store, take the kids to baseball practice. We need electricity to power up our computers. We need natural gas to heat our hot water and cook our meals.

None of us can do without it, no matter how conservation-minded and frugal we are. That is why Congress needs to work hard to implement the President's energy plan.

Some in Washington have been calling for price caps which will not solve the problem. You cannot ignore the law of supply and demand. Those of us arguing for price caps are ignoring the law of supply and demand, and would actually lead us to a cut in supply if they had their way.

No, only the President's balanced, reasonable and comprehensive approach will work. It is not a quick fix, but that is because there is not one. All the more reason to get started now.