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The House met at 12 noon.

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

We acknowledge, O God, that there is the temporal and the eternal in our lives and in the affairs of every person. We know too that so much that we think important and necessary passes away and remains as a fading memory. We know also the daily reality of a vibrant faith that we can have in Your word, a trust that transcends all the power and pomp of a busy world. Teach us, gracious God, to focus not on the transient, but on the eternal, so we may truly gain a heart of wisdom. In Your name we pray. 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. BARRETT of Nebraska. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to clause 1, rule I, I demand a vote on agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

Mr. SPEAKER. The question is on the Chair's approval of the Journal.

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

Mr. BARRETT of Nebraska. 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 the provisions of clause 1, rule I, the Chair will postpone the vote until later in the day.

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentlewoman from Florida [Ms. BROWN] come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. BROWN of Florida 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.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. A recent misuse of handouts on the floor of the House has been called to the attention of the Chair and the House. At the bipartisan request of the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct, the Chair announces that all handouts distributed on or adjacent to the House floor by Members during House proceedings must bear the name of the Member authorizing their distribution. In addition, the content of those materials must comport with standards of propriety applicable to words spoken in debate or inserted in the RECORD. Failure to comply with this admonition may constitute a breach of decorum and may give rise to a question of privilege.

The Chair would also remind Members that pursuant to clause 4, rule XXXII, staff are prohibited from engaging in efforts in the Hall of the House or rooms leading thereto to influence Members with regard to the legislation being amended. Staff cannot distribute handouts.

In order to enhance the quality of debate in the House, the Chair would ask Members to minimize the use of handouts.

RESIGNATION FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following resignation from the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR,
Springfield, IL, September 8, 1995.

Hon. NEWT GINGRICH,
Speaker of the House of Representatives, U.S. Congress, Washington, DC.

DEAR SPEAKER GINGRICH: Attached please find the official letter of resignation from Congressman Mel Reynolds of Illinois' Second Congressional District.

Pursuant to state law, I will take the appropriate steps to fill the vacancy created by Congressman Reynolds' resignation. Please do not hesitate to let me know if you have any questions regarding this or any other matter.

Sincerely,

JIM EDGAR,
Governor.

Attachment.

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, September 1, 1995.

Hon. JIM EDGAR,
Governor, State of Illinois,
Springfield, IL.

DEAR GOVERNOR: Tonight I shall be announcing my resignation from the 104th Congress. Please receive this letter as formal notice to you of my official resignation effective October 1, 1995.

It has been both an honor and a privilege to serve the people of the Second Congressional District of Illinois.

Sincerely,

MEL REYNOLDS.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, September 27, 1995.

Hon. NEWT GINGRICH,
The Speaker, U.S. House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR SPEAKER GINGRICH: Pursuant to the permission granted in clause 5 of rule III of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following messages from the Secretary of the Senate on Tuesday, September 26, 1995 at 11:10 a.m.:

That the Senate agreed to the conference report on H.R. 1817; that the Senate passed

□ This symbol represents the time of day during the House proceedings, e.g., □ 1407 is 2:07 p.m.

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