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The House met at 10 a.m.

The Reverend Dr. Ronald F. Christian, Office of the Bishop, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Washington, DC, offered the following prayer:

Almighty God, we acknowledge this day as always that You are the one who is worthy to be held in reverence by all the people, from the least of us to the greatest, and so, we pray, kindle within each of us the spark of Your love so that all of Your children may know of Your goodness and gracious care. We pray, guide and direct those who are called and selected to be leaders of others, so that choices and decisions will always be based on what will bring dignity and honor to Your people. We pray, show us the great waste of our wrath and our rage, and give us O God, good will to all and peace in our time, peace among nations, and peace in our hearts. 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.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Michigan [Mr. KILDEE] come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. KILDEE 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. The Chair desires to make an announcement.

After consultation with the majority and minority leaders, and with their consent and approval, the Chair announces that during the joint meeting to hear an address by His Excellency Shimon Peres, only the doors immediately opposite the Speaker, and those on his right and left will be open.

No one will be allowed on the floor of the House who does not have the privilege of the floor of the House.

Due to the large attendance which is anticipated, the Chair feels that the rule regarding the privilege of the floor must be strictly adhered to.

Children of Members will not be permitted on the floor, and the cooperation of all Members is requested.

RECESS

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to the order of the House of Thursday, December 7, 1995, the House will stand in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 4 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

During the recess, beginning at about 10 o'clock and 53 minutes a.m., the following proceedings were had:

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JOINT MEETING OF THE HOUSE AND SENATE TO HEAR AN ADDRESS BY HIS EXCELLENCY SHIMON PERES, PRIME MINISTER OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL

The Speaker of the House presided.

The Assistant to the Sergeant at Arms, Richard Wilson, announced the Vice President and Members of the U.S. Senate, who entered the Hall of the House of Representatives, the Vice President taking the chair at the right of the Speaker, and the Members of the Senate the seats reserved for them.

The SPEAKER. On the part of the House, the Chair appoints as members

of the committee to escort the Prime Minister of the State of Israel into the Chamber: the gentleman from Texas [Mr. ARMEY]; the gentleman from Texas [Mr. DELAY]; the gentleman from Ohio [Mr. BOEHNER]; the gentleman from New York [Mr. GILMAN]; the gentleman from Louisiana [Mr. LIVINGSTON]; the gentleman from New York [Mr. SOLOMON]; the gentleman from Indiana [Mr. BURTON]; the gentleman from Alabama [Mr. CALLAHAN]; the gentleman from New Mexico [Mr. SCHIFF]; the gentleman from New York [Mr. LAZIO]; the gentleman from Missouri [Mr. GEPHARDT]; the gentleman from Michigan [Mr. BONIOR]; the gentleman from California [Mr. FAZIO]; the gentlewoman from Connecticut [Mrs. KENNELLY]; the gentleman from Indiana [Mr. HAMILTON]; the gentleman from Illinois [Mr. YATES]; the gentleman from Wisconsin [Mr. OBEY]; the gentleman from Texas [Mr. FROST]; the gentleman from California [Mr. BERMAN]; and the gentleman from Florida [Mr. HASTINGS].

The VICE PRESIDENT. The President of the Senate, at the direction of that body, appoints the following Senators as a committee on the part of the Senate to escort the Prime Minister of the State of Israel into the Chamber: the Senator from Kansas [Mr. DOLE]; the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. LOTT]; the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. NICKLES]; the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN]; the Senator from Florida [Mr. MACK]; the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. THURMOND]; the Senator from New York [Mr. D'AMATO]; the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. DASCHLE]; the Senator from Kentucky [Mr. FORD]; the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI]; the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. PELL]; the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY]; the Senator from Michigan [Mr. LEVIN]; the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN]; and the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER].

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

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