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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore [Mr. GOODLATTE].

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
September 26, 1996.

I hereby designate the Honorable BOB GOODLATTE to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NEWT GINGRICH,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

Rabbi Melvin Glazer, Congregation Olam Tikvah, Fairfax, VA, offered the following prayer:

Next week the Jewish people will celebrate the holiday of Simhat Torah, the festival when we will conclude the reading of the Torah, the five Books of Moses. As we recite the final words

from the Book of Deuteronomy, we will join together and chant, "hazak hazak ve'nithazek"—Be strong, Be strong, and let us strengthen one another. Our rabbinic commentators remind us that true strength can come only from striving together toward a shared ideal. We are strong because you who lead us care so passionately about America and its citizens.

As you will soon come to the end of this congressional session, you too will conclude yet another chapter in the glorious Torah of the United States. May you continue to remain strong—strengthening each other and strengthening America. May the God who created us all bless the work of your hands. 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 gentlewoman from Oregon [Ms. FURSE] come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. FURSE 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 bills and a concurrent resolution of the House of the following titles:

H.R. 2366. An act to repeal an unnecessary medical device reporting requirement;

H.R. 2508. An act to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to provide for

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improvements in the process of approving and using animal drugs, and for other purposes;

H.R. 2594. An act to amend the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act to reduce the waiting period for benefits payable under that Act, and for other purposes;

H.R. 2685. An act to repeal the Medicare and Medicaid Coverage Data Bank.

H.R. 3056. An act to permit a county-operated health insuring organization to qualify as an organization exempt from certain requirements otherwise applicable to health insuring organizations under the Medicaid program notwithstanding that the organization enrolls Medicaid beneficiaries residing in another country; and

H. Con. Res. 132. Concurrent resolution relating to the trial of Martin Pang for arson and felony murder.

The message also announced that the Senate agrees to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 3259) "An Act to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1997 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes."

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

S. 773. An act to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to provide for improvements in the process of approving and using animal drugs, and for other purposes; and

S. 1311. An act to establish a National Physical Fitness and Sports Foundation to carry out activities to support and supplement the mission of the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports, and for other purposes.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain ten 1-minutes on each side.

INTRODUCTION OF RABBI MELVIN J. GLAZER

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

Mr. DAVIS. Mr. Speaker, I have the honor today of introducing Rabbi Melvin J. Glazer, who has just offered the opening prayer today.

Rabbi Glazer was born in Atlanta, GA, in 1947. In 1969, he was graduated from Columbia University with a B.A. in philosophy and from the Jewish Theological Seminary with a BHL in modern Hebrew literature. He received an M.A. from JTS in 1972 and was ordained in 1974. In May 1995, he received a doctor of ministry from the Princeton Theological Seminary.

Before assuming his duties at Olam Tikvah, he pursued his calling in On-

tario, Canada; Nashville, TN; Grand Rapids, MI; and Princeton and South Orange, NJ. Wherever he has made his home, Rabbi Glazer played a vital and constructive role in the life of his community.

Rabbi Glazer and his wife Donna are the proud parents of four children. The eldest, Avi, age 18, is a freshman at Brandeis University. Ilan, age 16, attends Woodson High School in Fairfax County. Shoshane and Rafi are students at the Geshur Jewish Day School in Fairfax, where their mother is teaching today.

Rabbi Glazer defines his role as a cleric and teacher as helping "complete the work begun by God so long ago".

"We are commanded to 'get our hands dirty' in repairing this world of ours," he likes to say. It is entirely fitting that such a man can be with us here in this great Chamber today.

I am delighted to present Rabbi Melvin J. Glazer.

MORE EXTREMISM FROM THE GINGRICH-DOLE REVOLUTION

(Mr. PALLONE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, 2 years ago at approximately this time the Republicans held their signing ceremony for their Contract with America and its centerpiece, the crown jewel, the tax break, that would have primarily benefited wealthy Americans.

Shortly thereafter, the Gingrich-Dole revolution began, and attempts were made to make the largest Medicare cuts in history and the healthy care guarantees for children, families, and seniors, and the disabled under the Medicaid Program, turn back the clock on environmental protection, cut student loans, and eliminate the 100,000 Cops on the Beat Program and other effective tools for fighting crime.

The net results of these extreme Gingrich-Dole proposals was the Government shutdown of 1995, and it was the Democrats that ultimately stopped these extremist Republican measures.

One would think that the Gingrich-Dole team learned their lesson, but now we hear a repeat, if my colleagues will, on an even grander scale, with Dole's new economic plan that would usher in more extremism and draconian cuts to vital programs. Again the Democrats will be there stopping this Republican extremism.

THE UNITED NATIONS: ONE BIG MESS

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

Mr. KIM. Mr. Speaker, right now the U.N. General Assembly is meeting in New York City and it is demanding we give more and more money to the United Nations.

Now even Boutros Boutros-Ghali has proposed the idea of a new international tax, which means the American people pay income tax plus U.N. tax. How do my colleagues like that?

Last year alone, the United Nations spent more than \$4.6 billion. Guess how much our share was? Almost one-third. One-third we pay to the United Nations to support this.

Look at the United Nations chart, how complicated, how messy it is. This is what the United Nations looks like. Look at this. This is nothing. I took as an example one of the small agencies down in the Food Agriculture Organization. Look at how messy that is. That is what that is, one small agency, one small operation. Look at how complicated it is. If we look at some other agencies such as the International Development Program, I need a sixth of this.

That is what we are asking the United Nations to cut, by 22 percent, and my colleagues are calling us draconian, mean-spirited.

COLOMBIAN PRESIDENT SAYS "I KNOW NOTHING"

(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, Colombian President Ernesto Samper has been commended worldwide for presenting a new antinarcotics strategy to the United Nations. Politicians all over the world are singing his praises. I am one politician that does not.

Last week, 9 pounds of heroin were found on President Samper's private plane. He says, "I know nothing." Reports say the drug lords financed his presidential campaign to the tune of \$6 million. President Samper says, "I know nothing."

The truth is, President Samper is more forgetful than Sergeant Shultz, and it does not take Chief Inspector Clouseau to figure this out.

When we can find heroin and cocaine as easy as Tylenol on the streets of America, the President of Colombia must be drafting the antinarcotics strategy for the world, and we are paying the piper. If he is Serpico, I am the Jolly Green Giant.

I yield back the balance of all addiction in this country.

IS MEXICO REALLY IN DIRE STRAITS?

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

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, on January 31, President Clinton announced he was assembling a bailout for Mexico. This plan offered direct loans up to \$20 billion for Washington, DC, and \$27.8 billion from international agencies to help Mexico through its economic crisis. But did Mexico need all of it?