

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER
PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE. The gentleman is requested to delete his reference to individuals in the gallery.

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REPUBLICAN AGENDA

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

Mr. PAPPAS. Mr. Speaker, Republicans in the House have outlined a 13-point agenda to create a better America. Our agenda reflects a genuine desire to preserve America and to have a Nation that is safe and economically stable, but this whole process starts with protecting the American family.

Part of protecting the family is protecting life. The effort to end partial-birth abortions is crucial because this procedure denies human life and human dignity. But this whole matter of ending partial-birth abortion is not just a Republican versus Democrat or liberal versus conservative issue. Public support to end this barbaric procedure is very wide and very deep. Polls show 84 percent public approval of the ban.

A bipartisan group of Members of Congress have taken the lead on this issue, not because it is popular or politically expedient. We take the lead because it is right to protect life and, in doing that, the future of America.

CALLING FOR A NEW HEAD OF FBI
FORENSICS

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

Mr. OBEY. Mr. Speaker, I would like to invite Members of the House to join me in sending a letter to the Director of the FBI asking that he consider appointing our colleague, the gentleman from Indiana [Mr. BURTON], as the new head of the FBI forensics lab. Given the problems the FBI is having, he obviously has the ability to do the job.

He discovered, when nobody else did, that Vince Foster's body was moved. Second, he obviously has the experience because he used his backyard to fire a bullet into "a headlike object" to test his forensic theories. And certainly, in light of the revelations in the Washington Post yesterday about conversations with Pakistanis, he certainly can be counted on to run that lab with at least as much evenhandedness as he apparently will run the congressional investigation.

Of course, given his decision to exempt Congress from the review of his committee, that is indeed damning with faint praise.

THE AMERICAN FARMER

(Mr. CHAMBLISS asked and was given permission to address the House

for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CHAMBLISS. Mr. Speaker, today is National Agriculture Day across this country. It is fitting on such a day to thank the farming families who work hard every day to make the finest food and fiber in the world. Our country's entire farming community deserves a pat on the back for a job well done.

Just think, how often in your occupation does your paycheck depend on whether or not we get enough rain. Probably never. But for our country's farming families, it is a genuine concern every single year. Georgia's farmers not only help America produce the safest, highest quality and most affordable food supply in the world, but their contribution to our local economies is overwhelming. The revenue our farmers receive from their labors is pumped back into local economies where everyone from barbers to bakers benefit.

As you sit down over supper tonight, take a moment to thank the folks that made it possible, the American farmer. They deserve it.

QUESTIONABLE FUNDRAISING
ACTIVITIES

(Ms. DELAURO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, this week's news report makes it clear why my colleagues on the other side of the aisle have adamantly refused today to allow an investigation into 1996 Republican fundraising activities. As it turns out, the Republican chairman of the committee charged with investigating campaign fundraising improprieties has himself engaged in very, very questionable fundraising practices. Today's Washington Post editorial said it best: Mr. BURTON should step aside. To have this chairman preside over this investigation would make a mockery of the proceedings.

Let me quote the chairman. Calling the charges distortions and outright lies, he said, I have never tried to put the arm on anybody in my life. But he acknowledged asking Mark Siegel for cash and complaining to Pakistan's ambassador when he did not deliver. My, my, I think he protests too much on his lack of involvement here.

The chairman should step aside. The Washington Post said it best. To do any less would cast doubt on the integrity of this House and its ability to conduct a fair investigation.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Mr. OBEY. Mr. Speaker, I offer a preferential motion.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BARTON of Texas). The Clerk will report the motion.

The Clerk read as follows:

Mr. OBEY moves that the House do now adjourn.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion to adjourn

offered by the gentleman from Wisconsin [Mr. OBEY].

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the noes appeared to have it.

Mr. OBEY. 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. Evidently a quorum is not present.

The Sergeant at Arms will notify absent Members.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 183, nays 221, not voting 28, as follows:

[Roll No. 60]
YEAS—183

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| Baldacci | Hamilton | Obey |
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| Barrett (WI) | Hastings (FL) | Ortiz |
| Becerra | Hefner | Owens |
| Bentsen | Hilliard | Pallone |
| Berman | Hinojosa | Pascrell |
| Berry | Holden | Pastor |
| Bishop | Hooley | Payne |
| Blumenauer | Hoyer | Pelosi |
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| Borski | Jackson-Lee | Pickett |
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| Brown (FL) | Johnson, E.B. | Rivers |
| Brown (OH) | Kanjorski | Roemer |
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| Cummings | Lampson | Scott |
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| Delahunt | Lofgren | Skelton |
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| Deutsch | Maloney (CT) | Spratt |
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| Dingell | Manton | Strickland |
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| Doyle | Matsui | Thompson |
| Edwards | McCarthy (MO) | Thurman |
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| Evans | McHale | Velazquez |
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| Filner | McNulty | Waters |
| Foglietta | Meehan | Watt (NC) |
| Ford | Meek | Waxman |
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| Frost | Millender- | Wise |
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| Barr | Boehlert | Calvert |
| Barrett (NE) | Boehner | Camp |
| Bartlett | Bonilla | Campbell |
| Barton | Bono | Canady |
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