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The House met at 2 p.m.

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

Since You have created each person, O God, and have breathed into all people the very breath of life, we offer these words of prayer and thanksgiving for the mighty gifts of life that we celebrate each day.

When we contemplate our blessings and as we meditate on our responsibilities, we become more aware of the grandeur of Your creation and the majesty of Your gifts to us. May we use these gifts wisely and courageously as we seek to be Your people, doing the works of faith and hope and love. This is our earnest prayer. 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 Ohio [Mr. TRAFICANT] come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. TRAFICANT 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 clerk, announced that the Senate had passed a bill of the following title in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 495. An act to provide criminal and civil penalties for the unlawful acquisition, trans-

fer, or use of any chemical weapon or biological weapon, and to reduce the threat of acts of terrorism or armed aggression involving the use of any such weapon against the United States, its citizens, or Armed Forces, or those of any allied country, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that pursuant to Public Law 104-201, the Chair, on behalf of the majority leader, after consultation with the Democratic leader, appoints the following individuals as members of the Commission on Maintaining United States Nuclear Weapons Expertise: Henry G. Chiles, Jr. of Virginia; and Robert A. Hoover of Idaho.

### THE REPUBLICAN AGENDA

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

Mr. EWING. Mr. Speaker, I come here today to talk about the Republican agenda. I think that it is fitting and proper that we start to concentrate on those important areas of business left to this body and to this Congress.

Crime is and remains an important issue in the 15th District of Illinois and is an important part of our agenda. Securing our borders from threats of illegal entry by those trafficking drugs is very important in our battle to win the war on crime and drugs.

As recently as last Sunday, a Sunday evening news program, an exposé as you would have it, talked about the operation of our border patrols as we deal with those coming into our country who may be bringing drugs into this country. I think it was shocking to the American people. It was to me. If the evidence put forth in this television program were even partially true, we have a serious problem with our own enforcement.

Mr. Speaker, it is time to move on and to check this out.

ONE HUNDRED DAYS UNTIL ELDERLY AND DISABLED LEGAL IMMIGRANTS LOSE SSI BENEFITS

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

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, in exactly 100 days many thousands of elderly and disabled legal immigrants in our country will lose their only source of financial support, SSI, unless this Congress acts.

This is not about welfare reform, it is about community responsibility. It is not about moving a young parent from welfare to work, but about elderly people who cannot work. It is not about people who came here illegally, but people who came here under our laws, who now find themselves disabled, most often because of age and illness:

Asian-Americans caught up in the Vietnam war, often fighting on our side; Arab-Americans, many of whom fled the land of Saddam Hussein; people who, despite in numerous cases having defended their native land against Nazi invaders, left because of Soviet persecution against Jewish families; Hispanic-Americans dislocated by war or in pursuit of family reunification.

When the President signed the Personal Responsibility Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act, he made it completely clear he would propose legislation this year to correct the provisions on legal immigrants. Today I am introducing the bill that the President has proposed.

### WORLD BANK GIVING AMERICAN DOLLARS AWAY

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

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