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## House of Representatives

The House met at 11 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore [Mr. LAHOOD].

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,  
July 16, 1997.

I hereby designate the Honorable RAY LAHOOD to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NEWT GINGRICH,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

### PRAYER

The Reverend Joe Clark, pastor, Holy Spirit Catholic Church, Annandale, VA, offered the following prayer:

In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Heavenly Father, grant us in your merciful providence, right judgment in all things.

Help us to grow in virtue: to see as You see, to love as You love, to rule as You rule.

Impart to us Your holy and perfect wisdom that our laws may reflect Your loving plan.

Teach us to be generous servants of Your truth, knowing that it is in giving that we receive.

Perfect us in a freedom ordered to truth, confirm us in justice which leads to peace.

Bestow upon us the virtue of courage: To fight the good fight and to finish the race.

Teach us to serve the common good with loving generosity.

Most Holy God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, counsel us to greater reverence for all life from its natural beginning to its natural end.

O Most Holy God, have mercy on us all and forgive us our sins. 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 gentleman from Nevada [Mr. GIBBONS] come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. GIBBONS 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 PRESIDENT

A message in writing from the President of the United States was communicated to the House by Mr. Edwin Thomas, one of his secretaries.

### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

### WELCOME TO THE REVEREND JOE CLARK

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

Mr. MORAN of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, while Father Clark's church is actually in the district of the gentleman from Virginia [Mr. DAVIS], it is I who will introduce him.

Father Clark is the pastor of Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Annandale, VA. It may be of some interest that

Father Joe Clark is the grandson of the campaign manager and the speech writer for James Michael Curley, the former mayor of Boston. But I am sure that Father Clark is making amends for that by serving his parish very well. Actually, I only say that in jest. I know his grandfather would be very proud of him today as he is rightfully proud of his grandfather. And every Irishman should be proud of all that Mayor Curley did for the Boston Irish.

Father Clark is a modest man of the cloth, but I would like to address a few remarks about someone who is neither, but is in the audience today, Mr. Patrick Troy, who is a guest with Father Clark. Pat Troy deserves to be recognized today.

For the last 35 years he has done a great deal for this country, particularly for the Irish-American community, and on the 150th anniversary of the great potato famine that brought so many Irish into the United States, Mr. Troy should be recognized as one of the most effective representatives of the Irish-Americans in this country.

Twenty-five years ago he started his own radio show in the Washington metropolitan area, and broadcasts the glory and beauty of Irish music to everyone, particularly Irish-Americans, and keeps people posted on Irish-American cultural developments. Fifteen years ago he started a restaurant called Ireland's Own, and the annual St. Patrick's Day parade in Alexandria, VA.

Pat Troy is an indispensable member of the Washington metropolitan area's community. For many, many years he has been absolutely dedicated to the pursuit of peace in Northern Ireland and to the Project Children Program, which brings Irish and Protestant children alike over to the United States. They live together, they work together, they get to know and appreciate each other. They are doing a tremendous amount of good in terms of

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