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The House met at 10 a.m.

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

The Scriptures tell us that for everything there is a season and a time for every matter under Heaven. We pray, almighty God, that we will use our time with vitality and enthusiasm so that we are stewards of the days we have been given to be Your people and do those good works that flow from a grateful heart. We admit that we do not always use our days in ways that reflect Your will for us, but we earnestly pray that we will experience in our daily tasks the joys and opportunities of love to You, O God, and doing what we can to be of service to the people all about us. May Your peace that passes all understanding, be with us this day and every day, we pray. 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.

Mr. McNULTY. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to clause 1, rule I, I demand a vote on agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The SPEAKER. The question is on the Chair's approval of the Journal.

The question was taken; and the Speaker announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. McNULTY. 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. Pursuant to clause 5 of rule I, further proceedings on this question are postponed.

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

Mr. BLUNT 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 will recognize fifteen 1-minute on each side.

### WHITE HOUSE VIDEOTAPES

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

Mr. DELAY. Mr. Speaker, let us go to the videotape. There we can see President Clinton schmooze with John Huang and Roger Tamraz at fundraisers held at the White House. The White House staff has videotaped 44 or more of these events, probably to help secure President Clinton's place in history.

I hope the White House has videotaped other history-making scenes by this administration, like when President Clinton supported the Internal Revenue Service over the taxpayers by threatening a veto of commonsense efforts to reform the IRS. That gesture will be remembered by every taxpayer in America. I hope the White House has videotaped the Vice President's claim that there was no controlling legal authority when he described why he broke campaign finance laws. Some Members of this House might want to keep that videotape really close at hand.

Mr. Speaker, when it comes to this White House, I say let us go to the videotape.

### SUPPORT THE VENTO-RAHALL AMENDMENT TO THE AMERICAN LAND SOVEREIGNTY PROTECTION ACT

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

Mr. VENTO. Mr. Speaker, today we have a chance to vote on a good amendment, the Vento-Rahall amendment. We have the so-called American Land Sovereignty Protection Act which breaks really two treaties and repeals a protocol with hundreds of nations. The United States has led efforts of hundreds of nations to, in fact, provide the conservation and recognition of our areas.

But in this bill, last night we were able to offer an amendment which deals not just with conservation but deals with exploitation. We think if the Congress is going to approve the conservation measures in this Congress, it ought to also approve foreign firms that seek to exploit this, exploit our resources, and there are many of them. We know under the 1872 mining law that Canadian, United Kingdom, Danish, and Australian firms are coming in here and getting billions of dollars worth of important assets for mere thousands of dollars.

The Vento-Rahall amendment today gives us a chance to vote on that, to vote to provide parity; that is to say, if we are going to have conservation votes, we ought to have votes when we have exploitation.

### MORE ON THE IRS

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

Mr. TIAHRT. Mr. Speaker, the IRS wants to repent. They know they have been a little hard on Americans, but they are sorry and they will not do it

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