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

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
October 30, 1997.

I hereby designate the Honorable EDWARD A. PEASE to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NEWT GINGRICH,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

Rev. Everett W. Hannon, Jr., Pastor, the Second Baptist Church, Lexington, MO, offered the following prayer:

Most gracious Father, we come now in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, who shed his blood on Calvary's cruel cross. We praise You for making us such a powerful nation in a short time, for we are one nation under God. We seek peace and justice for all nations.

As we gather together in these hallowed Chambers to make life-changing decisions, give us the spirit of servitude to serve our God and then the people of these United States of America.

God Almighty, You are the conductor and we are the orchestra. Please guide our decisions so that we may agree in pitch and tone making a song of victory for the entire world to behold.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. PEASE). 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 Tennessee [Mr. DUNCAN] come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. DUNCAN 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 Ms. McDevitt, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate had passed a bill and a concurrent resolution of the following titles, in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 1150. An act to ensure that federally funded agricultural research, extension, and education address high-priority concerns with national or multistate significance, to reform, extend, and eliminate certain agricultural research programs, and for other purposes.

S. Con. Res. 37. Concurrent Resolution expressing the sense of the Congress that Little League Baseball Incorporated was established to support and develop Little League baseball worldwide and that its international character and activities should be recognized.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain ten 1-minute requests following the gentleman from Missouri [Mr. SKELTON].

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, the morning prayer was delivered by Rev. Everett Hannon, who is the minister of the Second Baptist Church in my hometown of Lexington, MO. Reverend Hannon is a native of Lexington and currently resides in nearby Warrensburg, MO, with his wife Carol and their two children, Andrea and LeAndrea.

Reverend Hannon is the eldest son of Marjorie and Everett Hannon, Sr. He received his theology degree from the Central Bible College in Kansas City, MO. He has been the pastor of the Second Baptist Church for 10 years, and he is well known for his excellent sermons and devotion to the members of his congregation. Reverend Hannon also provides civic leadership in the community.

In addition to his church duties, he serves as the moderator of the Central District Missionary Baptist Association and the auditor of the Missouri State Missionary Baptist Congress.

I am pleased that this outstanding Missouri minister could be with us today, and I know the Members of this body join me in thanking Reverend Hannon for his opening prayer.

SO-CALLED OBEY COMPROMISE

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

Mr. GOODLING. Mr. Speaker, the President announced that he would develop a national test in 1997 without the approval of the Congress. Two hundred ninety-five Members of the Congress said, "No, you won't." The President signed a contract anyway. The President said, "I will also pilot and field test this national test in 1998, without the approval of the Congress." Two hundred ninety-five Members said, "No, you won't."

The so-called Obey compromise that we will hear about says, go, ahead, Mr. President, you can do both with the blessing of the Congress. Develop the test in 1997. Field test it and pilot in 1998.

What a slap in the face of the 295 Members of the House of Representatives. If we have \$100 million to spend, why would we spend it to tell 50 percent of our students one more time

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