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

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
November 6, 1997.

I hereby designate the Honorable PAUL E. GILLMOR to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NEWT GINGRICH,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

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

Enable each person, O God, who labors in this place to sense more clearly the high honor and distinct privilege it is to have the opportunity of serving the people of our Nation. Give us, we pray, O God, a new spirit of responsibility to see how our deeds and our commitment can help strengthen our national heritage as we seek to be good stewards of the rich resources of the land. Let us build to make strong; let us work to heal our divisions; let us discover accord where we can; let us respect each other in all the great moments of life and let us work together to express our unity in heart and mind. This is our earnest prayer. 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 Illinois [Mr. SHIMKUS]

come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. SHIMKUS 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 without amendment a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 2367. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide a cost-of-living adjustment in the rates of disability compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors of such veterans.

The message also announced that the Senate had passed bills and concurrent resolutions of the following titles, in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 714. An act to extend and improve the Native American Veteran Housing Loan Pilot Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs, to extend certain authorities of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs relating to services for homeless veterans, to extend certain other authorities of the Secretary, and for other purposes;

S. 1377. An act to amend the Act incorporating the American Legion to make a technical correction;

S. 1378. An act to extend the authorization of use of official mail in the location and recovery of missing children, and for other purposes;

S. Con. Res. 61. Concurrent resolution authorizing printing of a revised edition of the publication entitled "Our Flag";

S. Con. Res. 62. Concurrent resolution authorizing printing of the brochure entitled "How Our Laws Are Made"; and

S. Con. Res. 63. Concurrent resolution authorizing printing of the pamphlet entitled "The Constitution of the United States of America".

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

IN MEMORY OF ANDREW TAYLOR

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

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, last month Andrew Taylor, a 4-year-old boy from Springfield, IL, succumbed to a brain tumor and lost his life. Many Members may remember Andrew.

As a 3-year-old he received national attention when he became a hero by saving the life of his grandmother. Iva Taylor had fallen and lay in a pool of blood when Andrew called for help on a cellular phone. Andrew, 3 years old at the time, placed a pillow under his grandmother's head and told her, I am going to take care of you. Then the young boy waited until help arrived.

One year ago in July, when the Springfield community learned of Andrew's brain tumor, they rallied to help his family with the mounting medical expenses. Many community members and organizations came forward to help ease the burden of his mother Lisa, a single parent, and to make Andrew's life as comfortable as possible. On July 4 of this year, his brain tumor was diagnosed inoperable. In October, our little hero passed away. As a father of a 4-year-old myself, the story of Andrew touches me tremendously. My thoughts and prayers are with his mother and family.

PASS FAST TRACK AUTHORITY

(Mr. DAVIS of Florida asked and was given permission to address the House

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