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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,  
April 22, 1998.

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

Reverend Adrian Condit, Baptist Pastor, retired, Ceres, California, offered the following prayer:

Our Heavenly Father, as we come into Your holy presence this morning, we come, first of all, to give You praise and thanks for Your abundant grace that has abounded to us. We thank You as individuals, for we have all tasted of Your kindness to us through our Lord Jesus Christ in our homes throughout our great Nation. For over 200 years, Your hand of mercy has been extended to us many times, in war, through our social ills, and in times of economic distress. And today we stand at the threshold, Our Father, of turning the corner into the 21st Century.

As I stand here in this hallowed place, I feel so very small and so very humble, but I know that I am praying to the Creator of heaven and earth. I am praying for these men and women who stand before me here today, for they have the power to make decisions that affect people's lives, and sometimes change their lives forever; and if anyone ever needed wisdom from above, it is these who stand here in this House and transact business as the government of the people and for the

people. I pray, my Father, for each of them to be very sensitive to Your presence and to Your leadership in their lives.

I especially pray for my own son, Congressman GARY CONDIT. Father, You know that I am very proud of him, and ask for Your special touch upon his life.

As we write the last chapter of this century, may we not forget the words of Our Loving Lord, when He said, "A house divided against itself shall not stand."

I pray that we will see a state of unity in this House among both parties; that we may finish our task and be able to write a chapter of success and achievements that will usher in the new century, blessed by God Almighty, giving hope and life for our children, grandchildren and great grandchildren, and to as many generations for as long as time permits.

May we be able to say with truth that we are one Nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

In the name of our Loving Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, I pray. 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 California (Mr. CONDIT) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. CONDIT 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 clerks, announced that the Senate passed a bill of the following title, in which concurrence of the House is requested.

S. 414. An act to amend the Shipping Act of 1984 to encourage competition in international shipping and growth of United States exports, and for other purposes.

### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. There will be 15 1-minute speeches on each side this morning, following the 1-minute from the gentleman from California (Mr. CONDIT).

### INTRODUCTION OF GUEST CHAPLAIN ADRIAN CONDIT

(Mr. CONDIT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. CONDIT. Mr. Speaker, a moment ago we heard the opening prayer presented by my father, the Reverend Adrian Condit. I want to thank the Speaker, as well as Chaplain Ford, for extending this courtesy to my father.

My family has been honored that my father has been allowed the privilege of offering the opening prayer both here and in Sacramento before the California State legislature. Along with my family, I deeply appreciate this privilege and honor. I benefited from his counsel throughout my life, and I am proud to be able to share him with you this morning; to share him with my colleagues and the Nation.

There are three generations of Condits here today. In addition to my father, my son, Chad, is here in the gallery as well.

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