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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. LATOURETTE).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,

May 7, 1998.

I hereby designate the Honorable STEVE LATOURETTE to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NEWT GINGRICH,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

Reverend Kenneth G. Wilde, Senior Pastor, Capital Christian Center, Meridian, Idaho, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray together. Lord God of heaven, You are a great and awesome God, You who keep Your covenant and always observe Your commandments. We come to You on this National Day of Prayer in deep humility and with a broken and contrite heart. We turn to You as a people who have sinned and ask forgiveness for those times when our Nation has been unfaithful to You. We recognize our inability to act righteously outside of Your divine enablement. Give us now a national resolve to seek You with all of our heart, to love Your commandments, and to follow hard after You. Once again, ignite our Nation with hope as we pursue Your purposes for which we have been established. May righteousness be our byword. May peace be in our homes, our streets, and our cities. Lord, restore unto us the joy of our salvation.

Lord, You have placed in this room great leaders to whom You desire to pour out wisdom and direction. In this difficult and challenging place of leading this Nation, give them divine guid-

ance and keep them from the evil one. Inspire them with a heart for our Nation. Sanctify them with Your truth, for Your word is truth. May they know Your love and see Your glory. May they all understand, as Esther did, that just very possibly they have been brought to the Kingdom for such a time as this.

Now, as Daniel prayed, we also pray. Oh, Lord, hear. Oh, Lord, forgive. Oh, Lord, listen and act. Do not delay for your own sake, my God, for Your city and Your people who are called by Your Name. We humbly offer these things to you in Your precious name. 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.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will recognize 10 one-minutes per side following the recognition of the gentlewoman from Idaho (Mrs. CHENOWETH) for the purposes of welcoming the guest pastor, Reverend Wilde.

PASTOR KENNETH G. WILDE

(Mrs. CHENOWETH asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. CHENOWETH. Mr. Speaker, it is indeed an honor and a privilege for me to welcome to this House of Representatives my pastor from Boise, Idaho, Ken Wilde. Pastor Wilde is the senior pastor of the Capital Christian Center, a church that has a membership of about 2,000 and is growing very quickly in Boise, Idaho.

Pastor Wilde is not only the senior pastor of our church, but also a very strong community leader. I am so deeply grateful for pastors such as Pastor Wilde who will involve themselves, not just in the very heavy responsibilities of shepherding their people, but also influencing them into government and into active participation in politics.

It has been, indeed, my honor and privilege to welcome to this great House Pastor Ken Wilde.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

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

Mr. DELAY. Mr. Speaker, in 1861, Abraham Lincoln signed a proclamation that recommended

*** a day of public humiliation, prayer, and fasting to be observed by the people of the United States with religious solemnities, and the offering of fervent supplications to Almighty God for the safety and welfare of these States, His blessings on their arms, and a speedy restoration of peace.

Then, strife and war were tearing apart the United States, and to many Americans, prayer was the only way to survive those difficult times.

Times in America are better now. We are at peace. Our economy is booming, and things seem to be going pretty well. But, Mr. Speaker, today we need the power of prayer more than ever. Despite the appearance of good times,

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