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

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
May 21, 1998.

I hereby designate the Honorable HENRY BONILLA to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NEWT GINGRICH,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

Rabbi Moshe E. Bomzer, Congregation Beth Abraham-Jacob, Albany, New York, offered the following prayer:

Blessed is He, oh, Lord our God, King of the universe, Who has given wisdom to all of mankind.

I offer this prayer on the last days of the congressional session prior to our national Memorial Day weekend. It was exactly 130 years ago almost to the day that Congress resolved that a day be set aside to recognize and memorialize those who had given their lives to defend our country in times of war and in times of peace.

President Abraham Lincoln expressed it best when he stated: "That we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain. We can do them no greater honor than to keep alive that which they gave their lives to preserve; love of country, duty, honor and defense of the right as it is given to us to see the right."

Let us keep their memories alive in our hearts and deeds throughout this period of the year. May their memories be a blessing.

On behalf of all assembled here, I pray. May God Who grants salvation to kings and dominion to princes, Whose

kingdom is one that spans all eternities, bless and protect, help and exalt the President and the Vice President of the United States of America.

May God bless the leaders of our great Nation; the Members of this House of Representatives, their families and their staffs. May God bless all who help guide our Nation with honor, dignity and pride, increase their strength of soul to resist the pressure to shade truth or compromise integrity, increase their ability to advocate on behalf of a just and honest society, caring and concern for the welfare of all citizens and friends, regardless of race, creed, color, religion, gender or age. Help them welcome all the marvelous, colorful, contentious diversity of our Nation's people. Grant them the wisdom, kindness, patience and understanding to differentiate between right and wrong, good and evil, and between sanctity and impurity. Enable our leaders to bring peace among all mankind everywhere in the world.

As we celebrate this weekend, let us also realize this coming Sunday, May 24th, marks the 31st anniversary of the reunification of the City of Jerusalem, eternal capital of the state of Israel. King David wrote of the city, "Our feet would stand in the gateways of Jerusalem. Jerusalem rebuilt, as a city reunited together. Seek the peace of Jerusalem, may those who love you be at ease. May there be peace between your walls and tranquility in your palace. For the sake of my brothers and friends I shall speak with you of peace."

Bless us dear God with the light of Your countenance, shower your providence and influence for good throughout the world, uniting all mankind in peace and freedom. He who makes peace in the heavens above, may He make peace here on earth, as we say, 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.

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

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

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

Mr. HOLDEN. 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 pro tempore. Evidently a quorum is not present.

The Sergeant at Arms will notify absent Members.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 339, nays 58, answered "present" 2, not voting 33, as follows:

[Roll No. 175]

YEAS—339

Abercrombie	Blunt	Chenoweth
Ackerman	Boehlert	Christensen
Allen	Boehner	Clayton
Andrews	Bonilla	Clement
Archer	Boswell	Clyburn
Armey	Boucher	Coble
Bachus	Boyd	Coburn
Baesler	Brady (TX)	Collins
Ballenger	Brown (FL)	Combest
Barcia	Brown (OH)	Condit
Barrett (NE)	Bryant	Conyers
Barrett (WI)	Bunning	Cook
Bartlett	Burton	Cooksey
Bentsen	Callahan	Coyne
Bereuter	Calvert	Cramer
Berman	Camp	Cubin
Berry	Campbell	Cummings
Bilbray	Canady	Cunningham
Bilirakis	Cannon	Danner
Bishop	Capps	Davis (FL)
Blagojevich	Cardin	Davis (IL)
Bliley	Castle	Davis (VA)
Blumenauer	Chabot	Deal

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