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The House met at 10 a.m.

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

When the paths of life seem long and there is so much to do, we pray, gracious God, that the blessings of life will flow freely and Your benedictions will comfort and encourage. As we have received so fully from Your grace, O God, so may we share that love with others in our families and in our communities.

May good words and good thoughts and goodwill prevail. May justice mark the work of our hands, and may the spirit of mercy live in our hearts and souls this day and every day. In Your name, we pray. Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. 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. Will the gentleman from California (Mr. ROGAN) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. ROGAN 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 had passed without amendment bills of the House of the following titles:

H.R. 2202. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to revise and extend the

bone marrow donor program, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2864. An act to require the Secretary of Labor to establish a program under which employers may consult with State officials respecting compliance with occupational safety and health requirements.

H.R. 2877. An act to amend the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970.

H.R. 3035. An act to establish an advisory commission to provide advice and recommendations on the creation of an integrated, coordinated Federal policy designed to prepare for and respond to serious drought emergencies.

### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will recognize 10 1-minutes on each side.

Will the gentlewoman from Missouri (Mrs. EMERSON) kindly assume the chair.

### CHINA SELECTS U.S. ARMY AS "MOST FAVORED WEBSITE"

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

Mr. GIBBONS. Madam Speaker, well, never let it be said that the Communist Chinese do not learn from their mistakes. Or, perhaps we should better say from our mistakes.

It seems that when the Army realized and analyzed their web site that catalogs a variety of "lessons learned," they were surprised to find out who came calling the most often.

Mr. Speaker, it was not the 82nd Airborne Division, it was not the First Infantry Division. It was not the Air Force. It was not the Navy. It was not the Marines.

Mr. Speaker, you guessed it. It was the Communist Chinese. That is right, the United States Army web site is most often visited by the People's Liberation Army. I guess it has attained "China's Most Favored Website" status.

I suppose we should be flattered. After all, is imitation not the sincerest form of flattery?

It does point out that the People's Liberation Army is not a sleeping giant. Communist China's army is actively working to improve its capabilities and learn from our mistakes. At the same time the President is pushing for China to receive Most Favored Nation status, China has selected the United States Army as its "Most Favored Website."

### GOP MANAGED CARE PROPOSAL FALLS SHORT

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

Mr. GREEN. Madam Speaker, it took months of drafting and redrafting and threats and rejection, but last night we got our first look at the Republican managed care proposal.

While the final details will not be worked out for another month, the rough draft is not very promising. Most of the outlined provisions in the bill are too weak to help people like in the story in yesterday's Washington Post.

It was a father of five with liver cancer. He already had access to an appeals process that he actually won. Unfortunately for him, it took 5 months for his doctor to be told that he needed a liver transplant and the HMO was ordered to pay for it. But, Madam Speaker, he died right after they were given that permission.

What he needed was a timely appeals process and an HMO knowing that they would be responsible for the denial of that coverage.

The Republican bill would not help the Houston police officer who, after 30 years of service and not missing a day for illness, was diagnosed with cancer and it took him months to get to a specialist. The proposal would be just

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