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The House met at 9:00 a.m.

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

O gracious God, whose love is given freely to all creation and whose mercy is without end, accept our prayers and petitions this day.

We place before You, O God, our thanksgivings and praise for all Your goodness to us and to all people, for You have blessed us when we did not deserve and You have healed us in spite of our errors. We confess that we have too often missed the mark and not been receptive to Your grace.

Open our thoughts and minds to Your loving spirit, that we will be Your people and do the works of justice and of peace.

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 Ohio (Mr. KUCINICH) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. KUCINICH 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

The SPEAKER. The Chair desires to announce that pursuant to clause 4 of rule I, the Speaker signed the following enrolled bill on Thursday, June 25, 1998:

H.R. 2646, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow tax-free ex-

penditures from education individual retirement accounts for elementary and secondary school expenses, to increase the maximum annual amount of contributions to such accounts, and for other purposes.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair desires to make an announcement.

After consultation with the majority and minority leaders, and with their consent and approval, the Chair announces that during the joint meeting to hear an address by His Excellency, Emil Constantinescu, only the doors immediately opposite the Speaker and those on his right and left will be open.

No one will be allowed on the floor of the House who does not have the privilege of the floor of the House.

Due to the large attendance that is anticipated, the Chair feels that the rule regarding the privilege of the floor must be strictly adhered to.

Children of Members will not be permitted on the floor, and the cooperation of all Members is requested.

RECESS

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to the order of the House of Tuesday, July 14, 1998, the Chair declares the House in recess, subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 9 o'clock and 7 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess, subject to the call of the Chair.

During the recess, beginning at about 9:54 a.m., the following proceedings were had:

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JOINT MEETING BY THE HOUSE AND SENATE TO HEAR AN ADDRESS BY HIS EXCELLENCY H.E. EMIL CONSTANTINESCU, PRESIDENT OF ROMANIA

The Speaker of the House presided.

The Assistant to the Sergeant at Arms, Richard Wilson, announced the President pro tempore and Members of the U.S. Senate, who entered the Hall of the House of Representatives, the President pro tempore taking the chair at the right of the Speaker, and the Members of the Senate the seats reserved for them.

The SPEAKER. The Chair appoints as members of the committee on the part of the House to escort his excellency, H.E. Emil Constantinescu, into the Chamber:

The gentleman from Texas (Mr. ARMEY);

the gentleman from California (Mr. COX);

the gentleman from New York (Mr. GILMAN);

the gentleman from Nebraska (Mr. BEREUTER);

the gentleman from New York (Mr. SOLOMON);

the gentlewoman from Washington (Ms. DUNN);

the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. FOX);

the gentlewoman from Connecticut (Mrs. KENNELLY);

the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. HOYER);

the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. HAMILTON);

the gentleman from California (Mr. LANTOS); and

the gentlewoman from California (Ms. PELOSI).

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The President pro tempore of the Senate, at the direction of that body, appoints the following Senators as members of the committee on the part of the Senate to escort the President of Romania into the House Chamber:

The Senator from Florida (Mr. MACK);

the Senator from Indiana (Mr. COATS);

the Senator from Indiana (Mr. LUGAR);

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