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The House met at 9 a.m.

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

We recognize, gracious God, that it is easy to see what is wrong with our world, but we can see the good as well. It is simple to list the weaknesses, but we can also list the works of justice that stand the moments of time. We can quickly catalog the mistakes of those with whom we disagree, but it is apparent that others can do good works, the works of justice and mercy. We know there are times to despair, but we also know there are wonderful occasions to sing.

So teach us, O God, to open our eyes to all the glories of Your creation so we can celebrate all Your gifts, this day and every day 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.

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

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

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

Mr. GIBBONS. 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. Pursuant to clause 5, rule I, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from North Carolina (Mrs. MYRICK) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. MYRICK 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. 3007. An act to establish the Commission on the Advancement of Women and Minorities in Science, Engineering, and Technology Development.

H.R. 4068. An act to make certain technical corrections in laws relating to Native Americans, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the Senate has passed bills and a joint resolution of the following titles in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 1092. An act to provide for a transfer of land interests in order to facilitate surface transportation between the cities of Cold Bay, Alaska, and King Cove, Alaska, and for other purposes.

S. 2540. An act to extend the date by which an automated entry-exit control system must be developed.

S.J. Res. 58. Joint resolution recognizing the accomplishments of Inspectors General since their creation in 1978 in preventing and detecting waste, fraud, abuse, and mismanagement, and in promoting economy, efficiency, and effectiveness in the Federal Government.

The message also announced that the Senate agrees to the amendment of the House to the bill (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

The SPEAKER. The Chair will recognize 20 one-minutes on each side.

TAX CUTS

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

Mr. GIBBONS. Mr. Speaker, on October 12 we will observe Columbus Day. For those of you who have forgotten, Columbus Day is the day that we celebrate the discovery of America. So let us talk about what the term "discovery" means to my liberal Democratic colleagues.

For decades liberal Democrats believed that you would literally fall off the edge of the world if you lowered taxes. After Republicans passed the Balanced Budget and Taxpayer Relief Acts, wow, the Democrats, the liberals discovered that tax cuts for hard-working men and women provide a healthy economy, giving low unemployment and investment incentives.

Liberals discovered that by allowing Americans to keep more of their hard-earned money, they should and could send their kids off to school, take that needed vacation or invest in their retirement. Republicans in the House have passed a plan that will not only help save Social Security but will also provide billions of dollars in tax cuts to America's hard-working men and women.

Mr. and Mrs. America, Columbus discovered a new world. Democrats discovered new taxes. I applaud my Republican colleagues for discovering a brave new America, full tax relief and hope for the future.

IN HONOR OF BILL DOLAN

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

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