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The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mrs. EMERSON).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,

October 9, 1998.

I hereby designate the Honorable JO ANN EMERSON to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NEWT GINGRICH,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

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

How can we see mountains when our eyes are so low, how can we do good deeds when our hands are so slow? How can we love when we are selfish or vain and how can we serve if we live with disdain? O gracious God from whom all blessings flow, cause us to lift our eyes to the heavens from which all of our gifts do come, teach us to use our hands to do the good works of charity and justice and enable us to love and show concern for the neediest among us. May the faith we believe in our hearts find expression in our words and may our words be translated into good deeds from our hands. Praise be to You, O God, Ruler of the universe! 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 Ohio (Mr. TRAFICANT) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. TRAFICANT 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. 3332. An act to amend the High-Performance Computing Act of 1991 to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 1999 and 2000 for the Next Generation Internet program, to require the President's Information Technology Advisory Committee to monitor and give advice concerning the development and implementation of the Next Generation Internet program and report to the President and the Congress on its activities, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4284. An act to authorize the Government of India to establish a memorial to

honor Mahatma Gandhi in the District of Columbia.

H.R. 4293. An act to establish a cultural training program for disadvantaged individuals to assist the Irish peace process.

H.R. 4558. An act to make technical amendments to clarify the provision of benefits for noncitizens, and to improve the provision of unemployment insurance, child support, and supplemental security income benefits.

H.R. 4658. An act to extend the date by which an automated entry-exit control system must be developed.

The message also announced that the Senate had passed with amendments in which the concurrence of the House is requested, bills of the House of the following titles:

H.R. 2616. An act to amend titles VI and X of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to improve and expand charter schools.

H.R. 3809. An act to authorize appropriations for the United States Customs Service for drug interdiction, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the Senate agrees to the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 1702) "An Act to encourage the development of a commercial space industry in the United States, and for other purposes."

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

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