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## House of Representatives

The House met at 10 a.m.

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

We confess, O gracious God, that we sometimes use prayer as a cover to plead our own case instead of listening to Your still small voice calling for repentance.

We confess that we offer our petitions to You before we offer our thanksgivings for the gifts that we have already received.

We confess, O God, that we diminish our prayers when we ask You to do what we should do for ourselves. Help us, eternal God, to see through our own agendas and become filled with the majesty and wonder and grace of Your abiding love to us and to all people.

This is our earnest prayer. 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. CROWLEY. 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. CROWLEY. 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. 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 362, nays 37, answered "present" 1, not voting 35, as follows:

[Roll No. 11]

YEAS—362

Abercrombie  
Ackerman  
Allen  
Andrews  
Archer  
Baca  
Armey  
Baca  
Bachus  
Baker  
Baldacci  
Baldwin  
Ballenger  
Barcia  
Barr  
Barrett (NE)  
Barrett (WI)  
Bartlett  
Bass  
Bateman  
Becerra  
Bentsen  
Bereuter  
Berkley  
Berman  
Biggett  
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Bishop  
Blagojevich  
Blumenauer  
Boehlert  
Boehner  
Bonilla  
Bonior  
Bono  
Boswell  
Boucher  
Boyd  
Brady (TX)  
Brown (FL)  
Bryant  
Burr  
Buyer  
Callahan  
Calvert  
Camp  
Campbell  
Canady  
Cannon  
Capuano  
Cardin  
Carson  
Castle  
Chabot  
Chambliss  
Clayton  
Clement  
Coble  
Collins  
Combest  
Condit  
Conyers

Cook  
Cox  
Coyne  
Cramer  
Cubin  
Cummings  
Cunningham  
Davis (FL)  
Davis (IL)  
Davis (VA)  
Deal  
DeGette  
Delahunt  
DeLauro  
DeLay  
DeMint  
Deutsch  
Diaz-Balart  
Dickey  
Dicks  
Dixon  
Doggett  
Dooley  
Doolittle  
Doyle  
Dreier  
Duncan  
Dunn  
Edwards  
Ehlers  
Ehrlich  
Emerson  
Engel  
Eshoo  
Etheridge  
Evans  
Ewing  
Farr  
Fattah  
Fletcher  
Forbes  
Ford  
Fowler  
Frank (MA)  
Franks (NJ)  
Frelinghuysen  
Frost  
Gallegly  
Ganske  
Gejdenson  
Gekas  
Gephardt  
Gilchrist  
Gillmor  
Gilman  
Gonzalez  
Goode  
Goodlatte  
Goodling  
Gordon  
Goss  
Granger

Green (TX)  
Green (WI)  
Greenwood  
Gutierrez  
Hall (TX)  
Hansen  
Hastert  
Hastings (FL)  
Hastings (WA)  
Hayes  
Hayworth  
Herger  
Hill (IN)  
Hilleary  
Hinchey  
Hobson  
Hoeffel  
Hoekstra  
Holden  
Holt  
Hooley  
Horn  
Hostettler  
Houghton  
Hoyer  
Hulshof  
Hunter  
Hutchinson  
Hyde  
Inlee  
Isakson  
Istook  
Jackson (IL)  
Jackson-Lee  
(TX)  
Jenkins  
John  
Johnson (CT)  
Johnson, E. B.  
Johnson, Sam  
Jones (NC)  
Jones (OH)  
Kanjorski  
Kaptur  
Kelly  
Kennedy  
Kildee  
Kilpatrick  
Kind (WI)  
King (NY)  
Kingston  
Kleczka  
Knollenberg  
Kolbe  
Kuykendall  
LaFalce  
LaHood  
Lampson  
Lantos  
Largent  
Larson  
Latham

LaTourette  
Lazio  
Leach  
Lee  
Levin  
Lewis (CA)  
Lewis (GA)  
Lewis (KY)  
Linder  
Lowey  
Lucas (KY)  
Lucas (OK)  
Luther  
Maloney (CT)  
Maloney (NY)  
Manzullo  
Markey  
Martinez  
Mascara  
Matsui  
McCarthy (MO)  
McCarthy (NY)  
McGovern  
McHugh  
McInnis  
McIntosh  
McIntyre  
McKeon  
McKinney  
McNulty  
Meehan  
Meek (FL)  
Meeks (NY)  
Menendez  
Metcalfe  
Mica  
Millender-  
McDonald  
Miller (FL)  
Miller, Gary  
Minge  
Mink  
Moakley  
Mollohan  
Moran (KS)  
Moran (VA)  
Morella  
Murtha  
Nadler  
Napolitano  
Neal  
Nethercutt  
Ney  
Northrup  
Gekas  
Norwood  
Nussle  
Obey  
Olver  
Ortiz  
Ose  
Aderholt  
Baird  
Bliley

Owens  
Oxley  
Packard  
Pallone  
Pascarell  
Pastor  
Paul  
Payne  
Pease  
Pelosi  
Peterson (PA)  
Petri  
Phelps  
Pickering  
Pitts  
Pombo  
Pomeroy  
Porter  
Portman  
Price (NC)  
Pryce (OH)  
Quinn  
Rahall  
Rangel  
Regula  
Reyes  
Reynolds  
Riley  
Rivers  
Rodriguez  
Roemer  
Rogers  
Rohrabacher  
Ros-Lehtinen  
Roukema  
Roybal-Allard  
Royce  
Rush  
Ryan (WI)  
Ryun (KS)  
Salmon  
Sanchez  
Sanders  
Sandlin  
Sawyer  
Saxton  
Scarborough  
Schakowsky  
Scott  
Sensenbrenner  
Serrano  
Sessions  
Shadegg  
Shaw  
Shays  
Sherman  
Sherwood  
Shimkus  
Shows  
Shuster  
Borski  
Brady (PA)  
Clyburn

Simpson  
Sisisky  
Skeen  
Skelton  
Slaughter  
Smith (MI)  
Smith (NJ)  
Smith (TX)  
Smith (WA)  
Snyder  
Souder  
Spence  
Spratt  
Stabenow  
Stark  
Stearns  
Stenholm  
Stump  
Sununu  
Tanner  
Tauscher  
Tauzin  
Taylor (MS)  
Terry  
Thomas  
Thornberry  
Thune  
Thurman  
Tiahrt  
Tierney  
Toomey  
Towns  
Traficant  
Turner  
Udall (CO)  
Upton  
Royce  
Walden  
Walsh  
Wamp  
Waters  
Watkins  
Watt (NC)  
Watts (OK)  
Waxman  
Weiner  
Weldon (FL)  
Weldon (PA)  
Wexler  
Weygand  
Whitfield  
Wicker  
Wilson  
Wolf  
Woolsey  
Wynn  
Young (AK)  
Young (FL)  
Coburn  
Costello  
Crane

NAYS—37

□ This symbol represents the time of day during the House proceedings, e.g., □ 1407 is 2:07 p.m.

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Filner  
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Hefley  
Hill (MT)  
Hilliard  
Kucinich  
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McDermott  
Moore  
Oberstar  
Peterson (MN)  
Pickett  
Ramstad  
Rogan  
Rothman  
Sabo  
Schaffer

Strickland  
Stupak  
Thompson (CA)  
Thompson (MS)  
Udall (NM)  
Visclosky  
Weller  
Wu

## ANSWERED "PRESENT"—1

Tancredo

## NOT VOTING—35

Barton  
Berry  
Blunt  
Brown (OH)  
Burton  
Capps  
Chenoweth-Hage  
Clay  
Cooksey  
Danner  
DeFazio  
Dingell

Everett  
Foley  
Fossella  
Graham  
Hall (OH)  
Hinojosa  
Jefferson  
Kasich  
Klink  
Lipinski  
Lofgren  
McCollum

McCrery  
Miller, George  
Myrick  
Radanovich  
Sanford  
Sweeney  
Talent  
Taylor (NC)  
Vento  
Vitter  
Wise

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Mr. ABERCROMBIE and Mr. MORAN of Kansas changed their vote from "nay" to "yea."

Mrs. NORTHUP changed her vote from "present" to "yea."

So the Journal was approved.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SHIMKUS). Will the gentleman from New York (Mr. CROWLEY) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. CROWLEY 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 PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain 1-minute after business is conducted today.

## REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2086, NETWORKING AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ACT

Ms. PRYCE of Ohio, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Report No. 106-496) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2086) to authorize funding for networking and information technology research and development for fiscal years 2000 through 2004, and for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

## ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING AMENDMENT PROCESS FOR H.R. 2366, THE SMALL BUSINESS LIABILITY REFORM ACT OF 2000

Ms. PRYCE of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, this afternoon a "Dear Colleague" letter will be sent to all Members informing them that the Committee on Rules is planning to meet the week of Feb-

ruary 14 to grant a rule which may limit the amendment process for H.R. 2366, the Small Business Liability Reform Act of 2000.

Any Member who wishes to offer an amendment should submit 55 copies and a brief explanation of the amendment by noon on Tuesday, February 15, to the Committee on Rules in room H-312 in the Capitol. Amendments should be drafted to the text of the bill as reported by the Committee on the Judiciary.

Members should use the Office of Legislative Counsel to ensure that their amendments are properly drafted and should check with the office of the parliamentarian to be certain their amendments comply with the Rules of the House.

## COMMUNICATION FROM DEPUTY CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Deputy Clerk of the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
OFFICE OF THE CLERK,

Washington, DC, February 9, 2000.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,  
*The Speaker, House of Representatives,*  
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, I have the honor to transmit a sealed envelope received from the President whereby he transmits a message on rescissions and deferrals for FY 2000 in accordance with the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974.

With best wishes, I am  
Sincerely,

MARTHA C. MORRISON,  
*Deputy Clerk.*

## PROPOSED RESCISSION OF BUDGET AUTHORITY—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES (H. DOC. NO. 106-194)

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following message from the President of the United States; which was read and, together with the accompanying papers, without objection, referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed:

*To the Congress of the United States:*

In accordance with the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974, I herewith report three rescissions of budget authority, totaling \$128 million, and two deferrals of budget authority, totaling \$1.6 million.

The proposed rescissions affect the programs of the Department of Energy and the Department of Housing and Urban Development. The proposed deferrals affect programs of the Department of State and International Assistance Programs.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON,  
THE WHITE HOUSE, February 9, 2000.

## COMMUNICATION FROM THE DEPUTY CLERK OF THE HOUSE

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OFFICE OF THE CLERK,

Washington, DC, February 9, 2000.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,  
*The Speaker, U.S. House of Representatives,*  
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, I have the honor to transmit a sealed envelope received from the White House on February 9, 2000 at 5:40 p.m. and said to contain a message from the President whereby he transmits a report on Albanian compliance with U.S. and international standards in the area of emigration.

With best wishes, I am  
Sincerely,

MARTHA C. MORRISON,  
*Deputy Clerk.*

## REPORT TO CONGRESS CONCERNING EMIGRATION LAWS AND POLICIES OF ALBANIA—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES (H. DOC. NO. 106-195)

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following message from the President of the United States; which was read and, together with the accompanying papers, without objection, referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and ordered to be printed:

*To the Congress of the United States:*

I am submitting an updated report to the Congress concerning the emigration laws and policies of Albania. The report indicates continued Albanian compliance with U.S. and international standards in the area of emigration. In fact, Albania has imposed no emigration restrictions, including exit visa requirements, on its population since 1991.

On December 5, 1997, I determined and reported to the Congress that Albania was not in violation of paragraphs (1), (2), or (3) of subsection 402(a) of the Trade Act of 1974 or paragraphs (1), (2), or (3) of subsection 409(a) of that Act. That action allowed for the continuation of normal trade relations (NTR) status for Albania and certain other activities without the requirement of an annual waiver. This semi-annual report is submitted as required by law pursuant to the determination of December 5, 1997.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON,  
THE WHITE HOUSE, February 9, 2000.

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message in writing from the President of the United States was communicated to the House by Mr. Sherman Williams, one of his secretaries.