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The House met at 10 a.m.

Father Joseph F. Sica, Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church, Clarks Summit, Pennsylvania, offered the following prayer:

Father, we thank You for today, a new beginning filled with unlimited possibilities to make wholesome differences in the lives represented by these men and women of our United States Congress.

Father, by faith we welcome You into our lives and accept the love You have for us.

Your love elevates us as we rise above our heartaches, hassles, troubles, setbacks, disappointments by turning them over to You.

Your love liberates us to let go of panic, worry, anxiety, depression, low self-worth, and addictions.

Your love motivates a desire inside each of us to find a need and fill it, to find a hurt and heal it.

Father, Your love demonstrates You care, understand, and forgive, giving us the strength to carry on, casting aside our fears, knowing we can survive. It is perhaps through love that You give us a glimpse of eternity.

Hold this great Nation of America in the palm of Your hand as we make this prayer today in Your holy name. 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. LAHOOD. 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 Speaker's approval of the Journal.

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

Mr. LAHOOD. 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.

Pursuant to clause 8, rule XX, further proceedings on this question are postponed.

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will entertain one 1-minute at this point by the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. SHERWOOD).

WELCOME TO FATHER JOE SICA OF OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS PARISH IN CLARKS SUMMIT, PENNSYLVANIA

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

Mr. SHERWOOD. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to welcome as our guest chaplain Father Joe Sica of Our Lady of the Snows Parish in Clarks Summit, Pennsylvania.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Father Joe for this wonderful invocation. I have known Father Joe for a long time. He is a good man, a great friend, and a wonderful priest.

Father Joe Sica grew up in Dunmore, Pennsylvania, and began his service to the church at a very young age. As a child, he donated much of his time to St. Rocco's Church, and it was there he began to realize his dream of becoming a priest.

After high school he entered the University of Pennsylvania and Saint Pius X Seminary, where he earned his degree in philosophy and theology. He

then took his scholarly talents and spiritual determination and continued his education at the Catholic University of America and the Theological College.

There he wrote his book, "God So Loved the World," which is one of the foremost works in Carl Rhaner's "Theology of Revelation." He also published many articles in several journals, and Father Joe's monthly column, "Miracle Growth: A Seed of Inspiration," that runs in Catholic newspapers across the country.

In every assignment at every parish, Father Joe Sica has been involved with the work of his community. He has organized retreats for parishioners, helped parents and teachers associations; and while he was in my hometown, he was a member of the Rotary International, and a fine volunteer firefighter at the Triton Hose Company.

However, one of his most impressive accomplishments that I have had the pleasure of witnessing was Father Joe's creation of the Helping Other People Program in Tunkhannock. This program coordinated the efforts of several local churches and their parishioners to provide transportation, meals, home repairs, house cleaning, and many other services to those in need.

Father Joe was given the Sam Walton Award, and the Tunkhannock Chamber of Commerce gave him a certificate of excellence for his effort.

In October of 2000, the Columbus Day Association of Lackawanna County named Father Joe their Man of the Year. They commended him for taking risks, for being able to dream, and to work and make those dreams come true.

I can say without hesitation that Father Joe Sica is not just the Man of the Year, but a man of the people whose good deeds and inspiration never cease.

Mr. Speaker, I again would like to thank Father Joe Sica for being here today. His presence and his blessing on

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this House mean so much to me and the people I represent.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

Mr. LAMPSON 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. Monahan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed a bill of the following title in which the concurrence of the House is requested.

S. 1857. An act to encourage the negotiated settlement of tribal claims.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the pending business is the question of agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal of the last day's proceedings.

The question is on the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

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

Mr. SCHROCK. 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 355, nays 48, answered "present" 1, not voting 29, as follows:

[Roll No. 41]
YEAS—355

Abercrombie	Bonior	Condit
Ackerman	Bono	Conyers
Akin	Boozman	Cooksey
Allen	Boswell	Cox
Andrews	Boyd	Cramer
Armey	Brady (TX)	Crenshaw
Baca	Brown (FL)	Crowley
Bachus	Brown (OH)	Culberson
Baker	Brown (SC)	Cummings
Baldwin	Bryant	Cunningham
Ballenger	Burton	Davis (CA)
Barcia	Buyer	Davis (FL)
Barr	Callahan	Davis (IL)
Barrett	Calvert	Davis, Jo Ann
Bartlett	Camp	Davis, Tom
Barton	Cannon	DeGette
Bass	Cantor	Delahunt
Bentsen	Capito	DeLauro
Bereuter	Capps	DeLay
Berkley	Cardin	DeMint
Berman	Carson (IN)	Deutsch
Berry	Carson (OK)	Diaz-Balart
Biggert	Castle	Dicks
Bilirakis	Chabot	Dingell
Bishop	Chambliss	Doggett
Blumenauer	Clayton	Dooley
Blunt	Clement	Doolittle
Boehert	Clyburn	Doyle
Boehner	Coble	Dreier
Bonilla	Combest	Duncan

Dunn	King (NY)
Edwards	Kingston
Ehlers	Kirk
Emerson	Kleczka
Engel	Knollenberg
Eshoo	Kolbe
Etheridge	LaHood
Evans	Lampson
Everett	Langevin
Farr	Lantos
Fattah	Larson (CT)
Ferguson	LaTourette
Flake	Leach
Fletcher	Lee
Foley	Levin
Forbes	Lewis (CA)
Ford	Lewis (GA)
Fossella	Lewis (KY)
Frank	Linder
Frelinghuysen	Lipinski
Frost	Lofgren
Gallegly	Lowey
Ganske	Lucas (KY)
Gekas	Lucas (OK)
Gephardt	Luther
Gibbons	Lynch
Gilchrest	Maloney (CT)
Gillmor	Maloney (NY)
Gonzalez	Manzullo
Goode	Mascara
Goodlatte	Matheson
Gordon	Matsui
Goss	McCarthy (MO)
Graham	McCarthy (NY)
Granger	McCollum
Graves	McGovern
Green (TX)	McHugh
Green (WI)	McInnis
Greenwood	McIntyre
Grucci	McKeon
Gutierrez	McNulty
Hall (OH)	Meehan
Hall (TX)	Meeks (NY)
Hansen	Mica
Harman	Millender-Hart
Hart	McDonald
Hastings (WA)	Miller, Dan
Hayworth	Miller, Gary
Herger	Miller, Jeff
Hill	Mollohan
Hilleary	Moran (VA)
Hinojosa	Morella
Hobson	Murtha
Hoeffel	Nadler
Hoekstra	Napolitano
Holden	Neal
Honda	Nethercutt
Hooley	Ney
Horn	Northup
Hostettler	Nussle
Houghton	Obey
Hoyer	Oliver
Hulshof	Ortiz
Hunter	Osborne
Hyde	Ose
Inslee	Otter
Isakson	Owens
Israel	Pascrell
Issa	Pastor
Istook	Paul
Jackson (IL)	Payne
Jackson-Lee	Pelosi
(TX)	Pence
Jefferson	Peterson (PA)
John	Petri
Johnson (CT)	Phelps
Johnson (IL)	Pickering
Johnson, E. B.	Pitts
Johnson, Sam	Pombo
Jones (NC)	Pomeroy
Jones (OH)	Portman
Kanjorski	Price (NC)
Kaptur	Pryce (OH)
Keller	Putnam
Kelly	Quinn
Kennedy (RI)	Radanovich
Kerns	Rahall
Kildee	Rangel
Kind (WI)	Regula

NAYS—48

Aderholt	DeFazio	Holt
Baird	English	Kennedy (MN)
Becerra	Filner	Kucinich
Borski	Gutknecht	Larsen (WA)
Brady (PA)	Hastings (FL)	Latham
Capuano	Hefley	LoBiondo
Costello	Hilliard	Markey
Crane	Hinchey	McDermott

Menendez	Ramstad	Taylor (MS)
Miller, George	Sabo	Thompson (CA)
Moore	Schaffer	Thompson (MS)
Moran (KS)	Schakowsky	Udall (CO)
Oberstar	Shadegg	Udall (NM)
Pallone	Stark	Visclosky
Peterson (MN)	Strickland	Weller
Platts	Stupak	Wicker

ANSWERED "PRESENT"—1

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NOT VOTING—29

Baldacci	Gilman	Norwood
Blagojevich	Hayes	Oxley
Boucher	Jenkins	Roukema
Burr	Kilpatrick	Thomas
Clay	LaFalce	Traficant
Collins	McCrery	Waters
Coyne	McKinney	Weldon (PA)
Cubin	Meek (FL)	Wolf
Deal	Mink	Young (AK)
Ehrlich	Myrick	

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So the Journal was approved.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

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

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, January 18, 2002.

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

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: I have the honor to transmit herewith the Certificate of Election received from the Honorable Mike Hunter, Secretary of State, State of Oklahoma, indicating that, on January 8, 2002, the Honorable John Sullivan was duly chosen by the qualified electors to the Office of Representative in Congress, First Congressional District, State of Oklahoma, to fill the vacancy in the representation from said State in the United States House of Representatives.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

JEFF TRANDAHL,
Clerk.

SWEARING IN OF THE HONORABLE JOHN SULLIVAN, OF OKLAHOMA, AS A MEMBER OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER. Will the Representative-elect from Oklahoma (Mr. SULLIVAN) and the members of the Oklahoma delegation present themselves in the well.

The Representative-elect will please raise his right hand.

Mr. SULLIVAN appeared at the bar of the House and took the oath of office, as follows:

Do you solemnly swear that you will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that you will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that you take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that you will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which you are about to enter. So help you God.

The SPEAKER. Congratulations. You are now a Member of the 107th Congress.