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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. SIMPSON).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
March 13, 2002.

I hereby appoint the Honorable MICHAEL K. SIMPSON to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Reverend Bryan K. Finch, Chaplain, U.S. Coast Guard Training Center, Yorktown, Virginia, offered the following prayer:

O Lord, we commend the interest of our dearest country to the protection of Your Almighty hand, especially in this day of new challenges and threats. Guide our leaders and this Congress to move with vigilance toward the tests ahead, and let them look beyond mere mortal understanding and seek wisdom and guidance from above. For what is decided here shall not remain here, but will impact the cause of freedom and those who love liberty across this world.

Impress upon our hearts the summation of all the commands, "To love the Lord our God, and to love our neighbor as ourselves."

Pour this truth into each heart in order that we may serve You and this country as servants of justice and mercy.

O Lord, these who have the mighty task of superintending hope and peace and freedom in this land and in distant countries, I commit them into Thy holy keeping.

In God's holy name this day we pray. 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.

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

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

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

Mr. McNULTY. 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 pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8, rule XX, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

Mr. McNULTY 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.

WELCOME TO CHAPLAIN BRYAN FINCH OF OLDE YORKE CHAPEL, U.S. COAST GUARD TRAINING CENTER

(Mr. COBLE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his re-

marks and include extraneous material.)

Mr. COBLE. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to welcome as our guest chaplain today, Chaplain Bryan Finch of the Olde Yorke Chapel, U.S. Coast Guard Training Center, Yorktown, Virginia. I would also like to thank Chaplain Finch for his thoughtful and inspiring invocation.

Chaplain Finch is joined today by his wife and Captain John Gentile, who is the Commanding Officer of the Training Center.

Mr. Speaker, I came to know the chaplain last fall when the chief petty officers in the Tidewater, the Yorktown area, invited me to be their guest speaker for their annual gala. A great time was had by all. At that time the Chaplain expressed interest in joining us up here.

Chaplain Finch is an ordained Southern Baptist pastor, a graduate of LaGrange College in LaGrange, Georgia. He earned a Master of Divinity at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas, and also obtained a Masters of Theology in Culture and Religion at Princeton Theological Seminary in Princeton, New Jersey.

Chaplain Finch also has a distinguished military career, having served in both the Army and Navy. Upon graduation from high school, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy for 4 years. Chaplain Finch then went on to pursue his college seminary degrees and, upon completion, joined the Army where he served as Chaplain of the First Battalion, Sixth Infantry in Vilseck, Germany.

He later received an interservice transfer to the U.S. Navy and was commissioned in the Navy on January 7, 1991.

Presently, Chaplain Finch is assigned to the U.S. Coast Guard Training Center in Yorktown, Virginia, where he has served as Chaplain since June, 2000.

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