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

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,  
April 10, 2002.

I hereby appoint the Honorable JOHN E. SWEENEY to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

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

### PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer:

Lord, our God, springtime invites us to look at all creation anew and rejoice in its freshness. It inspires all of us to reflect on: "What are we creating?"

In partnership with You, as Your people, we desire to accomplish Your holy will.

Help the Members of this House in the 107th Congress to look at themselves, their politics, priorities, and the Nation's interests with new vision in the light of Your Spirit.

By Your Word, plant deep within their hearts personal integrity. Strengthen Your people with convictions born of truth and experience.

In selecting only good seed, may the leaders of government cast freely new growth across this Nation.

Help them to be wise and patient planters seeking not immediate results, but a productive future which will feed the stability of our homeland and reap a harvest of peace in the world.

It is You, O Lord, who grant the increase now and forever. 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 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.

### WELFARE REFORM

(Mrs. KELLY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. KELLY. Mr. Speaker, Republicans in the House have been leading the charge on the issue of welfare reform. In 1996, overcoming vehement opposition and tremendous obstacles, the Republican majority passed groundbreaking welfare reform that cut case-loads in half.

This year, as Congress is scheduled to reauthorize welfare reform, I would like to share the four principles being promoted by welfare proponents, proponents of welfare reform.

Promoting work: Our plan strengthens the path toward independence. We will continue to support strong work requirements as a centerpiece of our plan for reauthorizing welfare reform.

Improving child well-being: Our plan aims to lift millions more out of poverty. We are developing new initiatives to reduce child poverty and enhance opportunities for a brighter future.

Promoting healthy marriages and strengthening families: We will con-

tinue to promote policies that reduce illegitimacy and divorce, while encouraging healthy marriages.

Fostering hope and opportunity: Boosting personal incomes and improving quality of life, we will build on these successes by developing additional plans to place recipients on long-term career paths, promoting self-esteem and improved quality of life.

These are our guiding principles. They are worth fighting for. Strong families are worth fighting for. I urge my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to join in this noble cause.

### RETURN LUDWIG KOONS

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

Mr. LAMPSON. Mr. Speaker, I am here again. That means that Ludwig Koons is still in captivity in Rome, Italy. A 9-year-old boy, abducted by his pornographer mother, lives in a compound where there is prostitution. We cannot get the United States Government to help us, nor can we have get the Italian Government to help us. Psychologists in both countries have said the child needs to be removed from the situation that he is living in.

Where are our consciences? Why cannot we make something happen with this case?

I need Members to be as absolutely outraged as I am. Please do something to help this child, a 9-year-old United States citizen. Yes, he is living with a parent. That parent does not have custody. She is in the business of doing erotic sex shows around the world. She has a pornographic Web site. Psychologists have said the child is in danger if he continues to stay there, and his father has spent millions of dollars trying to get the child back home to the United States, unquestionably away from the circumstances in which he is

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