

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES—Wednesday, September 29, 1999

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

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,  
September 29, 1999.

I hereby appoint the Honorable JIM NUSSLE to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

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

### PRAYER

The Reverend Dr. John H. White, President of Geneva College, Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania, offered the following prayer:

We begin this morning with the recognition that You, O God, are the source of life and the provider of all good things. We recognize that the order and prosperity of this Nation is a gift of Your providence.

I thank You for these ladies and gentlemen and those who assist them in this vital task of governing this Nation. May they recognize that their authority comes from You and that they are the servants of God and His Son, Jesus Christ, as well as servants of those who elected them.

I pray that their decisions may be founded on Your law, seasoned by Your justice and Your grace. Especially grant us all a full measure of Your wisdom this day.

In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. 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. KLINK. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to clause 1, rule I, I demand a vote on agreeing to the Chair's approval of the Journal.

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

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

Mr. KLINK. 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The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.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 South Carolina (Mr. DEMINT) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. DEMINT 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 Ms. McDevitt, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate had passed without amendment a Joint Resolution of the House of the following title:

H.J. Res. 34. Joint resolution congratulating and commending the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

The message also announced that the Senate has passed a bill of the following title in which concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 1156. An act to amend provisions of law enacted by the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996 to ensure full analysis of potential impacts on small entities of rules proposed by certain agencies, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the Senate agrees to the amendment of the House to the bill (S. 249) "An Act to provide funding for the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, to reauthorize the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act, and for other purposes."

WELCOMING REVEREND DR. JOHN H. WHITE, PRESIDENT OF GENEVA COLLEGE, BEAVER FALLS, PENNSYLVANIA

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

Mr. KLINK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to welcome Reverend Dr. John White, the President of Geneva College in Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania, who we had the honor of having with us to say the prayer to begin this session. Dr. White is a constituent of mine, and certainly is noted for the marvelous work he has done at Geneva College.

Geneva College was founded by the Reform Presbyterian Church of North America. It does a wonderful job in enriching the community in which it is located. It has sent many wonderful students out to do good work in this Nation.

Dr. White has been a part of that College for the last 28 years, the last 8 years of which he has been the President, and it has been my honor to work with him.

We are pleased to have someone of his stature here to assist Reverend Ford in beginning this session, and I would commend him and thank him for being here with us.

I also would commend Geneva College for 4 out of the last 5 years they have been in the national championships with their football team, and they have done a marvelous job of exhibiting their athletic prowess as well as their intellect and their academic prowess. So I thank Dr. White for being with us today.

### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain 15 one minutes on each side.

### DOE IGNORES SCIENCE AT YUCCA MOUNTAIN

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

Mr. GIBBONS. Mr. Speaker, just two days ago this chamber approved, unfortunately, \$352 million for the continued development of a nuclear waste repository at Yucca Mountain, just north of Las Vegas, Nevada.

On that very same day, a public hearing on that project was held in Las Vegas, and at this hearing numerous experts testified that the Department of Energy's draft impact report ignored completely the basic principles of sound science. And, just to make matters worse, the Energy Department's impact report failed to follow the law requiring them to consider alternatives to Yucca Mountain for storing high level nuclear waste. And, by the way, it did not consider the dangers of transporting the high level nuclear waste across America to Yucca Mountain.

But these issues, by necessity, deal with sound science. Obviously the Energy Department is not interested in sound science.

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