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

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
October 14, 1999.

I hereby appoint the Honorable EDWARD A. PEASE to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

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

PRAYER

The Reverend Dr. Charles Wright, The International Foundation, Washington, D.C., offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Lord God, our Forefathers often called You the God of Providence, living, helpful, within reach. Be present with the House of Representatives today. I pray You would give to the Members courage and insight, give them patience with each other.

Lord God, before the demands of the day threaten to take over, we turn our hearts to You. You tell us that You give wisdom to those who ask. We ask now. Decisions made here today will affect our Nation and the world. As these Members give themselves to these great tasks, we also pray for blessing and protection on their homes, their families.

I pray this in the name of the Lord who is today living, helpful, and within reach.

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 Jersey (Mr. FRANKS) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. FRANKS of New Jersey 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. Lundregan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate had passed without amendment a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 356. An act to provide for the conveyance of certain property from the United States to Stanislaus County, California.

The message also announced that the Senate had passed with an amendment in which the concurrence of the House is requested, a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 1000. An act to amend title 49, United States Code, to reauthorize programs of the Federal Aviation Administration, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the Senate insists upon its amendment to the bill (H.R. 1000) "An Act to amend title 49, United States Code, to reauthorize programs of the Federal Aviation Administration, and for other purposes," requests a conference with the House on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and appoints from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. BURNS, Mr. GORTON, Mr. LOTT, Mr. HOLLINGS, Mr. INOUE, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, and Mr. KERRY; and from the Committee on the Budget for the consideration of title IX of the bill: Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. NICKLES, Mr. LAUTENBERG, and Mr. CONRAD, to be the conferees on the part of the Senate.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain 15 1-minute requests per side.

LOCKING UP AMERICA'S FORESTS

(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, yesterday the President decided to lock up the Nation's forests and hand the keys to a group of Washington bureaucrats. With this move the President essentially told the American people that they are no longer welcome or able to use and enjoy and recreate on their land, the very land that their forefathers fought and died for. With this move the President has said to the millions of disabled Americans that they would no longer be able to visit and enjoy our national forests as well.

This land does not belong to the Federal Government. This land belongs to the American people. The only role that the Federal Government has is to manage it. The President has essentially taken our constituents, the public, and this Congress out of the decision process.

Mr. Speaker, if the President's big government initiative goes through, it would effectively bar the majority of the American public from visiting and enjoying their beautiful forests. It seems this administration cannot see the forest through the trees.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time and the administration's lack of common sense.

SLASH AND BURN SPENDING CUTS

(Ms. SANCHEZ asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. SANCHEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to call attention to the actions of the House leadership. The Republicans cannot make the tough choice on government spending, so they have

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