

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES—Thursday, October 28, 1999

The House met at 10 a.m.

The Reverend Luke E. Torian, First Mount Zion Baptist Church, Dumfries, Virginia, offered the following prayer:

God of our Nation and savior of the world, I thank Thee that Thou has blest our land. I thank Thee for the leaders You have raised up to guide our republic. In a climate of natural disaster and the desire for harmony among the citizenry, I pray that You will grant wisdom, courage, and strength to those of this elected body. Realizing the intent of this House is to honor our tradition, maintain our freedom, and grow our Nation's prosperity, may every Member undertake each task with soundmindedness, enlightenment, and commitment. May this body be highly favored by You and sustained by Your grace and mercy. 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. 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. The question is on the Chair's approval of the Journal.

The question was taken; and the Speaker 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. 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The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.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. Will the gentleman from California (Mr. GARY MILLER) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. GARY MILLER of California 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, an-

nounced 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. 2112. An act to amend title 28, United States Code, to allow a judge to whom a case is transferred to retain jurisdiction over certain multidistrict litigation cases for trial, and to provide for Federal jurisdiction of certain multiparty, multiforum civil actions.

### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The gentleman from Virginia (Mr. DAVIS) will be recognized for 1 minute and then there will be 15 one-minutes on each side.

### WELCOME TO THE REVEREND LUKE E. TORIAN

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

Mr. DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to welcome our guest chaplain and my constituent, the Reverend Dr. Luke Torian, to the House of Representatives this morning.

Dr. Torian is the inspirational pastor of the First Mount Zion Baptist Church in Dumfries, Virginia, located in Prince William County in my district. I have had the great pleasure of hearing this man of God deliver dynamic messages on more than one occasion at his church. He has a Bachelor's Degree from Winston-Salem State University, North Carolina, a Master's from Virginia Union University and a Doctorate from Howard University in Washington, D.C.

In the past 20 years, as a dutiful shepherd in the ministry of his community, his service includes Mount Bethel Baptist Church, Roxboro, North Carolina; Gilfield Baptist Church in Charles City, Virginia, and present location, First Mount Zion Baptist Church in Dumfries, Virginia. He is married to the former Clarice Jones of Charlottesville, Virginia, and they are the proud parents of a 9-year-old daughter, Constance.

No stranger to Capitol Hill, he was a congressional staffer in the mid-1980s. On behalf of the entire House of Representatives, I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking Doctor Luke Torian for starting our legislative day in prayer with an inspirational message.

### COMMUNICATION FROM THE HONORABLE DICK ARMEY, MAJORITY LEADER

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SHAW) laid before the House the following communication from the Honorable DICK ARMEY, Majority Leader:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, October 27, 1999.

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

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to section 1404 of Public Law 99-661 (20 U.S.C. 4703), I hereby appoint the following individual to the Barry Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation: Mr. Bob Stump, Arizona.

Respectfully,

DICK ARMEY,  
Majority Leader.

### REPUBLICANS ARE PROTECTING SOCIAL SECURITY

(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, for 30 years, the liberal Washington big spenders have mortgaged America's future. For 30 years they have raided Social Security to pay for more and bigger government programs. The Washington big spenders have put big government programs ahead of retirement security for hardworking Americans. Thankfully this Republican-led Congress has changed that. We have put the Social Security surplus in a lockbox and we are not spending a dime of it.

I would ask our Democratic leadership colleagues on the other side to once and for all stop the raid on Social Security, stop throwing away taxpayers money on wasteful government programs. This country must move forward with a responsible and balanced fiscal budget.

Republicans are holding a Federal Government spring cleaning today. We are getting rid of the unnecessary and redundant programs, we are peeling back the layers of bureaucracy and we are throwing out the President's request to raise taxes and spend more money on wasteful government programs. To the Democratic leadership, I ask for the sake of America's future that you join with Republicans and stop the raid on Social Security and protect our fiscal household.

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