The House met at noon 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. November 22, 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 A. David Argo, Capitol Hill United Methodist Church, offered the following prayer:

O God of beginnings and endings be present in the work of this day. Provide the foresight needed to begin in new directions and the courage to begin again for issues which are just. Give grace for those projects which need to be brought to a close and understanding when confronted with losses not chosen. Guide the decisions which assess the difference between beginnings and endings and inspire those who participate in the outcome with a renewed commitment to the common good. With enormous gratitude for the resources You have given to our country we ask for Your divine guidance as this body seeks to serve Your people and Your world. 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 1, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. WOLF) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. WOLF 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 bills, joint resolutions and concurrent resolutions of the House of the following titles:

H.R. 15. An act to designate a portion of the Otay Mountain region of California as wilderness.
H.R. 28. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to construct and operate a visitor center for the Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River on land owned by the State of New York.
H.R. 197. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service at 410 North 6th Street in Garden City, Kansas, as the "Clifford H. Hope Post Office".
H.R. 322. An act for the relief of Suchada Kwong.
H.R. 449. An act to authorize the Gateway Visitor Center at Independence National Historical Park, and for other purposes.
H.R. 495. An act to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act for FERC Project No. 9401, the Mt. Hope Waterpower Project.
H.R. 592. An act to designate a portion of Gateway National Recreation Area as "World War Veterans Park at Miller Field".
H.R. 638. An act to establish the Thomas Cole National Historic Site in the State of New York as an affiliated area of the National Park System.
H.R. 747. An act to protect the permanent trust funds of the State of Arizona from erosion due to inflation and modify the basis on which distributions are made from those funds.
H.R. 748. An act to amend the Act that established the Keweenaw National Historical Park to require the Secretary of the Interior to consider nominees of various local interests in appointing members of the Keweenaw National Historical Park Advisory Commission.
H.R. 791. An act to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the route of the War of 1812 British invasion of Maryland and Washington, District of Columbia, and the route of the American defense, for study for potential addition to the national trails system.
H.R. 970. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide assistance to the Perkins County Rural Water System, Inc., for the construction of water supply facilities in Perkins County, South Dakota.
H.R. 1094. An act to amend the Federal Reserve Act to broaden the range of discount window loans which may be used as collateral for Federal reserve notes.
H.R. 1104. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to transfer administrative jurisdiction over land within the boundaries of the Home of Franklin D. Roosevelt National Historic Site to the Archivist of the United States for the construction of a visitor center.
H.R. 1231. An act to designate the United States Postal Service building located at 8850 South 70th East, Sandy, Utah, as the "Noel Cushing Bateman Post Office Building".
H.R. 1379. An act to designate the United States Postal Service building located at 3490 Highway 101 South, Eugene, Oregon, as the "Maurine B. Neuberger United States Post Office".
H.R. 1619. An act to amend the Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley National Heritage Area Corridor Act of 1994 to expand the boundaries of the Corridor.
H.R. 1665. An act to allow the National Park Service to acquire certain land for addition to the Wilderness Battlefield in Virginia, as previously authorized by law, by purchase or exchange as well as by donation.
H.R. 1683. An act to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to clarify the overtime exemption for employees engaged in fire protection activities.
H.R. 1794. An act concerning the participation of Taiwan in the World Health Organization (WHO).
H.R. 1887. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, to punish the depiction of animal cruelty.
H.R. 1932. An act to authorize the President to award a gold medal on behalf of the Congress to Father Theodore M. Hesburgh, in recognition of his outstanding and enduring contributions to civil rights, higher education, the Catholic Church, the Nation, and the global community.
H.R. 1879. An act to provide for the conveyance of certain National Forest System lands in the State of South Dakota.
H.R. 2041. An act to amend the U.S. Holocaust Assets Commission Act of 1998 to extend the period by which the final report is due and to authorize additional funding.
H.R. 2737. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey to the State of Illinois certain Federal land associated with the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail to be used as an historic and interpretive site along the trail.
H.R. 2886. An act to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide that an adopted alien who is less than 18 years of age may be considered a child under such Act if adopted with or after a sibling who is a child of the adopting alien.
H.R. 2889. An act to amend the Central Utah Project Completion Act to provide for acquisition of water and water rights for Central Utah Project purposes, completion of Central Utah project facilities, and implementation of water conservation measures.
H.R. 3257. An act to amend the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 to assist the Congressional Budget Office with the scoring of State and local mandates.
H.R. 3373. An act to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in conjunction with the design of the United States Postal Service building located at 8850 South 70th East, Sandy, Utah, as the "Noel Cushing Bateman Post Office Building".

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