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. 29. 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 R. 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. 459. An act to extend the deadline for the construction of the 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. 658. 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. 1250. An act to designate the United States Postal Service building located at 800 South West 4th Street in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, as the "Noel Cushing Bateman Post Office Building".  
H.R. 1327. An act to designate the United States Postal Service building located at 3400 Highway 101 in Sequim, Washington, as the "Maurine C. 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. 1693. 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. 2079. An act to provide for the conveyance of certain National Forest System lands in the State of South Dakota.  
H.R. 2140. An act to improve protection and management of the Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area in the State of Georgia.  
H.R. 2401. 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 United States.  
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. 3237. 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 minting of coins by the Republic of Iceland in commemoration of the millenium of the discovery of the New World by Leif Ericson.

H.R. 3348. An act to authorize the reauthorization of the Overseas Private Corporation, Illinois Motor Carrier Safety Administration, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3419. An act to amend title 49, United States Code, to authorize the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3443. An act to amend part E of title IV of the Civilian Conservation Corps Act to provide States with more funding and greater flexibility in carrying out programs designed to help children make the transition from foster care to self-sufficiency, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2130. An act to amend the Controlled Substances Act to add gamma hydroxybutyric acid and ketamine to the schedules of controlled substances, to provide for a national awareness campaign, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2280. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide a cost-of-living adjustment in rates of compensation paid for service-connected disabilities, to enhance the compensation, memorial affairs, and housing programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs, to improve retirement authorities applicable to judges of the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3466. An act to amend statutory damages provisions of title 17, United States Code.

H.J. Res. 46. Joint resolution conferring status as an honorary veteran of the United States Armed Forces on Zachary Fisher.

H.J. Res. 65. Joint resolution commending the World War II veterans who fought in the Battle of the Bulge, and for other purposes.

H.J. Res. 88. Joint resolution appointing the day for the convening of the second session of the One Hundred Sixth Congress.

H. Con. Res. 122. Concurrent resolution recognizing the United States Border Patrol's 75 years of service since its founding.


H. Con. Res. 190. Concurrent resolution urging the United States to seek a global consensus supporting a moratorium on tariffs and quotas, and discriminatory taxation of electronic commerce.

H. Con. Res. 205. Concurrent resolution recognizing and honoring the heroic efforts of the Air National Guard's 109th Airlift Wing and its rescue of Dr. Jerri Nielsen from the South Pole.


H. Con. Res. 239. Concurrent resolution directing the Clerk of the House of Representatives to make a technical correction in the enrollment of H.R. 1949.

The message also announced that the Senate had passed with amendments in which the concurrence of the House is requested, bills and a concurrent resolution of the House of the following titles:

H.R. 149. An act to make technical corrections to the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996 and to other laws related to parks and public lands.

H.R. 154. An act to provide for the collection of fees for the making of motion pictures, television productions, and sound recordings on National Park System and National Wildlife Refuge System units, and for other purposes.

H.R. 764. An act to reduce the incidence of child abuse and neglect, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1377. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service at 13234 South Baltimore Avenue in Chicago, Illinois, as the "John J. Buchanan Post Office Building".

H.R. 1451. An act to establish the Abraham Lincoln Birthplace National Historic Site.

H.R. 1753. An act to promote the research, identification, assessment, exploration, and development of gas hydrate resources, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1802. An act to amend part E of title IV of the Social Security Act to provide States with more funding and greater flexibility in carrying out programs designed to help children make the transition from foster care to self-sufficiency, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2130. An act to amend the Controlled Substances Act to add gamma hydroxybutyric acid and ketamine to the schedules of controlled substances, to provide for a national awareness campaign, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2280. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide a cost-of-living adjustment in rates of compensation paid for service-connected disabilities, to enhance the compensation, memorial affairs, and housing programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs, to improve retirement authorities applicable to judges of the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims, and for other purposes.

H.R. 311. An act to exempt certain reports from automatic elimination and sunset pursuant to the Federal Reports Elimination and Sunset Act of 1996.


The message also announced that the Senate agrees to the report of the committee on conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 1555) "An Act to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2000 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes."

The message also announced that the Senate agrees to the report of the committee on conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2116) "An Act to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide a cost-of-living adjustment in rates of compensation paid for service-connected disabilities, to enhance the compensation, memorial affairs, and housing programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs, to improve retirement authorities applicable to judges of the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims, and for other purposes."

S. 440. An act to provide for the punishment of methamphetamine laboratory operators, to combat methamphetamine production, trafficking, and abuse in the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 310. An act to address resource management issues in Glacier Bay National Park, Alaska.

S. 624. An act to authorize construction of the Rocky Mountain Recreation and Water System in the State of Montana, and for other purposes.

S. 692. An act to prohibit Internet gambling and for other purposes.

S. 698. An act to review the suitability and feasibility of recovering costs of high altitude rescue at Denali National Park and Preserve within the State of Alaska, and for other purposes.

S. 710. An act to authorize a feasibility study on the preservation of certain Civil War Battlefields along the Vicksburg Campaign Trail.

S. 711. An act to allow for the investment of joint Federal and State funds from the civil settlement of the Exxon Valdez oil spill, for other purposes.

S. 734. An act entitled "National Discovery Trails Act of 1999".

S. 737. An act to improve and contract for the Federal Government within the State of Alaska, and for other purposes.

S. 761. An act to regulate interstate commerce by electronic means by permitting and encouraging the continued expansion of electronic commerce through the operation of free market forces, and other purposes.

S. 771. An act to provide a final settlement on certain debt owed by the city of Dickinson, North Dakota, for construction of the bascule gates on the Dickinson Dam.

S. 905. An act to establish the Lackawanna Valley National Heritage Area and for other purposes.

S. 961. An act to amend the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act to improve shared appreciation arrangements.

S. 974. An act to provide for equitable compensation for the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, and for other purposes.

S. 977. An act to provide for the conveyance of the Bureau of Land Management and the State of Oregon of a county park and certain adjacent land.

S. 986. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey the Griffith Project to the Southern Nevada Water Authority.

S. 1030. An act to provide that the conveyance by the Secretary of the Interior of certain lands in the surface estate to certain land in the State of Wyoming in exchange for certain private land will not result in the removal of the land from operation of the mining laws.

S. 1088. An act to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain administrative sites in national forests in the State of Arizona, to convey certain land to the City of Sedona, Arizona for a wastewater treatment facility, and for other purposes.

S. 1117. An act to establish the Corinth Unit of the Civil War Military Park, to accommodate the vicinity of the city of Corinth, Mississippi, and in the State of Tennessee, and for other purposes.

S. 119. An act to amend the act of August 9, 1950, to continue funding of the Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection and Restoration Act.

S. 1236. An act to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act for commencement of the construction of the Arrowrock Dam Hydroelectric Project in the State of Idaho.

S. 1243. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to revise and extend the prostate cancer prevention health program.

S. 1268. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide support for the modernization and construction of biomedical and behavioral research facilities and laboratory instrumentation.

S. 1275. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to produce and sell products and to undertake studies relating to the Hoover Dam, and to deposit revenues generated from the sales into the Colorado River Dam fund.

S. 1286. An act to provide incentives for collaborative forest restoration projects on National Forest System and other public lands in New Mexico, and for other purposes.

S. 1295. An act to designate the United States Post Office located at 3813 Main Street in East Chicago, Indiana, as the 'Lancaster Post Office'.

S. 1296. An act to designate portions of the lower Delaware River and associated tributaries as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System.

S. 1309. An act to amend title I of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to provide for the preemption of State law in certain cases relating to certain church plans.

S. 1324. An act to expand the boundaries of the Gettysburg National Military Park to include the Wills House, and for other purposes.

S. 1329. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain land to Nye County, Nevada, and for other purposes.

S. 1330. An act to give the city of Mesquite, Nevada, the right to purchase at fair market value certain parcels of public land in the city.

S. 1349. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct special resource studies to determine the significance of certain sites as well as the suitability and feasibility of their inclusion as units of the National Park System.

S. 1374. An act to authorize the development and maintenance of a multiagency campus project in the town of Jackson, Wyoming.

S. 1343. An act to facilitate famine relief efforts and a comprehensive solution to the war in Sudan.

S. 1388. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for recommendations of the Secretary of Health and Human Services regarding the placement of automatic external defibrillators in Federal Buildings in order to improve survival rates of individuals who suffer cardiac arrest in such buildings, and to establish protections from civil liability arising from the emergency use of these devices.


S. 1508. An act to provide technical and legal assistance to tribal justice systems and members of Indian tribes, and for other purposes.

S. 1515. An act to amend the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1516. An act to amend title III of the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11351 et seq.) to authorize the Federal Emergency Management Food and Shelter Program, and for other purposes.

S. 1569. An act to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968 (16 U.S.C. 1282 et seq.) to designate segments of the Taunton River in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for study for potential addition to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers system, and for other purposes.

S. 1599. An act to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to sell or exchange all or part of certain administrative sites and other land in the Black Hills National Forest and to use funds derived from the sale or exchange to acquire replacement sites and to acquire or construct administrative improvements in connection with the Black Hills National Forest.

S. 1707. An act to amend the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.) to provide that certain designated Federal entities shall be establishments under such Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1733. An act to amend the Food Stamp Act of 1977 to provide for a national standard of interoperability and portability applicable to electronic food stamp benefit transactions.

S. 1813. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide additional support for, and to expand clinical research programs, and for other purposes.


S. 1937. An act to amend the Pacific Northwest Power Planning and Conservation Act to provide for sales of electricity by the Bonneville Power Administration to joint operating entities.

S. 1971. An act to authorize the President to award a gold medal on behalf of the Congress to Milton Friedman, in recognition of his outstanding and enduring contributions to individual freedom and opportunity to American society through his exhaustive research and teaching of economics, and his extensive writing on economics and public policy.

S. 1996. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to clarify provisions relating to the contemplated settlement in civil actions to recover damages for birth defects and injuries caused by thalidomide.

S. Con. Res. 42. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress that the commemorative postage stamp should be issued by the United States Postal Service honoring the members of the Armed Forces of the United States who have served in Iraq.

S. Con. Res. 71. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress that Miami, Florida, and not a competing foreign city, should serve as the permanent location for the Secretariat of the Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA) beginning in 2005.


The message also announced that the Senate agrees to the amendment of the House to the bill (S. 335) "An act to amend chapter 30 of title 39, United States Code, to provide for the nonavailability of certain decapitation matter relating to sweepstakes, skill contests, facsimile checks, administrative procedures, orders, and civil penalties relating to such matter, and for other purposes."

The message also announced that the Senate agrees to the amendment of the House to the bill (S. 416) "An act to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey to the city of Sisters, Oregon, a certain parcel of land for use in connection with a sewage treatment facility."

The message also announced that the Senate agrees to the amendment of the House to the bill (S. 1312) "An act to amend the Communications Satellite Act of 1962 to promote competition and privatization in satellite communications, and for other purposes." The Senate also amended the bill by a vote of 90 to 0.

The message also announced that the Senate agrees to the amendment of the House to the bill (S. 1418) "An act to provide for the holding of court at Natchez, Mississippi, in the same manner as court is held at Vicksburg, Mississippi, and for other purposes."

The message also announced that the Senate agrees to the amendment of the House to the bill (S. 1376) "An act to amend the Communications Satellite Act of 1962 to promote competition and privatization in satellite communications, and for other purposes." The Senate also amended the bill by a vote of 68 to 25.

The message also announced that the Senate agrees to the amendment of the House to the bill (S. 376) "An act to amend the Communications Satellite Act of 1962 to promote competition and privatization in satellite communications, and for other purposes." The Senate also amended the bill by a vote of 90 to 0.

The message also announced that the Senate agrees to the amendment of the House to the bill (S. 418) "An act to provide for the holding of court at Natchez, Mississippi, in the same manner as court is held at Vicksburg, Mississippi, and for other purposes."

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COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK.
Washington, DC, November 22, 1999.
Hon. J. Dennis Hastert,
The Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

Dear Mr. Speaker: Pursuant to the permission granted to Clause 2(h) of Rule II of