

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES—Wednesday, February 16, 2000

The House met at 10 a.m.

The Reverend Dr. Ronald F. Christian, Lutheran Social Services, Fairfax, Virginia, offered the following prayer:

Almighty God, in this moment of silence and reflection, we acknowledge Your presence. The Psalmist reminds us that You hear the prayers of all people, the rich and the poor, the mighty and the weak, the hopeful and the discouraged. And, that before You all words are the same, all petitions are known and all needs are recognized.

O God, we believe it is Your will to bring us all together in a single peace. So, therefore our simple prayer this day is, that we will show mercy, as we would want mercy shown, that we will care about others, as we would be cared about, that we will give love as we would want love to be given, and that we will be patient as we request patience to be provided to us. 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. McDERMOTT. 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. McDERMOTT. 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. Evidently a quorum is not present.

The Sergeant at Arms will notify absent Members.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 354, nays 46, not voting 34, as follows:

[Roll No. 22]

YEAS—354

Abercrombie	Barcia	Berman
Ackerman	Barr	Berry
Allen	Barrett (NE)	Biggert
Andrews	Barrett (WI)	Bilirakis
Archer	Bartlett	Blagojevich
Army	Bass	Billey
Baca	Bateman	Blumenauer
Bachus	Becerra	Blunt
Baker	Bentsen	Boehlert
Baldwin	Bereuter	Bonilla
Ballenger	Berkley	Bonior

Bono	Goodling	McCarthy (MO)
Boswell	Gordon	McCarthy (NY)
Boucher	Goss	McCrery
Boyd	Granger	McGovern
Brady (TX)	Green (TX)	McHugh
Brown (FL)	Green (WI)	McInnis
Bryant	Greenwood	McIntosh
Burr	Hall (OH)	McIntyre
Burton	Hall (TX)	McKeon
Buyer	Hansen	McKinney
Calvert	Hastings (FL)	Meehan
Camp	Hastings (WA)	Meek (FL)
Canady	Hayes	Menendez
Cannon	Hayworth	Metcalf
Capuano	Herger	Mica
Cardin	Hill (IN)	Millender-
Carson	Hilleary	McDonald
Castle	Hinchee	Miller (FL)
Chabot	Hinojosa	Miller, Gary
Chambliss	Hobson	Miller, George
Clayton	Hoefel	Minge
Clement	Hoekstra	Mink
Coble	Holden	Moakley
Coburn	Holt	Mollohan
Collins	Hooley	Moran (KS)
Combust	Horn	Moran (VA)
Condit	Hostettler	Morella
Conyers	Houghton	Murtha
Cook	Hoyer	Nadler
Cox	Hunter	Napolitano
Coyne	Hyde	Neal
Cramer	Inslee	Nethercutt
Crowley	Isakson	Ney
Cubin	Istook	Northrup
Cummings	Jackson (IL)	Norwood
Cunningham	Jackson-Lee	Nussle
Davis (FL)	(TX)	Obey
Davis (IL)	Jefferson	Olver
Davis (VA)	Jenkins	Ortiz
Deal	John	Ose
DeGette	Johnson (CT)	Oxley
Delahunt	Johnson, E.B.	Packard
DeLauro	Johnson, Sam	Pallone
DeLay	Jones (NC)	Pascrell
DeMint	Kanjorski	Pastor
Deutsch	Kaptur	Paul
Diaz-Balart	Kasich	Payne
Dickey	Kelly	Pease
Dicks	Kennedy	Pelosi
Dingell	Kildee	Peterson (PA)
Dixon	Kilpatrick	Petri
Doggett	Kind (WI)	Phelps
Dooley	King (NY)	Pickering
Doolittle	Kingston	Pitts
Dreier	Klecza	Pombo
Duncan	Knollenberg	Pomeroy
Dunn	Kolbe	Porter
Edwards	Kuykendall	Portman
Ehlers	LaHood	Price (NC)
Ehrlich	Lampson	Pryce (OH)
Emerson	Lantos	Quinn
Engel	Largent	Radanovich
Eshoo	Larson	Rahall
Evans	Latham	Rangel
Everett	LaTourette	Regula
Ewing	Lazio	Reyes
Farr	Leach	Reynolds
Fattah	Lee	Riley
Fletcher	Levin	Rivers
Foley	Lewis (CA)	Rodriguez
Forbes	Lewis (GA)	Roemer
Fowler	Lewis (KY)	Rogers
Frank (MA)	Linder	Rohrabacher
Frank (NJ)	Lipinski	Ros-Lehtinen
Frelinghuysen	Lofgren	Rothman
Frost	Lucas (KY)	Roukema
Gallegly	Lucas (OK)	Roybal-Allard
Ganske	Luther	Rush
Gekas	Maloney (CT)	Ryan (WI)
Gilchrest	Maloney (NY)	Ryun (KS)
Gilman	Manzullo	Salmon
Gonzalez	Markey	Sanchez
Goode	Mascara	Sanders
Goodlatte	Matsui	Sandlin

Sawyer	Souder	Turner
Saxton	Spence	Upton
Scarborough	Spratt	Velázquez
Schakowsky	Stabenow	Vitter
Scott	Stark	Walden
Sensenbrenner	Stearns	Walsh
Serrano	Stump	Wamp
Sessions	Stupak	Watkins
Shadegg	Sununu	Watt (NC)
Shaw	Sweeney	Watts (OK)
Shays	Talent	Waxman
Sherman	Tancredo	Weiner
Sherwood	Tanner	Weldon (FL)
Shimkus	Tauscher	Weldon (PA)
Shows	Tauzin	Wexler
Shuster	Taylor (NC)	Whitfield
Simpson	Terry	Wicker
Sisisky	Thomas	Wilson
Skeen	Thornberry	Wise
Skelton	Thune	Wolf
Smith (MI)	Thurman	Woolsey
Smith (NJ)	Toomey	Wynn
Smith (TX)	Towns	Young (FL)
Smith (WA)	Trafiacant	

NAYS—46

Aderholt	Hill (MT)	Sabo
Bilbray	Hilliard	Schaffer
Borski	Hulshof	Slaughter
Brady (PA)	Klink	Stenholm
Clyburn	Kucinich	Strickland
Costello	LaFalce	Taylor (MS)
Crane	LoBiondo	Thompson (CA)
English	McDermott	Thompson (MS)
Etheridge	McNulty	Udall (CO)
Filner	Meeks (NY)	Udall (NM)
Ford	Moore	Visclosky
Gibbons	Oberstar	Waters
Gillmor	Peterson (MN)	Weller
Gutierrez	Pickett	Wu
Gutknecht	Ramstad	
Hefley	Rogan	

NOT VOTING—34

Baird	Danner	Myrick
Baldacci	DeFazio	Owens
Barton	Doyle	Royce
Bishop	Fossella	Sanford
Boehner	Gejdenson	Snyder
Brown (OH)	Gephardt	Tiahrt
Callahan	Graham	Tierney
Campbell	Hutchinson	Vento
Capps	Jones (OH)	Weygand
Chenoweth-Hage	Lowey	Young (AK)
Clay	Martinez	
Cooksey	McCollum	

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So the Journal was approved.
The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LATOURETTE). Will the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. PORTMAN) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. PORTMAN 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.

□ This symbol represents the time of day during the House proceedings, e.g., □ 1407 is 2:07 p.m.

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