

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES—Wednesday, May 24, 2000

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

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
May 24, 2000.

I hereby appoint the Honorable STEVEN C. LATOURETTE to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

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

PRAYER

The Reverend Monsignor William P. Fay, National Conference of Catholic Bishops, offered the following prayer:

God of all creation, and source of unending peace, be with this House and bless it. Let good work be done within its walls. May only truth be spoken here.

Give to those standing in this Chamber the wisdom to know their weakness, the humility to acknowledge Your strength, and the courage to let justice be the sole motivator of their work.

By the manner of their lives, let them proclaim the rightness of walking freely in Your sight.

By their love for our country and for their fellow citizens, may they serve well those who sent them to this place; may they lead by following You, the author of all truth, and show the way, by cherishing Your presence in their hearts.

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.

Mr. HEFLEY. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to clause 1, rule I, I demand a vote on agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the Chair's approval of the Journal.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. HEFLEY. 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 pro tempore. 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 345, nays 54, answered "present" 1, not voting 34, as follows:

[Roll No. 224]
YEAS—345

- Abercrombie
- Ackerman
- Allen
- Andrews
- Archer
- Armey
- Baca
- Bachus
- Baker
- Baldacci
- Baldwin
- Ballenger
- Barcia
- Barr
- Barrett (NE)
- Barrett (WI)
- Bartlett
- Barton
- Bass
- Bateman
- Becerra
- Bentsen
- Bereuter
- Berkley
- Berman
- Berry
- Biggert
- Bilirakis
- Bishop
- Blagojevich
- Bliley
- Blumenauer
- Boehler
- Boehner
- Bonilla
- Bono
- Boswell
- Boucher
- Boyd
- Brady (TX)
- Brown (FL)
- Brown (OH)
- Bryant
- Burr
- Buyer
- Callahan
- Calvert
- Camp
- Campbell
- Canady
- Cannon
- Capps
- Capuano
- Cardin
- Carson
- Castle
- Chabot
- Chambliss
- Clayton
- Clement
- Coble
- Coburn
- Collins
- Combest
- Condit
- Conyers
- Cook
- Cooksey
- Cox
- Coyne
- Cramer
- Crowley
- Cubin
- Cunningham
- Danner
- Davis (FL)
- Davis (IL)
- Davis (VA)
- Deal
- DeGette
- DeLauro
- DeLay
- DeMint
- Deutsch
- Diaz-Balart
- Dicks
- Dingell
- Dixon
- Doggett
- Dooley
- Doolittle
- Doyle
- Dreier
- Duncan
- Dunn
- Edwards
- Ehlers
- Emerson
- Eshoo
- Etheridge
- Evans
- Everett
- Ewing
- Farr
- Fletcher
- Foley
- Forbes
- Fowler
- Frank (MA)
- Franks (NJ)
- Frelinghuysen
- Frost
- Gallegly
- Gejdenson
- Gekas
- Gephardt
- Gillmor
- Gilman
- Goode
- Gonzalez
- Goode
- Goodlatte
- Goodling
- Gordon
- Goss
- Graham
- Granger
- Green (TX)
- Green (WI)
- Greenwood
- Hall (OH)
- Hall (TX)
- Hansen
- Hastings (WA)
- Hayes
- Hayworth
- Heger
- Hill (IN)
- Hinches
- Hinojosa
- Hobson
- Hoeffel
- Hoekstra
- Hoit
- Hooley
- Horn
- Hosettler
- Houghton
- Hoyer
- Hunter
- Hutchinson
- Hyde
- Inslee
- Isakson
- Istook
- Jackson (IL)
- Jackson-Lee
- (TX)
- Jefferson
- Jenkins
- John
- Johnson (CT)
- Johnson, E. B.
- Johnson, Sam
- Kanjorski
- Kaptur
- Kelly
- Kennedy
- Kildee
- Kilpatrick
- Kind (WI)
- King (NY)
- Kingston
- Klecza
- Knollenberg
- Kolbe
- Kuykendall
- LaFalce
- LaHood
- Lampson
- Lantos
- Largent
- Latham
- LaTourette
- Leach
- Lee
- Levin
- Lewis (CA)
- Lewis (KY)
- Linder
- Lofgren
- Lowey
- Lucas (KY)
- Lucas (OK)
- Luther
- Maloney (CT)
- Manzullo
- Markey
- Mascara
- Matsui
- McCarthy (MO)
- McCarthy (NY)
- McCullum
- McCrery
- McGovern
- McHugh
- McInnis
- McIntosh
- McIntyre
- McKeon
- McNulty
- Meehan
- Meek (FL)
- Meeks (NY)
- Menendez
- Metcalfe
- Mica
- Millender-McDonald
- Miller (FL)
- Miller, Gary
- Mink
- Moakley
- Moran (KS)
- Moran (VA)
- Murtha
- Myrick
- Napolitano
- Neal
- Nethercutt
- Ney
- Northrup
- Norwood
- Nussle
- Obeys
- Ortiz
- Ose
- Owens
- Oxley
- Packard
- Pallone
- Pastor
- Paul
- Payne
- Pelosi
- Peterson (PA)
- Petri
- Pickering
- Pitts
- Pombo
- Porter
- Portman
- Price (NC)
- Pryce (OH)
- Quinn
- Radanovich
- Rahall
- Rangel
- Regula
- Reyes
- Reynolds
- Riley
- Rivers
- Roemer
- Rogers
- Rohrabacher
- Ros-Lehtinen
- Rothman
- Roukema
- Roybal-Allard
- Royce
- Ryan (WI)
- Ryun (KS)
- Salmon
- Sanchez
- Sanders
- Sandlin
- Sanford
- Sawyer
- Saxton
- Schakowsky
- Scott
- Sensenbrenner
- Serrano
- Sessions
- Shadegg
- Shaw
- Shays
- Sherman
- Sherwood
- Shimkus
- Shows
- Shuster
- Simpson
- Sisisky
- Skeen
- Skelton
- Smith (MI)
- Smith (NJ)
- Smith (TX)
- Smith (WA)
- Snyder
- Souder
- Spence
- Spratt
- Stabenow
- Stearns
- Stenholm
- Stump
- Sununu
- Talent
- Tanner
- Tauscher
- Taylor (NC)
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- Thomas
- Thornberry
- Thune
- Thurman
- Tiahrt
- Tierney
- Toomey
- Towns
- Traficant
- Turner
- Upton
- Velázquez
- Vento
- Vitter
- Walden
- Walsh
- Wamp
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- Watts (OK)
- Waxman
- Weldon (FL)
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- Weygand
- Whitfield
- Wicker
- Wilson
- Wise
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- Woolsey
- Wynn
- Young (FL)

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- Weldon (FL)
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- Weygand
- Whitfield
- Wicker
- Wilson
- Wise
- Wolf
- Woolsey
- Wynn
- Young (FL)

NAYS—54

- Aderholt
- Baird
- Bilbray
- Bonior
- Borski
- Brady (PA)
- Clay
- Clyburn
- Costello
- Crane
- DeFazio
- Dickey
- English
- Filner
- Ford
- Gutierrez
- Gutknecht
- Hastings (FL)
- Hefley
- Hill (MT)
- Hilleary
- Hilliard
- Holden
- Jones (OH)
- Klink
- Kucinich
- Lewis (GA)
- Lipinski
- LoBiondo
- McDermott
- Miller, George
- Moore
- Oberstar
- Olver
- Peterson (MN)
- Phelps
- Pickett
- Pomeroy
- Ramstad
- Rogan
- Sabo
- Schaffer
- Slaughter
- Stark
- Strickland
- Sweeney
- Taylor (MS)
- Thompson (CA)
- Thompson (MS)
- Udall (NM)
- Visclosky
- Waters
- Weller
- Wu

ANSWERED "PRESENT"—1

Tancredo

NOT VOTING—34

- Blunt
- Burton
- Chenoweth-Hage
- Cummings
- Delahunt
- Ehrlich
- Engel
- Fattah
- Fossella
- Ganske
- Gibbons
- Gilchrest
- Hulshof
- Jones (NC)
- Kasich
- Larson
- Lazio
- Maloney (NY)
- Martinez
- McKinney
- Minge
- Mollohan
- Morella
- Nadler
- Pascarella
- Pease
- Rodriguez
- Rush

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Scarborough
Stupak

Tauzin
Udall (CO)

Weiner
Young (AK)

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Mr. OBERSTAR changed his vote from "yea" to "nay."

Mr. VENTO changed his vote from "nay" to "yea."

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 Michigan (Mr. KILDEE) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. KILDEE 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 has passed a concurrent resolution of the following title in which concurrence of the House is requested:

S. Con. Res. 116. Concurrent resolution commending Israel's redeployment from southern Lebanon.

The message also announced that in accordance with sections 1928-1928d of title 22, United States Code, as amended, the Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, appoints the following Senators as members of the Senate Delegation to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization Parliamentary Assembly during the Second Session of the One Hundred Sixth Congress, to be held in Budapest, Hungary, May 26-30, 2000—

the Senator from Iowa (Mr. GRASSLEY), Acting Chairman;

the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SPECTER);

the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. ENZI); and

the Senator from Ohio (Mr. VOINOVICH).

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will recognize the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. KILDEE) for a 1-minute speech. All other 1-minutes will be postponed until the end of the legislative day.

WELCOME TO REVEREND MONSIGNOR WILLIAM P. FAY

(Mr. KILDEE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to welcome our guest chaplain,

Monsignor William P. Fay. Monsignor Fay was recently elected to serve as the General Secretary of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, U.S. Catholic Conference. His 5-year term begins next February.

He has served as Associate General Secretary of the conference since 1995. In this capacity, Monsignor Fay has overseen the public policy work of the U.S. Catholic Conference. Monsignor Fay helped to coordinate the most recent visit of Pope John Paul II to the United States when the Holy Father traveled to St. Louis in January 1999.

Monsignor Fay was ordained to the priesthood for the Archdiocese of Boston in 1974. After his ordination, Monsignor Fay was an associate pastor in several parishes in Massachusetts. Immediately before coming to the Catholic conference, he was a professor of philosophy at St. John's Seminary in Brighton, Massachusetts. He also served as the Dean of the College of Liberal Arts there and chairman of the department of philosophy.

Please join me in welcoming Monsignor William P. Fay.

PROVIDING FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 4444, AUTHORIZING EXTENSION OF NON-DISCRIMINATORY TREATMENT (NORMAL TRADE RELATIONS TREATMENT) TO PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 510 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 510

Resolved, That upon the adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to consider in the House the bill (H.R. 4444) to authorize extension of nondiscriminatory treatment (normal trade relations treatment) to the People's Republic of China. The bill shall be considered as read for amendment. In lieu of the amendment recommended by the Committee on Ways and Means now printed in the bill, the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution shall be considered as adopted. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill, as amended, to final passage without intervening motion except: (1) three hours of debate on the bill, as amended, equally divided among and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means, Representative Stark of California or his designee, and Representative Rohrabacher of California or his designee; and (2) one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from California (Mr. DREIER) is recognized for 1 hour.

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, for the purpose of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to my very dear friend from South Boston, Massachusetts (Mr. MOAKLEY) with whom I spend

many long evenings upstairs in the Committee on Rules, including last night, to get this measure down here, pending which I yield myself such time as I may consume. During consideration of this resolution, all time yielded is for the purpose of debate only.

Mr. Speaker, as is customary for consideration of trade legislation, H.Res. 510 is a closed rule providing for consideration of H.R. 4444, a bill to authorize extension of normal trade relations to the People's Republic of China. The rule provides 3 hours of debate in the House equally divided among the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means, the gentleman from California (Mr. STARK) and the gentleman from California (Mr. ROHRBACHER) or their designees.

The rule provides that in lieu of the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Ways and Means, the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in the Committee on Rules report accompanying the rule shall be considered as adopted. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit, with or without instructions.

Mr. Speaker, today's vote on trade with China is probably the most important vote that we will face in this session of Congress. Make no mistake about it. This vote is a win-win-win for America's workers, America's first-class businesses, and the very important goal of promoting American values. This will be a win for American workers because China will finally be required to play by the rules when they trade with America. They are opening their markets to American exporters which means good jobs across the United States. This is also a major win for world-class American businesses. We are home to the world's best high-tech companies, entertainers, farmers, and financial institutions.

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These industries are at the heart of my home State of California's vibrant growing economy. They dominate global markets, and they will do the same in China if we let them.

However, as good a trade deal as this is, it does not get any more one sided in our favor than this. We do not face a choice between American pocket-books and American values.

The fact is, trade with China is good for the Chinese people. It is good for human rights. It is good for democratic reform. It is good for national security, and it is good for American values. Yes, high-tech industries strongly support this bill. Yes, farmers across America strongly support this bill.

Yes, this bill is key to spreading the Internet across China. That is all great. But the real story is that leading human rights activists, democratic reformers and religious leaders in China support permanent normal trade