see Your deeds unfolding in our history and in every act of justice and kindness we have gathered and offered You praise. With family and friends we gathered at table and You renewed us in the bonds that hold us faithful and fill us with gratitude. Bless those who have blessed us. Be close to those most in need of Your compassion and love.

Fear of You, O Lord, is the beginning of wisdom. Make us truly wise. As we begin our works of truth and justice guide us to grow in understanding, for our hearts are fixed on Your faithful promise that You will be with us now and forever. Amen.

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**CONGRESSIONAL RECORD—HOUSE**


**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, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, WASHINGTON, DC, JULY 29, 2001.**

Hon. J. Dennis Hastert, Speaker, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

Dear Mr. Speaker: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on July 29, 2001 at 5:17 p.m.

That the Senate agreed to conference report H.R. 2216.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

**MARTHA C. MORRISON, Deputy Clerk of the House.**

**MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE**

A message from the Senate by Mr. Monahan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed with an amendment in which the concurrence of the House is requested, a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 2311. An act making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the Senate insist upon its amendment to the bill (H.R. 2311) “An Act making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, and for other purposes” requests a conference with the House on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and appoints Mr. Reid, Mr. Byrd, Mr. Hollings, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Dorgan, Mrs. Feinstein, Mr. Harkin, Mr. Inouye, Mr. Domenici, Mr. Cochran, Mr. McConnell, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Burns, Mr. Craig, and Mr. Stevens, to be the conferees on the part of the Senate.

**ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE**

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 4 of rule XX, the Speaker signed the following enrolled bill on Friday, July 20, 2001:

**EMBRYONIC STEM CELL RESEARCH**

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

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, as the debate over using Federal funds to support embryonic stem cell research goes forward, I would urge my colleagues in this Chamber to consider the clear words of Pope John Paul II spoken to our President today, who said in Rome, “Experience is already showing how a tragic coarsening of consciences accompanies the assault on innocent life in the womb, leading to the accommodaton and acquiescence in the face of other related evils such as euthanasia, infanticide, and, most recently, proposals for the creation for research purposes of human embryos, destined to destruction in the process.”

The Pope went on to say, “A free and virtuous society which America aspires to be must reject practices that devalue and violate human life at any stage from conception until natural death.”

May we in this Chamber, Madam Speaker, and our President heed the words of this gentle servant of God.

**RAILROAD DISASTERS**

(Mr. GIBBONS asked and was given permission to address the House for one minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GIBBONS. Madam Speaker, last weekend downtown Baltimore was shut down due to the derailment of a freight train carrying hazardous chemicals.

Madam Speaker, just imagine what could have happened if that train was carrying high-level, highly radioactive nuclear waste, the world’s most toxic, deadliest material known to man. Thousands of people could have been exposed to not only heavy smoke and soot but to invisible radiation that can kill them as well as any livestock or other crops within the area.

This scenario is not science fiction. The CBS news show “60 Minutes” detailed that train accidents due to track failures are happening at a rate of nearly one every 24 hours. That is a train accident once every day.

The Department of Energy wants to ship nuclear waste on our railways, past our schools, past our hospitals, through our neighborhoods and communities, and past schools and farms.

Madam Speaker, our responsibility is to protect the American public, not endanger them. We cannot allow the DOE to threaten the lives of our constituents.

**EMBRENE NEBO WILDERNESS BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT ACT**

Mr. GIBBONS. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 451) to make certain adjustments to the boundaries of the Mount