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.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces the following enrolled bill on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or on which the vote is objected to under clause 6 of rule XX.

There was no objection.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE


Dear Mr. Speaker: Enclosed please find copies of resolutions approved by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, which was read and, without objection, referred to the Committee on Appropriations:

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Washington, DC, July 18, 2001.

Sincerely,

Don Young, Chairman.

There was no objection.

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, I 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 accommodation 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.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. Biggert). Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair announces that she will postpone further proceedings today on each motion to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or on which the vote is objected to under clause 6 of rule XX.

Any record votes on postponed questions will be taken after debate has concluded on all motions to suspend the rules, but not before 6 p.m. today.

MOUNT 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

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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.

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 accommodation 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."

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