

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES—Wednesday, December 12, 2001

The House met at 10 a.m.

The Rabbi Peter J. Rubinstein, Central Synagogue, New York, New York, offered the following prayer:

Dear friends, we gather during this festival of Hanukkah when Jews celebrate the blessing of light and rededication and renewal. Long ago, those enemies who would have destroyed us profaned our sacred alters. They wished to rid the world of the fundamental teachings of our faith: that peace is founded upon justice, that all human beings are God's creation deserving of ultimate decency and goodness, and that the loveliness of light will always, in the end, obliterate the suffocating specter of darkness.

So, again, as we battle for the vision of light and peace, we ask You, O God, to bless us today in our gathering. Send healing to the sick, comfort to all who are in pain, and tender love to the sorrowing hearts among us. Deepen our love for our country and our desire to serve it. Let Your blessing rest upon us so that our Nation may forever be to the world an example of justice and compassion. As well, may all that we do be a blessing and in Your service, O God and let us say, 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. FORBES. 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. FORBES. 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. Pursuant to clause 8, rule XX, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from New York (Mr. McNULTY) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. McNULTY 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.

WELCOME TO RABBI RUBINSTEIN

(Mrs. MALONEY of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to welcome to this Chamber Rabbi Peter J. Rubinstein, senior Rabbi at Manhattan's Central Synagogue.

Built in 1872, Central Synagogue is a national and city landmark that was nearly destroyed by fire in 1998. But thanks to Rabbi Rubinstein and others, the Central Synagogue rose from the ashes not only restored, but improved.

New York would do well to follow its example.

On September 9, along with thousands of New Yorkers, I was pleased to attend a glorious celebration when the synagogue reopened. But the joy was shortlived. Just days later, Central Synagogue was hosting memorial services for World Trade Center victims. In retrospect, the renovations were completed just in time.

The Central Synagogue and Rabbi Rubinstein have been there for New Yorkers in times of joy and sorrow alike, and the synagogue was ready for the most sorrowful day in our city's history.

It gives me great pleasure that a man who has meant so much to so many was able to lead us in prayer today.

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The SPEAKER. Pursuant to clause 8, rule XX, the pending business is the question of the Chair's approval of the Journal of the last day's proceedings.

The question is on the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

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

Mr. FORBES. 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 355, nays 44, answered "present" 1, not voting 33, as follows:

[Roll No. 486]

YEAS—355

Abercrombie	DeMint	Jefferson
Ackerman	Deutsch	Jenkins
Aderholt	Diaz-Balart	John
Akin	Dicks	Johnson (CT)
Andrews	Doggett	Johnson (IL)
Armey	Doolittle	Johnson, E. B.
Baca	Dreier	Johnson, Sam
Bachus	Duncan	Jones (NC)
Baker	Dunn	Jones (OH)
Baldacci	Edwards	Kanjorski
Baldwin	Ehlers	Kaptur
Barcia	Ehrlich	Keller
Barr	Emerson	Kennedy (RI)
Barrett	Engel	Kerns
Bartlett	Eshoo	Kildee
Barton	Evans	Kilpatrick
Bass	Everett	Kind (WI)
Becerra	Farr	King (NY)
Bentsen	Fattah	Kingston
Bereuter	Ferguson	Kirk
Berkley	Flake	Klecicka
Berman	Fletcher	Knollenberg
Berry	Foley	Kolbe
Biggert	Forbes	LaFalce
Bilirakis	Ford	LaHood
Bishop	Frank	Lampson
Blagojevich	Frelinghuysen	Langevin
Blumenauer	Frost	Lantos
Blunt	Galleghy	Largent
Boehler	Ganske	Larson (CT)
Boehner	Gekas	Latham
Bonilla	Gibbons	LaTourette
Bono	Gilchrest	Lee
Boozman	Gillmor	Levin
Boswell	Gilman	Lewis (CA)
Boucher	Goode	Lewis (GA)
Boyd	Goodlatte	Lewis (KY)
Brady (TX)	Gordon	Linder
Brown (FL)	Goss	Lipinski
Brown (SC)	Graham	Lofgren
Bryant	Graves	Lowey
Burr	Green (TX)	Lucas (KY)
Burton	Green (WI)	Lucas (OK)
Callahan	Greenwood	Lynch
Calvert	Grucci	Maloney (CT)
Camp	Hall (OH)	Maloney (NY)
Cannon	Hall (TX)	Manzullo
Capito	Hansen	Markey
Capps	Harman	Mascara
Cardin	Hart	Matheson
Carson (IN)	Hastings (WA)	Matsui
Carson (OK)	Hayes	McCarthy (MO)
Castle	Hayworth	McCarthy (NY)
Chabot	Herger	McCollum
Chambliss	Hill	McCrery
Clayton	Hilleary	McGovern
Clement	Hinojosa	McHugh
Clyburn	Hobson	McInnis
Coble	Hoeffel	McIntyre
Collins	Hoekstra	McKeon
Combest	Holden	McKinney
Condit	Honda	McNulty
Cooksey	Horn	Meehan
Cox	Houghton	Meeks (NY)
Cramer	Hoyer	Menendez
Crenshaw	Hulshof	Mica
Crowley	Hunter	Millender-
Cummings	Hyde	McDonald
Cunningham	Inslee	Miller, Dan
Davis (CA)	Isakson	Miller, Gary
Davis (FL)	Israel	Miller, Jeff
Davis, Jo Ann	Issa	Mink
Davis, Tom	Istook	Moran (VA)
DeGette	Jackson (IL)	Morella
DeLauro	Jackson-Lee	Murtha
DeLay	(TX)	Myrick

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