

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES—Thursday, March 1, 2001

The House met at 10 a.m.

Rabbi Lance Sussman, Temple Concord, Binghamton, New York, offered the following prayer:

Lord Our God, God of all people, Eternal Spirit of the Universe, we ask for blessings on this House and on the United States of America. Keep us strong as a Nation. Sustain in us a deep sense of justice. Incline our hearts to work for the betterment of all and peace for the human family. Keep alive in us the memory of all those who made ultimate sacrifices for our benefit as a Nation.

Bless this land with prosperity. Teach us to celebrate our differences and to unite around our common values. Be present with us in our homes, our places of work and on the way.

We thank You, Lord, for this day and for the opportunity to serve You by serving others. 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.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

Mr. HINCHEY 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 the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. Con. Res. 18. Concurrent Resolution recognizing the achievements and contributions of the Peace Corps over the past 40 years, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 9355(a) of title 10, United States Code, the Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, appoints the Senator from Colorado (Mr. ALLARD), from the Committee on Armed Services, to the Board of Visitors of the United States Air Force Academy.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 4355(a) of title 10, United States Code, the Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, appoints the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SANTORUM), from the Committee on Armed Services, to the Board of Visitors of the United States Military Academy.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 6968(a) of title 10, United States Code, the Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, appoints the Senator from Arizona (Mr. MCCAIN), from the Committee on Armed Services, to the Board of Visitors of the United States Naval Academy.

The message also announced that pursuant to Public Law 105-341, the Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, announces the appointment of the following individual to the Women's Progress Commemoration Commission: Becky Norton Dunlop, of Virginia, vice Elaine L. Chao.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 8002 of title 26, United States Code, the Chair announces on behalf of the Committee on Finance, the designation of the following Senators as members of the Joint Committee on Taxation:

The Senator from Iowa (Mr. GRASSLEY).

The Senator from Utah (Mr. HATCH).

The Senator from Alaska (Mr. MURKOWSKI).

The Senator from Montana (Mr. BAUCUS).

The Senator from West Virginia (Mr. ROCKEFELLER).

RABBI LANCE SUSSMAN

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

Mr. HINCHEY. Mr. Speaker, it is with a great deal of pleasure and privilege that I welcome here my constituent, Rabbi Lance Sussman, of Binghamton, New York, as the guest chaplain. We are honored to have Rabbi Sussman with us this morning to offer the opening prayer for today's session. Rabbi Sussman is a native of Baltimore, where he graduated from Franklin and Marshall College. He was ordained at the Hebrew Union College Jewish Institute of Religion, where he earned a Ph.D. in American Jewish history.

In 1986, Rabbi Sussman was appointed to the faculty of Binghamton University, where he continues to

teach Jewish history. He founded his own small press, called Keshet Press, and has published several notable works that document Jewish history in America and, specifically, in upstate New York.

In 1990, the rabbi was called to lead the Temple Concord in Binghamton and for 11 years has served his congregation and his community with great distinction. He established a food pantry and a seasonal museum called Hanukkah House, which now attracts thousands of school children of all faiths from across our region of New York. Working with Elderhostel, the rabbi has also worked to make Temple Concord a leading center for adult Jewish education.

Rabbi Sussman has been called to a new position as senior rabbi at the Reform Congregation Keneseth Israel in Elkins Park, Pennsylvania, where he will begin serving in July. He will be greatly missed by his congregation and the countless other residents of the Binghamton area whose lives he has touched.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud that this Chamber has honored Rabbi Sussman with the opportunity to offer today's opening prayer. It is a wonderful send-off for a fine man and spiritual leader. I hope that you will join me in welcoming Rabbi Sussman, his wife Liz, their children, family members and congregants.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. QUINN). The Chair will entertain 10 one-minute per side.

TAX CUTS

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

Mr. PITTS. Mr. Speaker, the President came here this week to present his responsible plan for paying down the debt, saving Social Security and Medicare, strengthening our defense and improving education. It is a good plan. It puts issues front and center that both he and his opponent campaigned on. How we get things done will be the subject of debate.

Mr. Speaker, some are questioning whether the President's tax cut is large enough. Why leave almost a trillion dollars just sitting in the Treasury waiting to be spent. Perhaps it would

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