

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES—Thursday, March 22, 2001**

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

**DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE**

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

WASHINGTON, DC,  
March 22, 2001.

I hereby appoint the Honorable CHARLES F. BASS to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

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

**PRAYER**

The Reverend Rebecca Hartvigsen, Home of Guiding Hands, Santee, California, offered the following prayer:

Every head bowed, every eye closed.

Thank You, God, for being here this morning.

Surround us, remind us, You have fearfully and wonderfully made us all. From the most impaired to the most vigorous, You are not a respecter of persons.

You know each by name. You know the numbers of hairs counted on our head. You know our thoughts this moment and at all times.

Please walk among Members of the Congress. Pour out Your anointing of wisdom, knowledge, understanding. Assign each bodyguards of Godliness and integrity. Give all freshness of spirit, renewed faith; brighten their hopes for peace, justice for all. Touch Your servants, Father. Bless them and bless their families.

Bless all who live, love and work in this great Nation.

In His name, 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. STEARNS. 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 Speaker's approval of the Journal.

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

Mr. STEARNS. 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. 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The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.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 pro tempore. 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 without amendment bills of the House of the following titles:

H.R. 132. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 620 Jacaranda Street in Lanai City, Hawaii, as the "Goro Hokama Post Office Building."

H.R. 395. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2305 Minton Road in West Melbourne, Florida, as the "Ronald W. Reagan Post Office of West Melbourne, Florida."

The message also announced that pursuant to Public Law 101-549, the Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, appoints Josephine S. Cooper, of Washington, D.C., to the Board of Directors of the Mickey Leland National Urban Air Toxics Research Center, vice Joseph H. Graziano.

**WELCOMING REVEREND REBECCA HARTVIGSEN**

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

Mr. HUNTER. Mr. Speaker, a few days ago we passed a resolution offering our deepest sympathies to the victims of the tragedy at Santana High School in San Diego County. Today offering our prayer is Reverend Rebecca Hartvigsen who participated with what she described as a multitude of spiritual leaders whose counseling of parents and students has started the healing process in east San Diego County.

We offer all those spiritual leaders who have taken on this burden of the heart our warmest thanks.

**ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE**

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain 15 one-minutes from each side.

**OUT WITH THE OLD, IN WITH THE NEW**

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

Mr. GIBBONS. Mr. Speaker, the Bush administration has begun to right the wrongs of the past 8 years.

This week, the Department of Interior announced that it would suspend mining regulations forced on the public in the waning minutes of the Clinton administration. Known as the 3809 regulations, the Clinton changes would have resulted in the loss of more than 3,000 jobs in Nevada alone and an economic shortfall in that State of up to \$350 million. In addition, the regulations would have forced the United States to become just as dependent on foreign-mined metals as we are on foreign-produced oil, the recipe for yet another national crisis. And it would have been the American consumers who would have suffered.

Luckily, a new day has dawned and a new administration has arrived. The public can again have faith in their government and know that their views will be heard.

I yield back the last-minute, reckless decisions of the prior administration and welcome the fair, responsible and sensible disposition of the new Bush administration.

**INTERNATIONAL CHILD ABDUCTION**

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

Mr. LAMPSON. Mr. Speaker, next week the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. CHABOT) and I will be attending the Fourth Special Commission on The Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction. Later this morning we will have the opportunity to vote on a resolution that urges all contracting states to The Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction

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