

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES—Wednesday, June 20, 2001

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

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,

June 20, 2001.

I hereby appoint the Honorable CHRISTOPHER SHAYS to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

J. DENNIS HASTERT,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Rabbi Rafael G. Grossman, Senior Rabbi, Baron Hirsch Synagogue, Memphis, Tennessee, offered the following prayer:

O merciful God, in this august Chamber, Thy servants represent a nation blessed to live in freedom. Grant wisdom and courage so the path they pave can be traversed by all.

You chose us, the American people, from among all people, to be the "light unto the nations" and the voice for the silenced and the suffering. Thy children everywhere look to this hall of democracy for hope and strength, as old and young continue to face the evil hand of terror and exploitation. Give us determination to bring joy and life to victims of terror and might against those who perpetrate it. Your voice resonates in our hearts, and this is the vision of America's destiny.

Isaiah, in the language of the Bible: (Here the cited verse was read in Hebrew.) He "has sent me to bind up the broken hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and opening of the eyes of those who are bound." The old Prophet's words beckon the hearts of Americans to bring the freedom of our blessings to humankind's downtrodden, to those shackled by chains of exploitation and demagoguery. The free, dear God, are only free when all of God's children are free.

Would you join me in saying, 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.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Kansas (Mr. TIAHRT) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. TIAHRT 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. Monahan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed a bill and concurrent resolutions of the following titles in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 657. An act to authorize funding for the National 4-H Program Centennial Initiative.

S. Con. Res. 35. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that Lebanon, Syria, and Iran should allow representatives of the International Committee of the Red Cross to visit the four Israelis, Adi Avitan, Binyamin Avraham, Omar Souad, and Elchanan Tannenbaum, presently held by Hezbollah forces in Lebanon.

S. Con. Res. 42. Concurrent resolution condemning the Taleban for their discriminatory policies and for other purposes.

WELCOME TO RABBI RAFAEL G. GROSSMAN

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

Mr. BRYANT. Mr. Speaker, I would like to join my colleagues in welcoming today's guest Speaker, Rabbi Rafael Grossman, and thank him for leading the House in prayer.

Rabbi Grossman has led the Baron Hirsch Congregation in Memphis for some 25 years. In those 25 years, Rabbi Grossman has overseen the construction of a new synagogue building and has established numerous programs that have benefited members of his congregation, the City of Memphis, and the State of Israel. Through the programs and his continued counsel, the Rabbi has touched the lives of each member of his congregation.

The Rabbi was chosen as one of a group of 10 Rabbis to be recognized and honored at the centennial celebration of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America for his outstanding achievements. He also was a recipient of the National Rabbinic Leadership Award from that organization and has written many scholarly works for numerous journals.

Rabbi Grossman is married to Mrs. Shirley Grossman, and together they are the proud parents of four children and nine grandchildren. It is my distinct pleasure to welcome him here today as our guest chaplain.

PRICE CAPS ARE NOT THE ANSWER

(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, until recently, I thought everyone understood the law of supply and demand, but that was before some in this town started crying for price caps on energy.

The ins and outs of energy policy may be complicated, but the law of supply and demand is very simple. President Bush has a sensible, balanced, and comprehensive plan to increase supply through new and better energy sources and to address demand through better efficiency and modernization. We should not let anyone tell us that price controls are the answer to the energy crunch we are in.

The Soviet Union tried running things that way for 70 years, and bread lines only got longer. We need to increase supply. Price controls will not produce one drop of oil or one watt of electricity. They only reduce the pain temporarily, but compound the problem actually.

Mr. Speaker, we need a long-term solution, not a short-term fix.

A CHALLENGE FOR VICTORIA'S SECRET

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

Mr. TRAFICANT. A California woman has set a world record by hooking 7,000 brassieres together to create the biggest bra ball in history. This bra ball is a protest against the way women's breasts have been exploited. Now, if that is not enough to challenge Victoria's Secret, this buxom diva has filed a lawsuit against another artist who is also building a ball of bras.

Think about it. America's courts are bogged down with drugs and murder, and now we will be tied up with 200 pounds of Maidenforms. Unbelievable. Even Slappy White of hillzoo.com cannot believe this. What is next, Congress? A stainless steel panty hose contest?

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