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The House met at 10 a.m.

The Chaplain, Rev. James Davis Ford, D.D., offered the following prayer:

Oh, gracious God, Creator of Heaven and Earth, Your word tells us that You are with us wherever we are and Your grace surrounds us and makes us whole. In moments of joy and achievement Your spirit is in our midst and at the darkest hour Your abiding presence gives us sustenance and hope. So teach us, O God, so to live our lives that we celebrate and give thanks for our time together for by so doing we sanctify each hour and make sacred each day. In Your name, we pray. 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 Pennsylvania (Mr. PITTS) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. PITTS 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 had passed with an amendment in which the concurrence of the House is requested, a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 1151.—An act to amend the Federal Credit Union Act to clarify existing law with regard to the field of membership of Federal credit unions, to preserve the integrity and purpose of Federal credit unions, to enhance supervisory oversight of insured credit unions, and for other purposes.

## ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will entertain 15 1-minute requests on each side.

## TEACHING YOUNG PEOPLE IMPORTANT LIFE LESSONS

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

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I want to recognize Vergil Fletcher, who spent 32 years teaching young people important life lessons, the value of hard work and fair play. He began an outstanding career coaching basketball in 1946 at Collinsville High School.

Coach Fletcher led the Kahoks to 747 victories, creating an impressive 81 percent winning average. In his 32 seasons coaching, the Collinsville basketball team won two State titles and 20 Southwestern Conference titles, a notable record in anyone's book.

Often referred to as one of the greatest high school coaches of all time, Coach Fletcher won the hearts of players and fans throughout Collinsville. In recognition of his dedication to school and community, he is being honored by the Collinsville High School Alumni Association later next month. All former athletes, cheerleaders and fans of Coach Fletcher are invited, with at least one player from each season he coached expected to attend.

The event is a small gesture to thank a man who affected hundreds of young lives in ways that cannot be measured in win percentages. Thanks, Coach.

## THE EXAMPLE OF SUPERB PUBLIC SERVICE: DR. CLARENCE S. LIVINGOOD OF GROSSE POINTE, MICHIGAN

(Ms. KILPATRICK asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.

Ms. KILPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to pay honor and tribute to Dr. Clarence S. Livingood. He was a prominent physician who began in the Dermatology Department at Henry Ford Hospital; a physician to the Detroit Tigers and, Mr. Speaker, father to our Sergeant at Arms, Wilson Livingood.

Dr. Livingood was a man before his time. He wrote the manual for the U.S. Army. He led in the dermatology life and history as it materialized and grew in our country. Dr. Livingood was a man of honor. He was a leader and a worker and a righteous man as he led and was a department director at Henry Ford Hospital.

Dr. Livingood leaves a wonderful family, our dear Sergeant at Arms. We should also honor Dr. Wilson Livingood as he lost his father just recently in the last few days and stood here with us as we went through our terrible tragedy, as he lost his colleagues and our protectors in these last few days.

Dr. Clarence Livingood will be remembered for his hard work, his dedication and his service to the people of America.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a special person, physician, and constituent, Dr. Clarence S. Livingood. Dr. Livingood passed away on July 27, 1998 after a battle with leukemia at his home in Gross Pointe, Michigan. Dr. Livingood was one of the most distinguished and respected physicians in our country, and set standards for training and care for patients who need care in the area of dermatology. The largest organ of the human body is the skin; Dr. Livingood helped to ensure the accurate diagnosis, treatment and



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cure of many of the afflictions of our body's first line of defense.

Dr. Livingood was born in Elverson, Pennsylvania, and graduated from Ursinus College in 1932. He began his career in medicine at the University of Pennsylvania's School of Medicine, completing his residency in dermatology at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania. Dr. Livingood later served his country in the U.S. Army as part of the Army's Medical Corps, where he co-wrote the Manual of Dermatology. This book is still used by both military and civilian physicians as a guide for the diagnosis and treatment of skin diseases.

Dr. Livingood was widely honored for his skill as a dermatologist. He was elected as Director of the American Board of Dermatology in 1962 and served as the Executive Director of the American Board of Dermatology for more than 20 years. He was Chair and Professor of the Department of Dermatology at Jefferson Medical College Hospital from 1948–1949, Chairman and Professor of the Department of Dermatology at the University of Texas in Galveston from 1949–1953, and established the Department of Dermatology at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit, Michigan in 1953, serving as its Chairman until 1976, when he became Chairman Emeritus.

Some of the many honors bestowed upon Dr. Livingood include being the only dermatologist to receive the highest honor from the American Medical Association—''The Distinguished Service Award,'' and also received the Gold Medal from the American Academy of Dermatology. He also received World Series rings for serving as the doctor to the Detroit Tigers.

Predeceased by his wife, Louise, Dr. Livingood is survived by his five children, Bill (Mari Louise); Louise (William) Furbush, Susan Elizabeth (John) Cotton; Clarence (Nancy); and eleven grand children and two great grand children. I would be remiss if I did not mention that Dr. Livingood is the father to the Sergeant at Arms of the House of Representatives, Bill Livingood, who continued his excellent service to the protection of Members of Congress, dignitaries and visitors to the People's House despite the tragedy that befell two of his colleagues on July 24, 1998.

Funeral services will be held in Christ Episcopal Church in Grosse Point on Saturday, August 1, 1998. The Livingood Family asks that in lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Edward A. Krull Chair of Dermatologic Surgery, Office of Philanthropy, One Ford Place, Detroit, Michigan.

My personal prayers for peace and love go to the Livingood family. Your father served the people of the 15th Congressional District, the State of Michigan, and our country well. May he rest in peace. Amen.

## THE WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION, ERODING THE CHOICES AND RIGHTS OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE

(Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, for almost 4 years, the World Trade Organization has been eroding the choices and the rights of the American people.

Like a leach feeding off its member countries, the WTO has been increasing its power at the expense of U.S. sovereignty.

Self-determination is now subordinate to the decisions of trade bureaucrats meeting in secret at Geneva headquarters of the WTO, invalidating and mandating changes in existing laws passed by the U.S. Congress and signed by the U.S. President.

Exactly how are the interests of the American people represented by unelected foreign nationals working in an ivory tower debating our commercial agreements?

U.S. priorities should not be held hostage to the decisions of the WTO. I urge my colleagues to support the Kucinich, Sanders, Ros-Lehtinen and Stearns amendment when the Commerce, Justice, State Appropriations bill comes to the floor, because the American people, through their elected representatives, can determine for themselves what our U.S. laws should be and not a foreign bureaucrat.

## CABBAGE REGULATIONS EXCEED THE GETTYSBURG ADDRESS IN WORDS

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

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, the Lord's prayer is 66 words. The Gettysburg Address is 286 words. The Declaration of Independence is 1,322 words. U.S. regulations on the sale of cabbage, that is right cabbage, is 27,000 words.

Now that is not enough to give Hulk Hogan's dictionary a hernia. Check this out. Regulatory red tape in America costs taxpayers $400 billion every year, over $4,000 each year, every year, year in, year out, for every family. Beam me up. With regulations like this, it is no wonder American jobs keep moving overseas.

Mr. Speaker, I want to yield back all of the reg writing bureaucrats in Washington, D.C. that never stood in an unemployment line.

## PROTECT UNITED STATES FROM NUCLEAR MISSILE ATTACK

(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 events of last week simply underscore the fact that we live in a dangerous and unpredictable world.

Not only must America respond to local threats, but we must also continue our vigilance to protect our Nation from foreign threats, threats that strike at the heart of this Nation, our very freedom.

Time after time, we have been told by the administration that no rogue nation is capable of deploying a nuclear tip or chemical missiles that could strike the American soil by the year 2010.

However, the Rumsfeld panel, a distinguished panel which had access to our national security, just released a sobering, independent assessment of the ballistic missile threat facing the U.S.

That panel concluded that North Korea and Iran will have the ability to build a long-range nuclear missile by the turn of the century, not more than 2 years away. Last week's successful intermediate range ballistic test by Iran validates the Rumsfeld panel's finding.

Iran sent a chilling message to their neighbors and the world that they can strike anywhere in the Middle East with their current technology.

The time has come for this Congress and this administration to focus on building and deploying an antimissile defense system to protect the United States from missile attack. Mr. Speaker, the American people deserve no less.

## ADOPT-A-VOICE OF CONSCIENCE IN VIETNAM

(Ms. SANCHEZ asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. SANCHEZ. Mr. Speaker, a new struggle has started. It is the war against poverty, backwardness, and arbitrariness. In this new struggle, there can be only one winner, the nation and the people of Vietnam, and only one loser, the forces of dogmatism, arbitrariness, and backwardness. So wrote Professor Doan Viet Hoat in his essay entitled ''The True Nature of Contemporary Vietnam.''

After the article was circulated, he was arrested and sentenced to 20 years in jail for attempting to overthrow the government. Professor Hoat's case is but one of the many similar instances of government persecution in Vietnam.

For these reasons, the founding members of the Congressional Dialogue on Vietnam have established a campaign to bring attention to the human rights violations in Vietnam. We need to generate pressure for the release of all these prisoners from prison or house arrest.

We need to focus public attention on Vietnam's repression against freedom of expression so that it becomes a part of the U.S. policy towards Communist Vietnam.

Mr. Speaker, I urge all of my colleagues to participate in this campaign.

## WESTERN SAHARA PRISONERS

(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, last week I spoke on Morocco's refusal to permit removal by the U.N. of millions of land mines in Western Sahara. Today, I rise on behalf of the POWs of both sides of the war between Morocco and the Western Sahara who were captured or