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

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
October 7, 1998.

I hereby designate the Honorable PETE SESSIONS to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NEWT GINGRICH,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Reverend James David Ford, D.D., offered the following prayer:

May Your blessing, gracious God, dwell in the sacred places of life so that the words of our lips and the deeds of our hands are hallowed by Your good word and Your bountiful favor. As the psalmist has asked: "Where shall we go from thy spirit and whether shall we flee from thy presence?" We acknowledge, O God, that Your spirit leads us and guides us from the mountains to the valleys, from the heavens to the deepest oceans. We are thankful that Your presence in our lives, O God, sanctifies the good work that we seek to do, and we are grateful that Your spirit never departs from us. In Your name we pray. 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. Will the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. PALLONE) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. PALLONE 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 without amendment bills of the House of the following titles:

H.R. 3790. An act to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the bicentennial of the Library of Congress.

H.R. 4248. An act to authorize the use of receipts from the sale of the Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamps to promote additional stamp purchases.

The message also 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. 2614. An act to improve the reading and literacy skills of children and families by improving in-service instructional practices for teachers who teach reading, to stimulate the development of more high-quality family literacy programs, to support extended learning-time opportunities for children, to ensure that children can read well and independently not later than third grade, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the Senate had passed a bill of the following title in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 2095. An act to reauthorize and amend the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Establishment Act.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF BILLS TO BE CONSIDERED UNDER SUSPENSION OF THE RULES TODAY

Mr. BLUNT. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to House Resolution 575, I announce the following suspensions to be considered today:

S. 2094, Fish and Wildlife Revenue Enhancement Act of 1998;

H.R. 2886, Granite Watershed Enhancement and Protection Act;

H.R. 3796, To Authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to Convey the Administrative Site for the Rogue River National Forest and Use the Proceeds for the Construction or Improvement of Offices and Support Buildings for the Rogue River National Forest and the Bureau of Land Management;

H.R. 4151, Identity Theft and Assumption Deterrence Act;

S. 53, Curt Flood Act;

S.J. Res. 51, Granting the Consent of Congress to the Potomac Highlands Airport Authority; and

S. 1021, Veterans Employment Opportunities Act.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain 15 1-minutes on each side.

PRESENTATION OF THE FREEDOM WORKS AWARD TO JOE WHITE, FOUNDER OF KIDS ACROSS AMERICA

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

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I am honored today to have my good friends the gentleman from Kansas (Mr. RYUN) and the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. BLUNT) join me in presenting the Freedom Works Award to Joe White, founder of Kids Across America. I would like

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