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The House met at 11 a.m.

PRAYER

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

We are grateful, O God, for all those people who see in their daily tasks the opportunity to serve people in their needs, and by such service are following Your command. As we seek to be faithful with our own responsibilities by being good stewards of the resources of our land, help us to see that we are doing Your will. May Your purposes be accomplished, O God, as we dedicate our abilities to Your service by being faithful in our daily tasks.

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.

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to clause 1, rule I, I demand a vote on agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The SPEAKER. The question is on the Chair's approval of the Journal.

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

Mr. BONIOR. 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. Evidently a quorum is not present.

The Sergeant at Arms will notify absent Members.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 346, nays 69, answered "present" 1, not voting 18, as follows:

[Roll No. 100]

YEAS—346

Allard
Archer
Armey
Bachus
Baesler
Baker (CA)
Baker (LA)
Baldacci
Ballenger
Barcia
Barr
Barrett (NE)
Barrett (WI)
Bartlett
Barton
Bass
Bateman
Beilenson
Bentsen
Bereuter
Berman
Bevill
Bilbray
Bilirakis
Bishop
Bileley
Blute
Boehner
Bonilla
Bono
Borski
Boucher
Brewster
Brown (FL)
Brown (OH)
Brownback
Bryant (TN)
Bryant (TX)
Bunn
Bunning
Burr
Burton
Buyer
Callahan
Calvert
Camp
Canady
Cardin
Castle
Chabot
Chambliss
Chenoweth
Christensen
Chrysler
Clayton
Clement
Clinger
Coble
Coburn
Collins (GA)
Collins (IL)

Combest
Condit
Conyers
Cooley
Cox
Coyne
Cramer
Crapo
Creameans
Cunningham
Danner
Davis
de la Garza
Deal
DeFazio
DeLauro
DeLay
Dellums
Diaz-Balart
Dickey
Dingell
Dixon
Doggett
Dooley
Doolittle
Dornan
Doyle
Dreier
Duncan
Dunn
Edwards
Ehlers
Ehrlich
Engel
English
Ensign
Eshoo
Everett
Ewing
Farr
Fattah
Fawell
Fields (LA)
Fields (TX)
Flake
Flanagan
Foley
Forbes
Ford
Fowler
Fox
Franks (CT)
Franks (NJ)
Frelinghuysen
Frisa
Funderburk
Gallegly
Ganske
Gejdenson
Gekas
Gephardt

Geren
Gibbons
Gilchrest
Gillmor
Gilman
Gonzalez
Goodlatte
Gordon
Goss
Graham
Green
Greenwood
Gunderson
Gutknecht
Hall (TX)
Hamilton
Hancock
Hansen
Hastert
Hastings (WA)
Hayes
Hayworth
Heineman
Herger
Hillery
Hobson
Hoekstra
Hoke
Holden
Horn
Hostettler
Hoyer
Hunter
Hutchinson
Hyde
Inglis
Istook
Jackson-Lee
Johnson (CT)
Johnson (SD)
Johnson, E. B.
Johnson, Sam
Johnston
Jones
Kanjorski
Kelly
Kennelly
Kildee
Kim
King
Kingston
Kleczka
Klug
Knollenberg
Kolbe
LaHood
Largent
Latham
LaTourette
Laughlin
Lazio

Leach
Levin
Lewis (CA)
Lewis (KY)
Lightfoot
Lincoln
Linder
Livingston
LoBiondo
Lofgren
Longley
Lowey
Lucas
Luther
Maloney
Manton
Manzullo
Markey
Martinez
Martini
Mascara
Matsui
McCarthy
McCollum
McCrery
McDade
McDermott
McHale
McHugh
McInnis
McIntosh
McKeon
McNulty
Meehan
Meek
Metcalfe
Meyers
Mica
Miller (FL)
Mink
Moakley
Molinari
Mollohan
Montgomery
Moorhead
Moran
Morella
Murtha
Myers
Myrick
Nadler
Nethercutt
Neumann
Ney
Norwood

Nussle
Oberstar
Obey
Olver
Oxley
Packard
Parker
Pastor
Paxon
Payne (VA)
Peterson (FL)
Peterson (MN)
Petri
Porter
Portman
Poshard
Pryce
Quillen
Radanovich
Rahall
Ramstad
Rangel
Reed
Regula
Richardson
Riggs
Rivers
Roberts
Rogers
Rohrabacher
Ros-Lehtinen
Rose
Roth
Roukema
Roybal-Allard
Royce
Salmon
Sanders
Sanford
Sawyer
Saxton
Scarborough
Schaefer
Schiff
Schumer
Scott
Seastrand
Sensenbrenner
Serrano
Shadegg
Shaw
Shays
Shuster
Sisisky
Skeen

NAYS—69

Abercrombie
Ackerman
Becerra
Boehlert
Bonior
Browder
Brown (CA)

Chapman
Clay
Clyburn
Coleman
Costello
Crane
Deutsch

Skelton
Slaughter
Smith (MI)
Smith (TX)
Smith (WA)
Solomon
Souder
Spence
Spratt
Stearns
Stenholm
Stokes
Studds
Stump
Talent
Tanner
Tate
Tauzin
Thomas
Thornberry
Thornton
Thurman
Tiahrt
Torkildsen
Torres
Tucker
Upton
Velazquez
Vucanovich
Waldholtz
Walker
Walsh
Wamp
Ward
Watt (NC)
Watts (OK)
Waxman
Weldon (FL)
Weldon (PA)
Weller
White
Whitfield
Wicker
Williams
Wilson
Wise
Woolsey
Wyden
Wynn
Young (AK)
Young (FL)
Zeliff
Zimmer

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Harman	Menendez	Schroeder
Hastings (FL)	Mfume	Skaggs
Hefley	Miller (CA)	Stark
Hefner	Mineta	Taylor (MS)
Hilliard	Neal	Taylor (NC)
Hinchey	Ortiz	Tejeda
Jacobs	Owens	Thompson
Jefferson	Pallone	Towns
Kaptur	Payne (NJ)	Traficant
Kennedy (MA)	Pelosi	Vento
Klink	Pickett	Visclosky
LaFalce	Pombo	Volkmer
Lantos	Pomeroy	Waters
Lewis (GA)	Roemer	Wolf
Lipinski	Rush	Yates

ANSWERED "PRESENT"—1

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NOT VOTING—18

Andrews	Furse	Quinn
Collins (MI)	Houghton	Reynolds
Cubin	Kasich	Smith (NJ)
Durbin	Kennedy (RI)	Stockman
Emerson	Minge	Stupak
Frost	Orton	Torricelli

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Mr. HILLIARD changed his vote from "yea" to "nay."

Mr. LOBIONDO, Ms. SLAUGHTER, and Messrs. BARCIA, WISE, and SERRANO changed their vote from "nay" to "yea."

So the Journal was approved.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LAZIO of New York). Will the gentleman from Washington [Mr. WHITE] come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. WHITE 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.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain 10 1-minutes on each side. Further 1-minutes will be entertained after the end of the legislative business tonight.

REPUBLICAN CONTRACT WITH AMERICA

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

Mr. BOEHNER. Mr. Speaker, our Contract With America states the following: That on the first day of Congress a Republican House will force Congress to live under the laws as everyone else, that we will cut committee staff by one-third and cut the congressional budget. And we have done this, and much, much more.

It goes on to state that in the first 100 days we will vote on the following items: A balanced budget amendment, and we have done this; unfunded mandates legislation, and we have done

this; line-item veto legislation, and we have also done this; a new crime package to stop violent criminals that we are in the process of now; welfare reform to encourage work, not dependence; family reinforcement to crack down on deadbeat dads and protect our children; tax cuts for families to lift Government's burden from middle-income Americans; national security restoration to protect our freedoms; Senior Citizens Equity Act to allow our seniors to work without Government penalty; Government regulatory reform; commonsense legal reform to end frivolous lawsuits; and congressional term limits to make Congress a citizen legislature once again.

My colleagues, this is our Contract With America.

BASEBALL IS NOT JUST A GAME

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

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, baseball is not just a game of Mantle and Ruth and DiMaggio.

Baseball is a game of that working mother who sells peanuts outside Camden Yards.

It is a game of that father who ushers people to their seats at Tiger Stadium.

Baseball is a game of tens of thousands of working men and women like them who clean the seats and drive the buses and work in the restaurants and hotels outside the stadium, often for very little pay.

And today, as we watch millionaires fight with billionaires to come to an agreement, it is those average Joes who are being hurt most by this strike.

Mr. Speaker, baseball is not a small industry.

It is part of the rhythm of America.

It brings balance to a time of chaos and change.

Today, America is not turning its lonely eyes to Joe DiMaggio.

It is turning its eyes to us.

And it is time we join the President, step up to the plate, and help put an end to this baseball strike.

AFTER THE CONTRACT

(Mrs. SMITH of Washington asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, this has been a dynamic month as a freshman. It is just a little over a month ago that we came with a lot of promises to the American people. We promised a balanced budget amendment, line-item veto, and we are marching on.

I was just interviewed by a newspaper and asked, "What do you think?"

I said, "Well, I said I would never run because this Congress will never do anything, and just 6 months ago I was a write-in candidate, and I was recruited, and I said, 'O.K., I'll go for 2 years.'"

I have to stand before my colleagues today and say, "This Congress has done more than I have seen any Congress do in 2 years."

After the contract, Mr. Speaker, we are going to do more, and we are going to take up some of the tough issues.

Today we have introduced a bill, a group of freshmen, that will eliminate gifts and trips. This will be a tough one to take on, but both our leadership, the committee chairs, and all of us believe that it is time that we take on this issue. It will be heard right after the contract. It is something very, very important that we do.

This Congress is not only good, but we also have a high integrity, and we are going to make sure that the American people understand that.

MR. ARMEY'S WARDROBE AND THE MINIMUM WAGE

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

Mr. GUTIERREZ. Mr. Speaker, I do not mean to harangue the distinguished major leader. However, I heard Mr. ARMEY say that he would fight an increase in the minimum wage with "every fiber in his body."

Well, I want him also to consider the fibers on his body: the fibers that make up his shirt, his suit, his socks, his tie.

If his clothes were made here in USA, then I would bet that some of those fibers were sewn together—by workers earning the minimum wage.

As public servants, we should be willing to give our constituents the shirts off our back.

Instead, in Mr. ARMEY's world, we take the shirts that they make for us, put them on our backs, and then tell them that they are not even worth the \$4.25 an hour that they got making that shirt. Mr. ARMEY may be the majority leader in this House, but he does not speak for the majority of Americans, most of whom want us to honor our workers with a decent, liable wage.

We have all heard the story of the "Emperor who had no clothes." Well, if it were not for minimum wage employees, we would hear the story—the true story—of the majority leader who had no clothes.

Let us keep that in mind as we debate the minimum wage.

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INTRODUCTION OF TRAVEL AND TOURISM LEGISLATION TO BE FORTHCOMING

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

Mr. ROTH. Mr. Speaker, we in Congress need to give additional attention to the American travel and tourism industry. Do Members know that travel