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The House met at 2 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore [Mr. FUNDERBURK].

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
June 24, 1996.

I hereby designate the Honorable DAVID FUNDERBURK to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NEWT GINGRICH,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

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

As we come before You this day, O gracious God, to offer our prayers and supplications, we remember with affection the life of our colleague and friend, BILL EMERSON. We are grateful for his concern for the issues of great importance to our Nation and for his abiding service to the people of Missouri. We ask, O God, that Your blessings of mercy and peace, of remembrance and recollection, be with his family and with all who knew and loved him. We are grateful that he has now received the fullness of Your promises and he abides with You and all those who sought to serve You by serving people in their need. May Your peace, O God, that passes all human understanding, be with each person now and evermore. 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 Mississippi [Mr. MONTGOMERY] come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. MONTGOMERY 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 a concurrent resolution of the House of the following title:

H. Con. Res. 153. Concurrent resolution authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby.

SUNDRY MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Sundry messages in writing from the President of the United States were communicated to the House by Mr. Edwin Thomas, one of his secretaries.

GRANTING MOST-FAVORED-NATION STATUS TO CHINA

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

Mr. ROHRABACHER. Mr. Speaker, the House will soon vote on most-favored-nation status with China. That means should we have a trading relationship with this Communist dictatorship that violates the rights of its people, is belligerent against its neighbors, is helping in the proliferation of nuclear weapons, and a country that is now run by a group so hostile to the United States that it could well be-

come our enemy in the future and possibly an enemy at war with the United States of America unless we do something?

Mr. Speaker, this is not the time to grant that type of trading status, that grants this dictatorial regime the same status as we grant England and France and other democratic countries. We should put our foot down and say until we see changes in human rights and in their aggressive policies toward their neighbors and the stealing of American technology, we will not grant them this right. And if we do that, we will be protecting the interests of the people of the United States of America and we will be securing our future, because tyrants understand action. They do not understand platitudes, and up to this point they have only heard platitudes about human rights from the United States of America.

MESSAGE CONCERNING THE DEATH OF CONGRESSMAN EMERSON

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

Mr. MONTGOMERY. Mr. Speaker, as Chaplain Ford mentioned this afternoon about the death of our colleague, the gentleman from Missouri, Congressman BILL EMERSON, was one of the most popular Members in the Congress. He even came as a page many, many years ago. He loved this House. He died at the age of 58 at Bethesda Naval Hospital. He served eight terms in the Congress. His funeral will be this Thursday out in his State of Missouri. So I bring this message to the House today.

Mr. Speaker, I am sure tomorrow the Missouri delegation will take more time to talk about this wonderful man, BILL EMERSON.

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