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The House met at 10 a.m.

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

May our words, O God, speak from our hearts and cause understanding for all, may our songs praise Your blessings to us and our Nation, and may our deeds be done in service to those we are called to serve. Whether we speak or sing or act, we pray that we will do the words of justice and mercy, trusting in Your good grace. In the busy moments of the day when so many voices need to be heard, may we remember those words of peace and hope that enlighten our minds and give comfort to our very souls. 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 gentlewoman from California [Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD] come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD 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 Ms. McDevitt, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed a bill of the following title in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 410. An act to extend the effective date of the Investment Advisers Supervision Coordination Act.

The message also announced that pursuant to Public Law 83-420, as amended by Public Law 99-371, the Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, appoints the Senator from Arizona [Mr. MCCAIN] to the Board of Trustees of Gallaudet University.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 2761 to title 22, United States Code, the Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, and upon the recommendation of the Democratic Leader, appoints the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. BYRD] as Vice Chairman of the Senate Delegation to the British-American Interparliamentary Group during the One Hundred Fifth Congress.

The message also announced that in accordance with Public Law 81-754, as amended by Public Law 93-536 and Public Law 100-365, the Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, appoints the Senator from Vermont [Mr. JEFFORDS] to the National Historical Publications and Records Commission.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. FOLEY). The Chair will recognize ten 1-minute on each side.

BIPARTISANSHIP

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

Mr. GINGRICH. Mr. Speaker, I simply wanted to rise to report to my colleagues and to our citizens that we had a very useful weekend retreat in Hershey on a bipartisan basis to talk about, I think, one of the most difficult and complex things that people do: How to engage in passionate and difficult differences, how to bring to this room 435 people who represent the entire country, and how to do so in a way in which disagreement does not become

disagreeable and in which the fact that people may have different dreams and different visions and sometimes different ideologies does not become so separating us and so divisive that it becomes difficult or impossible for us to do the people's business.

This House has a long and a proud history of handling great conflicts in a very civil and orderly manner. Some of the greatest debates in this country's history have taken place in this building between people of great compassion who felt deeply what they were saying, but who recognized the legitimacy of the other person feeling equally deeply what they were saying.

In addition to just the sense of handling debate, the more bipartisan our spirit can be, the more we can work together without the division of faction, as George Washington described it, the more good ideas we will have because on many topics, I would argue on most topics, the ideas are individual. They are not Democrat or Republican, liberal or conservative. They are just better, smarter, more effective ways to get the job done.

So I hope that coming out of the experience we had in Hershey, that we begin to set this House back on a track of working together, of getting things done, or recognizing we may have deep differences at times but there are other times when we have many, many things that bring us together and many common interests, and that if we work at it, together we can do a better job for all the American people.

MORE ON BIPARTISANSHIP

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

Mr. GEPHARDT. Mr. Speaker, I rise to second the thought that the Speaker just made on the floor about the bipartisan retreat that happened this weekend in Hershey. It was a historic event,

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