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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore [Mr. DAVIS of Virginia].

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
May 30, 1997.

I hereby designate the Honorable THOMAS M. DAVIS 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:

Let us pray.

When we meditate on what You would have us be, O gracious God, and where our heart and mind ought focus, we become aware that our most noble self is achieved when we are filled with the spirit of thanksgiving and gratitude for Your wonderful gifts to us. You have given us the marvelous blessings of our lives, and in spite of the difficulties or discouragements that inevitably crowd about, yet You inspire us to lift our voices and our very beings in a spirit of praise to You for Your faith and hope and love. No matter how engaged we become in the necessary tasks of the day, may we ever experience the wonder and awe that comes when we reflect on Your mighty acts of creative love.

This is our earnest prayer. 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. The Chair will lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The SPEAKER pro tempore 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 bills of the following titles, in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 610. An act to implement the obligations of the United States under the Chemical Weapons Convention; and

S. 768. An act for the relief of Michel Christopher Meili, Giuseppina Meili, Mirjam Naomi Meili, and Davide Meili.

The message also announced that in accordance with sections 1928a-1928d of title 22, United States Code, as amended, the Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, appoints the Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH] as a member of the Senate delegation to the North Atlantic Assembly during the 1st Session of the 105th Congress, to be held in Luxembourg, May 28-June 1, 1997.

The message also announced that in accordance with sections 1928a-1928d of title 22, United States Code, as amended, the Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, appoints the Senator from Delaware [Mr. BIDEN] as vice chairman of the Senate delegation to the North Atlantic Assembly during the 105th Congress.

APPOINTMENT TO COMMISSION TO ASSESS THE ORGANIZATION OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO COMBAT THE PROLIFERATION OF WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, and pursuant to the provisions of section 711(b) of Public Law 104-293, the Chair announces the Speaker's appointment of Mr. Henry F. Cooper of Virginia to the Commission To Assess the Organization of the Federal Government to Combat the Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction on the part of the House.

There was no objection.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER TO BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE JOHN C. STENNIS CENTER FOR PUBLIC SERVICE TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, and pursuant to the provisions of section 114(b) of Public Law 100-458 (2 U.S.C. 1103), the Chair announces the Speaker's appointment of the following Member of the House to the Board of Trustees for the John C. Stennis Center for Public Service Training and Development to fill the existing vacancy thereon: Mrs. FOWLER of Florida.

There was no objection.

GRANTING MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE PRIVILEGE TO EXTEND THEIR REMARKS IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD TODAY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, on this day all Members are permitted to extend their remarks and to include extraneous material in that section of the RECORD entitled "Extension of Remarks."

There was no objection.

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