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The House met at 9 a.m.

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

As we experience the diversity of people all about us with culture and philosophies and backgrounds representing every view, enable us to remember that each one of us has been created by You, O God, with a solidarity that transcends all our differences and all our disputes. As we represent our own aspirations and wishes, help us to understand other views and other people with the respect and consideration and esteem that we ought to have with all members of the human family. As we have one Creator and all share Your wonderful world, so may our thoughts and actions reflect the good will and respect that is Your gift to us. 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. MILLER of California. 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. MILLER of California. 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. Pursuant to clause 5, rule I, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Illinois [Mr. DAVIS] come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois 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

The SPEAKER. The Chair will entertain 1-minute after legislative business.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 94, CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS, FISCAL YEAR 1998

Mr. LIVINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Appropriations be discharged from further consideration of House Joint Resolution 94 when called up; and that it be in order any time on Monday, September 29, 1997, or any day thereafter, to consider the joint resolution in the House; that the joint resolution be considered as read for amendment; that the joint resolution be debatable for not to exceed 1 hour, to be equally divided and controlled by myself and the gentleman from Wisconsin [Mr. OBEY]; and that the previous question be considered as ordered on the joint resolution to final passage without intervening motion, except one motion to recommit, with or without instructions.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Louisiana?

Mr. ROHRABACHER. Mr. Speaker, reserving the right to object, I would like to ask the distinguished chairman whether or not in this provision is a provision entitled 245(i), dealing with immigration?

Mr. LIVINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. ROHRABACHER. I yield to the gentleman from Louisiana.

Mr. LIVINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, I would be happy to advise the gentleman there are several extensions of existing authorized law that are expiring, among them an extension of section 245(i) of the Immigration and Naturalization Act.

Mr. ROHRABACHER. Mr. Speaker, I would yield to my friend, the gentleman from New York [Mr. SOLOMON], and ask him whether there have been Members of this body who object to that and raise objections to that particular provision?

Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. ROHRABACHER. I yield to the gentleman from New York.

Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Speaker, I will just say to the gentleman that my office has been deluged with calls over this matter. I personally am very much concerned with it. In my district alone, we have I do not know how many cases where people are able to pay \$1,000 and extend their stay in this country, where other people coming from Italy or Ireland or other places do not have the \$1,000 and they are not allowed to.

There is something wrong with this. I just am concerned about it being in this legislation. I do not know how this shows up in a CR. We were told this would be a clean CR with no riders. I am concerned about it on behalf of about 55 Members that called in.

Mr. ROHRABACHER. Mr. Speaker, reclaiming my time, this particular provision was only voted on in the House of Representatives once, and when it was voted on it was rejected with a substantial margin.

Instead, this was snuck into law based on agreements made behind closed doors in conference meetings, et cetera, that it would be a temporary measure, and that this would be the

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