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House of Representatives

The House met at 2 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. MILLER of Florida).

DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
May 11, 1998.

I hereby designate the Honorable DAN MILLER to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NEWT GINGRICH,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Reverend Douglas Tanner, Faith and Politics Institute, Washington, D.C., offered the following prayer.

Let us pray:

Almighty God, who created, sustains, and redeems us, we come before You today thinking we have seen enough rain for a while. We are quite ready for the warm, clear days we have come to expect in the Nation's Capital in May, with the sun shining on bright flowers and fresh foliage. Yet, that which we have learned to expect and that for which we ever more deeply yearn is not yet here. We must learn to live with the rain and we must wait.

Teach us, we pray, to recognize the parallels to other areas of our lives and our life as a nation. Help us to see that which we can have now, that for which we must wait, and that which we could be doing in the meantime, especially where spiritual values intersect with public life.

At the same time, remind us, in the words of Dr. King, that while the moral arc of the universe may be long, it bends toward justice, and rainy days will yield to brighter ones. 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 Texas (Mr. BENTSEN) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. BENTSEN 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 a bill of the following title in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 414. An act to amend the Shipping Act of 1984 to encourage competition in international shipping and growth of United States exports, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the Senate had passed without amendment a concurrent resolution of the House of the following title:

H. Con. Res. 265. Concurrent resolution authorizing the use of the East Front of the Capitol Grounds for performances sponsored by the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 276d-276g of title 22, United States Code, as amended, the Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, appoints the following Senators as members of the Senate Delegation to the Canada-United States Interparliamentary Group during the Second Session of the One Hundred Fifth Congress, to be held in Nantucket, Massachusetts, May 14-18, 1998:

the Senator from Iowa (Mr. GRASSLEY); and

the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. GRAMS); and

The message also announced that pursuant to Public Law 100-696, the Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, appoints the following Senators as members of the United States Capitol Preservation Commission:

the Senator from Washington (Mr. GORTON); and

the Senator from Utah (Mr. BENNETT).

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
OFFICE OF THE CLERK,

Washington, DC, May 11, 1998.

Hon. NEWT GINGRICH,
The Speaker, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 5 of Rule III of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, I have the honor to transmit a sealed envelope received from the White House on May 8, 1998 at 2:08 p.m. and said to contain a message from the President whereby he transmits proposed legislation entitled the "Class-Size Reduction and Teacher Quality Act of 1998."

With warm regards,

ROBIN H. CARLE,
Clerk.

CLASS-SIZE REDUCTION AND TEACHER QUALITY ACT OF 1998—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES (H. DOC. NO. 105-249)

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following message from the President of the United States, which was read and, together with the accompanying papers, without objection, referred to the Committee

□ This symbol represents the time of day during the House proceedings, e.g., □ 1407 is 2:07 p.m.

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