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

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
October 1, 1998.

I hereby designate the Honorable THOMAS W. EWING to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NEWT GINGRICH,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

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

With all people of goodwill, O God, we ask for Your guidance and Your direction in our lives, in our communities, and in our world. Give us, we pray, the knowledge we need to chart our course and also wisdom to encompass justice and truth. Give us integrity of spirit so we can focus on the paths of righteousness just as we beseech Your mercy and Your forgiveness.

With adoration and thanksgiving, we recall how people throughout our history have sought Your blessing. And so now in our time and place, we pray for those same gifts of the spirit that will lift us up and express a unity of heart and soul.

In Your name, we pray. 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 Ohio (Mr. TRAFICANT) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. TRAFICANT 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 with amendments in which the concurrence of the House is requested, bills of the House of the following titles:

H.R. 1836. An act to amend chapter 89 of title 5, United States Code, to improve administration of sanctions against unfit health care providers under the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3412. An act to amend and make technical corrections in title III of the Small Business Investment Act.

H.R. 4110. An act to provide a cost-of-living adjustment in rates of compensation paid to veterans with service-connected disabilities, to make various improvements in education, housing, and cemetery programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the Senate agrees to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 3616) "An Act to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1999 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, and for other purposes."

The message also announced that the Senate had passed bills of the following titles, in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S.1677. An act to reauthorize the North American Wetlands Conservation Act and the Partnerships for Wildlife Act.

S.2531. An act to designate a portion of Interstate Route 70 in Missouri as "Mark McGwire Interstate Route 70".

The message also announced that the Senate agrees to the amendments of the House to the bill (S.1355) "An Act to designate the United States courthouse located in New Haven, Connecticut, as the 'Richard C. Lee United States Courthouse'."

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

(Ms. DUNN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. DUNN. Mr. Speaker, today is a significant day. It marks the beginning of National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. While the greatest news in this battle is the number of mothers, daughters, sisters, wives and friends who survive breast cancer, we must continue to promote the importance of early detection and early diagnosis, which continue to remain our best weapons against this devastating disease.

This year alone approximately 180,000 new cases of breast cancer will be diagnosed; more than 43,000 women will die. That is why the gentleman from New Hampshire (Mr. BASS), who has shown so much concern about this problem, and I are introducing a resolution today that underscores the importance of mammograms and biopsies in the fight against breast cancer.

The Bass resolution helps raise awareness that early detection through screening mammograms and breast biopsies are vitally important. As all women know, mammograms detect lumps and biopsies confirm whether these lumps are cancerous or noncancerous. Our resolution encourages

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