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The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. PETRI).

DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
September 10, 2002.

I hereby appoint the Honorable THOMAS E. PETRI to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

MORNING HOUR DEBATES

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of January 23, 2002, the Chair will now recognize Members from lists submitted by the majority and minority leaders for morning hour debates. The Chair will alternate recognition between the parties, with each party limited to not to exceed 25 minutes, and each Member, except the majority leader, the minority leader, or the minority whip, limited to not to exceed 5 minutes, but in no event shall debate extend beyond 9:50 a.m.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12, rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until 10 a.m.

Accordingly (at 9 o'clock and 2 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess until 10 a.m.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mrs. BIGGERT) at 10 a.m.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, The Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer:

Eternal God, there are not enough days in a year to dedicate just one prayerful day for each life lost on that fateful day a year ago tomorrow. But each day, we remember the crumbling towers, the battered Pentagon, and the cavern in Shanksville field. Each life consumed and each family wounded is commended once again today to Your tender mercy and lasting love.

Just Reward for the virtuous, we still hold dear the snapshots in our mind of the heroes and heroines You revealed to us in the action film of this past year. In You each act of courage and selfless generosity will never be forgotten.

Guardian of saint and sinner alike, guide government leaders now, protect our military forces today, and help all Americans realize their fullest potential in the time You give us. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House her approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, pursuant to clause 1, rule I, I demand a vote on agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. PENCE. Madam 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 pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8, rule XX, further pro-

ceedings on this question will be postponed.

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Colorado (Mr. HEFLEY) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. HEFLEY 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.

IN MEMORY OF WILLIAM A. SCHWARTZ

(Mr. ISAKSON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. ISAKSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to mourn the passing of William A. Schwartz and to praise his tireless dedication on behalf of his fellow man.

William Schwartz, the CEO of the National Prostate Cancer Coalition, died last week; and he died of prostate cancer. Mr. Schwartz is the former president and CEO of Cox Enterprises and was president of Cancell Communications and First Media Television. He was an outstanding citizen of Atlanta, Georgia, and worked tirelessly on behalf of many organizations, including the Jewish Federation of Greater Atlanta, the Atlanta Ballet, and Temple Sinai, where he was an active member.

In 1994, Mr. Schwartz was diagnosed with prostate cancer, and from that day forward he dedicated himself to promoting awareness and increasing research to fight prostate cancer. As the volunteer chairman of the National Prostate Cancer Coalition, he lobbied effectively for increased funding for

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cancer research, and his advocacy benefited men throughout America.

Though prostate cancer took the life of William Schwartz, his spirit and tireless efforts will save the lives of many men.

UNJUSTIFIED WAR AGAINST IRAQ

(Mr. KUCINICH asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, we owe it to the memories of those who lost their lives on 9-11 to remember, to reflect, and also to bring to justice those responsible. We also have a similar obligation not to use the events of 9-11 and the great losses which so many endured as a pretext for launching a war against Iraq.

Iraq was not responsible for 9-11. Iraq has not been linked to 9-11. Yet here we are on the anniversary of that grim day, and all the administration is attempting to do is reframe 9-11 by beating the drum for war against a nation not connected to 9-11.

America has had enough violence in the past year for our country to have to suffer even more violence to the truth which brings us into an unjustified war. Let us heal our Nation and heal it with truth and with justice. That is the American way.

CONGRESS SHOULD PASS AN ENERGY BILL

(Mr. HEFLEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HEFLEY. Madam Speaker, we are approaching the end of this Congress without sending an energy bill to the President. The House passed H.R. 4, the Securing America's Future Energy Act of 2001; and unfortunately, we are not, after 1 year from that passage, celebrating the signing of H.R. 4 into law.

The President is still waiting to sign a comprehensive energy reform package that reduces our Nation's dependency on foreign oil. Why is the President still waiting, Madam Speaker? Not because of this House, who worked with the President to pass a comprehensive energy reform that increases America's national security. H.R. 4 was ignored by the party that controls the other body, who, instead, chose to take up and pass an energy package that did nothing to reduce our dependency on countries like Iraq and people like Saddam Hussein for our country's energy needs.

Madam Speaker, let us send the President an energy bill that he can sign with confidence, one that increases both our economic security and our national security. Let us pass one that looks very much like the one we passed a year ago August.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded not to characterize actions or inactions of the other body of the Congress.

STEEL HEALTH LEGACY COSTS

(Mr. BROWN of Ohio asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BROWN of Ohio. Madam Speaker, the United States has become the world's steel dumping ground at the expense of U.S. jobs, U.S. families, and the U.S. economy.

Since 1997, 34 steel companies have filed for bankruptcy, 17 since January of 2001, since President Bush became President, including LTV in Cleveland and RTI in Lorain, Ohio. Unfair trade has victimized an entire generation of American steelworkers, who now depend on this industry, steelworkers and retirees, for their benefits.

It is time for our leaders in Washington, for a change, to stand up. The House Steel Revitalization Act, H.R. 808, has 229 cosponsors, more than a majority of this body. The Steel Revitalization Act will mean jobs, it will mean community revitalization, it will mean strengthening and improving the U.S. economy; yet Republican leadership has blocked this bill.

A majority of Members of Congress have cosponsored this Steel Revitalization Act, and the conservative Republican leadership will not let this bill come to a vote. I ask my Republican friends to push their leadership to do the right thing.

ALLOW RESPONSIBLE FOREST MANAGEMENT

(Mr. GIBBONS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GIBBONS. Madam Speaker, in the first 6 months of this year, wildfires have burned nearly 3 million acres out west. That 6-month total is significantly more than the annual averages, and even greater than the number of acres burned at the same point during the record-setting fire year of 2000. And thousands of acres of fire continue to burn as we speak.

So far, the State of Nevada has endured over 678 separate fires, turning nearly 81,000 acres into charcoal. Wildfires not only devastate our precious national forests but they endanger private property and the lives of thousands of residents in the West. It is time we give the Forest Service and the Department of the Interior the tools they need to expeditiously implement fuels-reduction work on tens of millions of acres of public land at risk of severe wildfire.

I urge my colleagues to support the efforts of the House Committee on Re-

sources to move the President's healthy forest initiative to reduce wildfire risk for the sake of our national resources, our property, and our lives.

DECREASE OF UNDERWEIGHT BABIES IN ORANGE COUNTY

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

Ms. SANCHEZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend the cities of Santa Ana and Anaheim for helping to bring down the rate of underweight babies in Orange County. Because of the high quality health care these cities have provided to women in my district, we have one of the lowest underweight birth rates in the Nation.

Santa Ana and Anaheim have proven that prenatal programs are the key to lowering the numbers of underweight babies and infant mortality. In fact, one such program, Maternal Outreach Management Systems, or MOMS, a nonprofit organization, has worked hard to improve infant health by working with women who are undereducated or may not have the proper information. MOMS comes together to help, in particular to help those with young children or about to give birth.

Out of the 46,000 born in Orange County this past year, only 5.5 percent of the babies were born underweight. Programs like MOMS have given more women opportunities to provide a better life for their unborn children and a better chance at being healthy. Again, I would like to commend our cities of Santa Ana and Anaheim in helping with this.

BANKRUPTCY REFORM LEGISLATION KILLS FREE SPEECH

(Mr. PITTS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PITTS. Madam Speaker, nothing is more important in our democracy than the right to free speech and peaceful assembly. No matter what they believe, we need to allow people to speak out. When we begin to hush people up because of what they believe, none of us is safe any longer.

Until recently, I thought all of us agreed on this. I guess I was wrong. I am sorry to say that the bankruptcy reform conference report contains a provision that singles out one group of people for unusually harsh punishment simply for what they believe. Under an amendment pushed through by one powerful Senator, peaceful, nonviolent pro-life protestors will face lifelong financial ruin if they have the temerity to stand outside an abortion clinic and protest the death of children inside.

Other groups can keep on speaking out and protesting, as they always have, environmental, labor, and civil rights. But if we pass this bill in its