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The House met at 10 a.m.

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

Teach us to remember, O gracious God, that we communicate our messages through what we say or do or think and that how we say or do or think colors our perceptions and the attitude of those who hear us. Remind us of the words of the Book of Proverbs where it is written: "To get wisdom is better than gold; to get understanding is to be chosen rather than silver." May we use the gifts of communication that You have given us, O God, so that in the application of our ideas and thoughts we will gain wisdom and understanding and so speak and listen using the good gifts that are Your blessing 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. KNOLLENBERG. 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. KNOLLENBERG. 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. Evidently a quorum is not present.

Pursuant to clause 5, rule I, further proceedings on this vote will be taken later today.

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

Mr. HOLDEN 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. 1114. An act to authorize minors who are under the child labor provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 and who are under 18 years of age to load materials into balers and compactors that meet appropriate American National Standards Institute design safety standards; and

H.R. 3107. An act to impose sanctions on persons making certain investments directly and significantly contributing to the enhancement of the ability of Iran or Libya to develop its petroleum resources, and on persons exporting certain items that enhance Libya's weapons or aviation capabilities or enhance Libya's ability to develop its petroleum resources, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the Senate insists upon its amendment to the bill (H.R. 3107) "An Act to impose sanctions on persons making certain investments directly and significantly contributing to the enhancement of the ability of Iran or Libya to develop its petroleum resources, and on persons exporting certain items that enhance Libya's weapons or aviation capabilities or enhance Libya's ability to develop its petroleum resources, and for other purposes," requests a conference with the House of Representatives on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses

thereon, and appoints from the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Mr. D'AMATO, Mr. MACK, and Mr. SARBANES; and from the Committee on Finance: Mr. ROTH and Mr. MOYNIHAN, to be the conferees on the part of the Senate.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will recognize ten 1-minute speeches on each side.

OLYMPIC LACK OF LEADERSHIP EMANATING FROM WHITE HOUSE ON CUBA POLICY

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

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, in the week of the Olympic games it is fitting that the President rendered a decision filled with Olympic-size doublespeak essentially waiving the right of American citizens to sue foreign investors who traffic in their stolen property in Cuba. With the agility of a gymnast, President Clinton found a way to jump around the law to deny American citizens their day in court while scoring points with foreign investors who enrich themselves from stolen goods.

Once again we have a lack of leadership emanating from the White House in Cuba policy.

It is clear from yesterday's nondecision decision that a definite change in White House leadership and character is necessary if our foreign policy is to be based on principle and not on the next election.

Mr. Speaker, the President deserves a gold medal for his sorry performance in caving in to foreign interests, while lamentably he falls out of the medal count in standing up for freedom and

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