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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore [Mr. HAYWORTH].

DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
September 21, 1995.

I hereby designate the Honorable J.D. HAYWORTH to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NEWT GINGRICH,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

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

Let us pray using the words of St. Francis.

Lord, make us instruments of Your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy.

Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Lundregan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate had passed bills of the following titles, in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S.J. Res. 20. Joint resolution granting the consent of Congress to the compact to pro-

vide for joint natural resource management and enforcement of laws and regulations pertaining to natural resources and boating at the Jennings Randolph Lake Project lying in Garrett County, Maryland and Mineral County, West Virginia, entered into between the States of West Virginia and Maryland; and

S. Con. Res. 27. Concurrent resolution correcting the enrollment of H.R. 402.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. HAYWORTH). 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. The gentlewoman from New York [Mrs. MALONEY] will lead the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. MALONEY 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 PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain ten 1-minutes from each side.

SALMON FLUSH MODEL

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

Mr. METCALF. Mr. Speaker, salmon rehabilitation on the Columbia River is required by the Endangered Species Act. In Washington State, a computer

model called the flush model is being used by Federal agencies as the basis for Columbia River salmon recovery efforts. While this model is used to justify reservoir drawdowns and spend hundreds of millions of dollars of expenditures, its scientific base has never been made public nor subject to peer review.

Despite months of repeated requests, I have not been able to obtain this model. The Resources Committee, under Chairman YOUNG, will issue a formal request for a copy of this model, but this information should have been available for public and peer review before the planning and costs of salmon recovery began.

But I have to ask: What do they have to hide?

MEDICARE CUTS FOR TAX CUTS

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

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, today is Thursday, September 21, and we still have no Medicare plan from Speaker GINGRICH and the House Republican leadership.

As you know, we were supposed to have it yesterday, and today was supposed to be 1 day of hearings before the House Committee on Ways and Means on the plan. Instead, the meeting was delayed. It is now scheduled for tomorrow, and we still have no Medicare plan to outline how the Republican leadership is going to cut \$270 billion from Medicare over the next 7 years.

The Democrats feel very strongly there should be at least 4 weeks of hearings on Medicare and Medicaid. We tried to bring that up in the House yesterday and were denied that by the Republican majority. Instead, we are going to have to have our own alternative hearings starting tomorrow and going into next week just so that the

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