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The House met at 12 noon and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore [Mr. HOBSON].

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
January 24, 1996.

I hereby designate the Honorable DAVID L. HOBSON to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NEWT GINGRICH,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Reverend Dr. Danny McCain, professor of Christian studies, University of Jos, Plateau State, Nigeria, offered the following prayer:

Almighty God, the Bible declares about governments, "The authorities that exist have been established by God." We acknowledge Your supreme lordship over this Nation.

Because You are a merciful God, we repent for often ignoring and disobeying You in our personal and national lives.

We pray our Nation will be like a lighthouse beside the global seashore signaling out messages of hope and inspiration to those unfortunate nations still struggling in the darkness of ignorance, oppression, and injustice.

We pray that those in this Chamber will acknowledge Your divine sovereignty, that their words and decisions will be characterized by truth and humility, and that all Members of this House will be worthy to represent us by their moral and spiritual example.

In Jesus' name. 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.

Mr. STEARNS. Mr. 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 Chair's approval of the Journal.

Mr. STEARNS. 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 pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 5, rule I, further proceedings on this question are postponed.

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Ohio [Mr. GILLMOR] come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. GILLMOR 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. This morning the Chair will recognize twenty 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle as agreed to by the leadership.

WELCOME TO THE REVEREND DR. DANNY MCCAIN

(Mr. WELDON of Florida asked and was given permission to address the

House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WELDON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, Dr. Danny McCain is the founder and international director at large of International Institute for Christian Studies [IICS]. This organization develops and enhances academic Christian studies programs in public universities in 10 countries including Nigeria, Russia, Ukraine, and China.

In university classrooms that just 5 years ago were devoted to the teaching of atheism, IICS professors have been invited to teach about the moral foundations of society which Christianity provides.

During the past year, Dr. McCain has taught over 300 West African teachers who daily teach religious and moral education in the public schools. At a recent seminar, the commissioner for education said, "Our country is in trouble; most of our troubles are related to morals; morals are derived from religion. Moral and religious education is essential for our Nation's survival." I am sure we could learn much about the source of moral values from these developing nations.

Dr. McCain currently serves as a senior lecturer in the University of Jos, Nigeria, where he and his family have lived for the past 7 years.

It is a pleasure to have him as our guest chaplain today.

IN MEMORIAM: MIKE SYNAR

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

Mr. SKAGGS. Mr. Speaker, many of us have just returned this morning from a memorial service for our departed colleague, the gentleman from Oklahoma, Michael Synar. It was a moving tribute to an extraordinary man and a courageous public servant.

Mike set the highest possible standards for himself and for this place, a

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