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

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,  
July 21, 1997.

I hereby designate the Honorable JO ANN EMERSON 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 words from Psalm 90:

*Lord, thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting thou art God.*

*For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past, or as a watch in the night.*

*So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom. 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.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

Mr. LIVINGSTON 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.

### REPORT ON H.R. 2203, ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 1998

Mr. LIVINGSTON, from the Committee on Appropriations, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 105-190) on the bill (H.R. 2203) making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and for other purposes, which was referred to the Union Calendar and ordered to be printed.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. All points of order are reserved on the bill.

### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message in writing from the President of the United States was communicated to the House by Mr. Edwin Thomas, one of his secretaries.

### SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 7, 1997, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

### 53D ANNIVERSARY OF THE LIBERATION OF GUAM

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Guam [Mr. UNDERWOOD] is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. UNDERWOOD. Madam Speaker, today is July 21, 1997, and it represents the 53d anniversary of the liberation of Guam, the landing of American marines and soldiers which occurred on this day some 53 years ago. On that day

a number of the Third Marine Division landed and the First Marine Provisional Brigade landed on the beaches of Asan and Agat, and the 77th Infantry, also playing a supportive role, landed on the beach of Agat, and therefore followed the battle for Guam in which over approximately 15,000 Japanese were killed, some 1,500 Americans were killed, and the island was finally declared secure on August 10, 1944.

As we take time in this special order and on this particular day, which is very special for the people of Guam and by far the largest holiday in our annual calendar, I want to draw attention to a couple of issues. One, of course, is to pay the highest tribute and the highest honor to the men in American uniforms, the heroic marines and the heroic sailors and soldiers who worked hard and who suffered tremendous deprivations and who risked their lives and many of whom paid the supreme sacrifice to liberate the people of Guam from Japanese occupation.

I also want to draw attention to the experience of the Chamorro people, the Guamanians of Guam, who endured roughly 32 months of Japanese occupation, and during this time period themselves suffered many deprivations as they tried to keep their families together, and, in the final total, we will never know how many actually died in the process as a result of hostile action or who were executed by the Japanese or, in many instances, suffered and died simply as a result of starvation, malnutrition, and disease. But we must also take time to honor these people.

In Guam right now it is already July 22, so the celebration is long over, and I am sure that the celebration gave the appropriate honor. It always has a long parade attached to it, and, of course, the marines are always given the highest level of applause as they march by.

The reason why we should draw attention to this is not simply that it was a momentous occasion during

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