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The House met at 2 p.m. 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,
November 9, 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 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.

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. MCNULTY. 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 Chair's approval of the Journal.

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

Mr. MCNULTY. 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 5 of rule 1, further proceedings on this question are postponed.

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JOHN WARNER, *Chairman.*

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The point of order is considered withdrawn.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

Mr. McNULTY 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 without amendment bills of the House of the following titles:

H.R. 1086. An act to codify without substantive change laws related to transportation and to improve the United States Code;

H.R. 1787. An act to assist in the conservation of Asian elephants by supporting and providing financial resources for the conservation programs of nations within the range of Asian elephants and projects of persons with demonstrated expertise in the conservation of Asian elephants;

H.R. 2731. An act for the relief of Roy Desmond Moser; and

H.R. 2732. An act for the relief of John Andre Chalot.

The message also 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. 497. An act to repeal the Federal charter of Group Hospitalization and Medical Services, Inc., and for other purposes; and

H.R. 867. An act to promote the adoption of children in foster care.

The message also announced that the Senate agrees to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the House to the bill (S. 1026) "An act to reauthorize the Export-Import Bank of the United States."

The message also announced that the Senate had passed bills and concurrent resolutions of the following titles, in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 508. An act to provide for the relief of Mai Hoa "Jasmin" Salehi;

S. 759. An act to amend the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 to require the Secretary of State to submit an annual report to Congress concerning diplomatic immunity;

S. 857. An act for the relief of Roma Salobrit;

S. 1193. An act to amend chapter 443 of title 49, United States Code, to extend the authorization of the aviation insurance program, and for other purposes;

S. 1258. An act to amend the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 to prohibit an alien who is not lawfully present in the United States from receiving assistance under that Act;

S. 1304. An act for the relief of Belinda McGregor;

S. 1347. An act to permit the city of Cleveland, Ohio, to convey certain lands that the United States conveyed to the city;

S. 1487. An act to establish a National Voluntary Mutual Reunion Registry;

S. Con. Res. 58. Concurrent resolution expressing the concern of Congress over Russia's newly passed religion law; and

S. Con. Res. 66. Concurrent resolution to correct the enrollment of S. 399.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF BILLS TO BE CONSIDERED UNDER SUSPENSION OF THE RULES TODAY

Mr. SOLOMON. Madam Speaker, I would like to announce the intentions to call up the following bills under suspension today:

S. 714, Homeless Veterans;

S. 1139, Small Business;

H.R. 1129, Microcredit;

H. Con. Res. 22, Scientology;

H. Con. Res. 239, Expo 2000;

H. Res. 245, Elections in Sahara;

H. Con. Res. 156, Afghanistan Women;

H.R. 1377, SAVER Act;

H.R. 2920, Immigration Deadline;

S. 1231, U.S. Fire Administration;

H.R. 112, Stanislaus County;

H.R. 1805, Auburn Indian Restoration;

H.R. 2402, Water-Related Technical Corrections;

H.R. 2283, Arches National Park;

S. 669, Jimmy Carter Historic Site;

H.R. 2834, Cleveland Airport Transfer;

H.R. 2626, Pilot Records Improvement;

H.R. 849, Uniform Relocation;

H.R. 2476, Foreign Irlene Family; and

H.R. 1502 James Foreman Courthouse.

Mr. TRAFICANT. Madam Speaker, reserving the right to object.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from New York is only making an announcement pursuant to House Resolution 305.

Mr. SOLOMON. Madam Speaker, if I might continue:

H.R. 861, Adoption;

S. 1026, Ex-Im Bank Conference Report;

H.R. 2472, EPCA; and

The FDA Commerce Report.

And one final bill, Madam Speaker, and one final bill, S. 1258.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will recognize Members on each side for 1 minutes. There will be ten 1-minutes on each side.

LET US STICK TO THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

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

Mr. GUTKNECHT. Madam Speaker, last week President Clinton told the voters of Virginia, the ones who supported repealing the car tax, that they were selfish.

Well, excuse me, Mr. President, but maybe you have forgotten what the Declaration of Independence says. It says that all men are created equal and they have certain inalienable rights, and among those rights are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

I find it remarkable that anyone would not notice that liberty and the pursuit of happiness both apply to the idea of who gets to decide what to do with their money. That is really the point. This is not a question of selfishness, but whether and who will decide how to spend their money.

Conservatives emphasize that people are the best judge of how their money should be spent, whereas liberals tend to think that politicians are a superior judge of how and where the money should be spent, especially if they, the liberals, are positively excited about spending the people's money to carry out social engineering plans.

As for me, I think I will stick with the original intent of the American Declaration of Independence.

STAND UP FOR AMERICA: DEFEAT FAST TRACK

(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, since the passage of NAFTA, NAFTA has contributed to numerous workplace, economic and environmental problems, including an increase in the import of contaminated food, downward pressure on United States wages, employer threats to move to Mexico, and a skyrocketing trade deficit.

Fast-track has failed to address any of those problems. First of all, with respect to our trade deficit growth and the loss of jobs, fast-track takes no action on that, no improvement, fails to address it.

Second, there is pressure to lower U.S. wages, and there is lowering of wages going on in this country in manufacturing because of NAFTA. Fast-track fails to address that.

Third, since NAFTA, we have had employer threats to move to NAFTA partner countries. The fast-track agreement fails to take action on that and fails to address it.

Unless we address these critical problems in fast-track, the NAFTA problems will spread like a virus through North America and the world. We need higher standards for our wages, for our workers and for our countries. Stand up for America; defeat fast-track.

TRIBUTE TO MAJOR GENERAL LANSFORD E. TRAPP

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

Mr. THUNE. Madam Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to Maj. Gen. Lansford Trapp. Most know General