

of gridlock with several notable bipartisan accomplishments on very tough issues, ranging from economy to education to defense spending.

Mr. Speaker, I believe his first 180 days have revealed to us an active and committed Presidential agenda that spans both domestic and international concerns while also protecting the interests of America and expanding freedom, trade, prosperity, and hope. I wish to congratulate the President this afternoon.

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#### RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. There being no further requests for morning hour debates, pursuant to clause 12, rule I, the House will stand in recess until 2 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 37 minutes p.m.) the House stood in recess until 2 p.m.

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#### AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mrs. BIGGERT) at 2 p.m.

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#### PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer:

Stir our spirits, O Lord, that we may praise You with full attention and be whole-hearted in all the tasks You set before us this day.

Over the weekend You have renewed us in faith and love. With others who see Your deeds unfolding in our history and in every act of justice and kindness we have gathered and offered You praise. With family and friends we gathered at table and You renewed us in the bonds that hold us faithful and fill us with gratitude. Bless those who have blessed us. Be close to those most in need of Your compassion and love.

Fear of You, O Lord, is the beginning of wisdom. Make us truly wise. As we begin our works of truth and justice guide us to grow in understanding, for our hearts are fixed on Your faithful promise that You will be with us now and forever. Amen.

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#### 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.

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#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. PENCE) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. PENCE 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.

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#### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Monahan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed with an amendment in which the concurrence of the House is requested, a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 2311. An act making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the Senate insist upon its amendment to the bill (H.R. 2311) "An Act making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, and for other purposes" requests a conference with the House on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and appoints Mr. REID, Mr. BYRD, Mr. HOLLINGS, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. DORGAN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. INOUE, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. BURNS, Mr. CRAIG, and Mr. STEVENS, to be the conferees on the part of the Senate.

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#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 4 of rule I, the Speaker signed the following enrolled bill on Friday, July 20, 2001:

H.R. 2216, making supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001.

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#### COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, July 20, 2001.

HON. J. DENNIS HASTERT,  
*The Speaker, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.*

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U. S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on July 20, 2001 at 3:32 p.m.

That the Senate agreed to conference report H.R. 2216.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

MARTHA C. MORRISON,  
*Deputy Clerk of the House.*

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#### COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the chairman of the

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure; which was read and, without objection, referred to the Committee on Appropriations:

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION  
AND INFRASTRUCTURE,  
Washington, DC, July 20, 2001.

HON. J. DENNIS HASTERT,  
*Speaker, House of Representatives, The Capitol, Washington, DC.*

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Enclosed please find copies of resolutions approved by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure on July 18, 2001, in accordance with 40 U.S.C. §606.

Sincerely,

DON YOUNG,  
*Chairman.*

There was no objection.

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#### RAILROAD DISASTERS

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

Mr. GIBBONS. Madam Speaker, last weekend downtown Baltimore was shut down due to the derailment of a freight train carrying hazardous chemicals.

Madam Speaker, just imagine what could have happened if that train was carrying high-level, highly radioactive nuclear waste, the world's most toxic, deadliest material known to man. Thousands of people would have been exposed to not only heavy smoke and soot but to invisible radiation that can kill them as well as any livestock or other crops within the area.

This scenario is not science fiction. The CBS news show "60 Minutes" detailed that train accidents due to track failure are happening at a rate of nearly one every 24 hours. That is a train accident once every day.

The Department of Energy wants to ship nuclear waste on our railways, past our schools, past our hospitals, through our neighborhoods and communities, and past schools and farms.

Madam Speaker, our responsibility is to protect the American public, not endanger them. We cannot allow the DOE to threaten the lives of our constituents.

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#### EMBRYONIC STEM CELL RESEARCH

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

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, as the debate over using Federal funds to support embryonic stem cell research goes forwards, I would urge my colleagues in this Chamber to consider the clear words of Pope John Paul II spoken to our President today, who said in Rome, "Experience is already showing how a tragic coarsening of consciences accompanies the assault on innocent life in the womb, leading to the accommodation and acquiescence in the face of other related evils such as euthanasia, infanticide, and, most recently, proposals for the creation for research