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House of Representatives

The House met at 9 a.m.

Commissioner John Busby, National Commander, Salvation Army, Alexandria, Virginia, offered the following prayer:

Almighty God, Creator, Preserver and Governor of all things, we humbly bow before You on behalf of those gathered here; individuals who find pleasure in serving the people of this great country.

With thankful hearts for Your goodness to each of them, we earnestly pray that You will take their minds and give them a new measure of wisdom, take their hearts and fill them with Your love for others, and take their wills and make them more obedient to Your will.

May Your servants here proceed step by step, hour by hour to meet the challenges You have given them so that in the end, the purpose that You have set out for this House of Representatives may be accomplished for the enrichment of people across this land and to Your honor and glory.

This we pray in Your holy name. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. 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. Will the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. DEAL) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. DEAL of Georgia 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.

RECESS

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to the order of the House of Thursday, May 11, 2000, the House will stand in recess subject to the call of the Chair to receive the former Members of Congress.

Accordingly (at 9 o'clock and 5 minutes a.m.) the House stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

RECEPTION OF FORMER MEMBERS OF CONGRESS

The SPEAKER of the House presided.

The SPEAKER. Good morning. On behalf of the House of Representatives, it gives me great pleasure to welcome to the Chamber today the former Members of Congress. This is your annual meeting. And, of course, many of you are personal friends from both sides of the aisle, and it is important that you are here certainly to renew those friendships.

As a report from the President will indicate, you honor this House and the Nation by your continuing efforts to export the concept of representative democracy to countries all over the world and to college campuses around this country. I endorse those efforts and hope you will pursue that and continue it.

I also endorse your wise choice of Chaplain Emeritus James D. Ford as the recipient of the Distinguished Service Award. Chaplain Ford will finally have his opportunity, which he has long sought, to speak from the floor of the House, a privileged reserved only to Members. I would remind him, however, that the proceedings are technically held within the House in recess, just to place things in perspective.

At this time, I would request that my friend, the gentleman from Illinois, Mr. Erlenborn, Vice President of the Former Members Association, take the Chair.

Mr. ERLENBORN (presiding). The Clerk will call the roll of former Members of the House and Senate who are present today.

The Clerk called the roll of the former Members of Congress, and the following former Members answered to their names:

ROLLCALL OF FORMER MEMBERS OF CONGRESS ATTENDING 30TH ANNUAL SPRING MEETING

THE UNITED STATES ASSOCIATION OF FORMER MEMBERS OF CONGRESS

William V. (Bill) Alexander (Arkansas)
J. Glenn Beall, Jr. (Maryland)
Tom Bevill (Alabama)
Daniel B. Brewster (Maryland)
Donald G. Brotzman (Colorado)
Clarence J. Brown, Jr. (Ohio)
James T. Broyhill (North Carolina)
John H. Buchanan (Alabama)
Jack Buechner (Missouri)
Albert G. Bustamante (Texas)
Beverly B. Byron (Maryland)
Elford A. Cederberg (Michigan)
Charles E. Chamberlain (Michigan)
Rod Chandler (Washington)
William F. Clinger (Pennsylvania)
R. Lawrence Coughlin (Pennsylvania)
James K. Coyne (Pennsylvania)
E (Kika) de la Garza (Texas)
Ben L. Erdreich (Alabama)
John N. Erlenborn (Illinois)
Don Fuqua (Florida)
Robert Garcia (New York)
Robert N. Giaimo (Connecticut)
Gilbert Gude (Maryland)
Robert P. Hanrahan (Illinois)
William D. Hathaway (Maine)
Dennis M. Hertel (Michigan)
George J. Hochbrueckner (New York)
William J. Hughes (New Jersey)
Hastings Keith (Massachusetts)
David S. King (Utah)
Ernest Konnyu (California)
Lawrence P. (Larry) LaRocco (Idaho)
Claude (Buddy) Leach (Louisiana)
Marilyn Lloyd (Tennessee)
Cathy Long (Louisiana)
Andrew Maguire (New Jersey)
Romano L. Mazzoli (Kentucky)
Matthew F. McHugh (New York)
Jan Meyers (Kansas)

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