ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The House will continue in recess until approximately noon.

□ 1206

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. LATHAM) at 12 o'clock and 6 minutes p.m.

PRINTING OF PROCEEDINGS HAD DURING RECESS

Mr. FOLEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the proceedings had during the recess be printed in the RECORD.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Florida?

There was no objection.

CLINTON ADMINISTRATION'S CASE FOR WAR

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

Mr. FOLEY. Mr. Speaker, let me give Members the following quotes: ''Sometimes the United States has to act alone, or at least has to act first. Sometimes we cannot let other countries have a veto on our foreign policy.'' That is a debate quote spoken by President Clinton.

Madeleine Albright: ''I am going to explain our position, and while we always prefer to act multilaterally, we are prepared to go unilaterally.''

President Clinton: ''Would the Iraqi people be better off if there was a change in leadership? I certainly think they would be.''

In the last couple of days, we have heard a lot of people questioning the President's veracity. Let us talk about the successes: Libya is cooperating and disarming; Charles Taylor has been forced out of Liberia; India and Pakistan are talking about Kashmir and reducing tensions; and as Senator LIEBERMAN said, ''Saddam Hussein was a walking weapon of mass destruction.''

Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the leadership of this President. I am proud of standing with him and our military as they combat terror and tyranny around the globe. Shame on the Democrats for suggesting that the President is not truthful.

PROTECT AMERICA'S NATIONAL SECURITY ACT

(Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, in the next couple of days I expect to introduce my Protect America's National Security Act of 2004. The provisions of this bill will include full congressional hearings on what intelligence was used and how the intelligence was used in the decision to make a unilateral attack against Iraq in the winter of 2003. The American people deserve to know.

And then I will ask to allow for the general figure that is utilized for the intelligence budget of this Nation to be presented publicly to the American people. That will not violate our security. I will not ask for a line item listing, but I will ask that the American people, as indicated by a former Reagan administration official, know how much we spend for intelligence. The American people deserve to know.

Mr. Speaker, I hope that my colleagues will realize that our rights as a Congress should not be abrogated.

DEFICIT SPENDING BEFORE CONGRESS

(Mrs. BLACKBURN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to speak on the enormous deficit spending that is before Congress this year. It is expected to be between $477 billion to $530 billion. As a fiscal conservative, I find it unacceptable.

One of the core values of conservatism is to fight for limited government, wise use of taxpayer money, and fiscal restraint. This body falls short on being an example of these values. We need only to look to last year when we had several opportunities to cut out waste in government programs, but did not do so. One prime example is where Congress would not pass a simple amendment which would have prevented the funding of sexual arousal and porn studies granted through the National Institutes of Health. I voted for the amendment which would have prevented the use of taxpayer money for these ridiculous studies. I think most constituents agree with me on that. Also numerous amendments by the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. TOOMEY) were presented to reduce spending by across-the-board cuts. What a great idea. We failed to take measures there.

Mr. Speaker, it is time for us to realize the government will continue to borrow for the present by mortgaging the future.

IMPROVING THE COMMUNITY SERVICES BLOCK GRANT ACT OF 2003

Mrs. MYRICK. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 513 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 513

Resolved, That at any time after the adoption of this resolution the Speaker may, pursuant to clause 2(b) of rule XVIII, declare the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3030) to amend the Community Service Block Grant Act to provide for quality improvements. The first reading of the bill shall be dispensed with. General debate shall be confined to the bill and shall not exceed one hour equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Education and Workforce. After general debate the bill shall be considered for amendment under the five-minute rule. It shall be in order to consider as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Education and the Workforce now printed in the bill. The committee amendment in the nature of a substitute shall be considered as read. No amendment to the committee amendment shall be in order except those printed in the portion of the Congressional Record designated for that purpose in clause 8 of rule XVIII and except pro forma amendments for the purpose of debate. Each amendment so printed may be offered only by the Member who caused it to be printed or his designee and shall be considered as read. At the conclusion of consideration of the bill for amendment the Committee shall rise and report the bill to the House with such amendments as may have been adopted. Any Member may demand a separate vote in the House on any amendment adopted in the Committee of the Whole to the bill or to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill and amendments thereto to final passage without intervening motion except one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentlewoman from North Carolina (Mrs. MYRICK) is recognized for 1 hour.

Mrs. MYRICK. Mr. Speaker, for the purpose of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the gentlewoman from New York (Ms. SLAUGHTER), pending which I yield myself such time as I may consume. During consideration of this resolution, all time yielded is for the purpose of debate only.

□ 1215

On Tuesday, the Rules Committee met and granted a modified open rule for H.R. 3030, the Improving the Community Services Block Grant Act (CSBG). This is a very fair rule and I believe that all Members of the House should be able to support it. This bipartisan bill extends the CSBG program through 2009 while strengthening its accountability provisions and preserving current law protections for faith-based service providers using CSBG funds.

In every State across the Nation, various communities combat the devastating effects of poverty using the Federal funds provided by the CSBG. This legislation preserves the CSBG as a true State block grant program, allowing States to establish and operate antipoverty programs that meet the unique needs of their low-income communities. Most importantly, H.R. 3030 fosters increased accountability by ensuring that States are monitoring local grantees to ensure services are being