

And, Lord, lastly, we thank You for favor. We thank You for Your divine favor. Let Your favor be upon President Clinton and the outgoing administration. May they go forth in spiritual grace and civic greatness. And, of course, O Lord, let Your divine favor be upon President George W. Bush and First Lady Laura Welch Bush and their family. We decree and declare that no weapon formed against them shall prosper. Let Your divine favor be upon the Bush team and all Americans with the rising of the Sun and the going down of the same. May we grow in our willingness and ability to bless You and bless one another.

We respectfully submit this humble prayer in the name that is above all other names, Jesus the Christ. Let all who agree say "Amen."

(Staff Sergeant Maly performed the National Anthem with accompaniment.)

(Applause.)

The inaugural ceremonies were concluded at 12:24 p.m.

## § 26. Vice Presidential Swearing-in Ceremonies

On Dec. 6, 1973, a joint meeting occurred in the House for the swearing-in of Gerald R. Ford as Vice President of the United States.<sup>(1)</sup> Ford was nominated pursuant to § 2 of the 25th Amendment of the Constitution of the United States. Similarly, on Dec. 19, 1974, the House was invited to the Senate Chamber for the swearing-in of Nelson Rocke-

1. See § 26.2, *infra*.

feller as Vice President of the United States.<sup>(2)</sup>

For a discussion on the process for Presidential nominations for Vice President, see Ch. 10, § 4, *supra*.

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**§ 26.1 The Speaker announced that during the joint meeting for the swearing-in of Gerald R. Ford as Vice President on the following day, only certain doors would be open and only persons with floor privileges would be permitted in the Chamber.**

On Dec. 5, 1973,<sup>(1)</sup> the following occurred:

The SPEAKER.<sup>(2)</sup> The Chair desires to make an announcement.

After communication with the majority and minority leaders, and with their consent and approval, the Chair announces that on tomorrow, December 6, during the joint meeting to be held in connection with the swearing in of the Vice President, only the doors immediately opposite the Speaker and those on his left and right will be open.

No one will be allowed on the floor of the House except those persons having the privilege of the floor of the House.

2. See § 26.3, *infra*.

1. 119 CONG. REC. 39677, 93d Cong. 1st Sess.

2. Carl Albert (OK).

**§ 26.2 Proceedings had during joint meeting for administration of oath of office to Gerald R. Ford as Vice President of the United States.**

On Dec. 6, 1973,<sup>(1)</sup> Speaker Carl Albert of Oklahoma presided over the Joint Meeting of the House and Senate for the swearing-in of Gerald R. Ford as Vice President:

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to a previous order of the House, the Chair declares a recess until 5:45 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 4 o'clock and 44 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess until 5:45 p.m.

JOINT MEETING OF THE HOUSE AND SENATE FOR SWEARING-IN OF GERALD R. FORD OF MICHIGAN AS VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

The Speaker of the House presided.

The Doorkeeper (Honorable William M. Miller) announced the President pro tempore and the Members of the U.S. Senate, who entered the Hall of the House of Representatives, the President pro tempore taking the chair at the left of the Speaker, and the

1. 119 CONG. REC. 39925-27, 93d Cong. 1st Sess. For the Dec. 3, 1973, resignation letter of Gerald R. Ford from the House, see Ch. 37, *infra*. Upon the conclusion of the Joint Meeting for the swearing-in, Vice President Ford called the Senate to order as President of the body, see 119 CONG. REC. 40104-05, 93d Cong. 1st Sess., Dec. 6, 1973.

Members of the Senate the seats reserved for them.

The SPEAKER. The Chair appoints on behalf of the House as members of the committee to escort the President and Vice President designate into the Chamber: the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. [Thomas] O'NEILL), the gentleman from California (Mr. [John] MCFALL), the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. [Peter] RODINO), the gentlewoman from Michigan (Mrs. [Martha] GRIFFITHS), the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. [Leslie] ARENDS), the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. [John] RHODES), and the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. [J. Edward] HUTCHINSON).

The PRESIDENT pro tempore.<sup>(2)</sup> On behalf of the Senate, I appoint the following Senators to accompany the President of the United States and the Vice President designate of the United States into the Chamber: the Senator from Montana (Mr. [Michael] MANSFIELD), the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. HUGH SCOTT), the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. ROBERT C. BYRD), the Senator from Michigan (Mr. [Robert] GRIFFIN), the Senator from Nevada (Mr. [Howard] CANNON), and the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. [Marlow] COOK).

Mrs. Gerald R. Ford was brought into the Chamber through the Speaker's Lobby, and took the seat provided for her in the well to the right of the rostrum.

The Doorkeeper announced the Ambassadors, Ministers, and Charges d'Affaires of foreign governments.

The Ambassadors, Ministers, and Charges d'Affaires of foreign governments entered the Hall of the House of

2. James Eastland (MS).

Representatives and took the seats reserved for them.

The Doorkeeper announced the Chief Justice of the United States and the Associate Justices of the Supreme Court.

The Chief Justice of the United States and the Associate Justices of the Supreme Court entered the Hall of the House of Representatives and the Chief Justice took the seat provided for him in the well to the right of the rostrum, next to Mrs. Gerald R. Ford.

The Associate Justices took the seats reserved for them in front of the Speaker's rostrum.

The Doorkeeper announced the Cabinet of the President of the United States.

The members of the Cabinet of the President of the United States entered the Hall of the House of Representatives and took the seats reserved for them in front of the Speaker's rostrum.

At 6 o'clock and 5 minutes p.m., the Doorkeeper announced the President of the United States and the Vice President designate of the United States. The President of the United States and the Vice President designate of the United States, escorted by the committee of Senators and Representatives, entered into the Hall of the House of Representatives, and stood at the Clerk's desk.

[Applause, the Members rising.]

Mrs. Gerald R. Ford, followed by the Chief Justice, was escorted to the Clerk's desk with the Chief Justice to the right of Mrs. Ford.

The SPEAKER. The Senate, by a vote of 92 yeas to 3 nays on November 27, 1973, having confirmed the nomination of GERALD R. FORD of the State

of Michigan, to be Vice President of the United States, and the House of Representatives by a vote of 387 yeas to 35 nays on today having confirmed the nomination of Gerald R. Ford, of the State of Michigan, to be Vice President of the United States, the proceedings required by section 2 of the 25th amendment to the U.S. Constitution have been complied with.

The gentleman from Michigan (Mr. GERALD R. FORD) has advised the Chair that he has transmitted his letter of resignation as a Representative of the Fifth District of the State of Michigan to the Governor and the Secretary of State of Michigan as required by the law of that State.

The Chair now requests the Chief Justice of the United States to administer the oath of office to the Vice President.

The oath of office was administered by the Chief Justice of the United States to the Vice President, GERALD R. FORD, his right hand raised and his left hand on the Bible held by Mrs. Ford.

[Applause, the Members rising.]

The SPEAKER. Mr. President, Members of the Congress, and distinguished guests, I have the high personal honor of presenting to you a dear friend and former colleague whom we shall all miss, but whom we all congratulate—the Vice President of the United States.

[Applause, the Members rising.]

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ADDRESS OF THE VICE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

The VICE PRESIDENT. Mr. Speaker, Mr. Chief Justice, Mr. President

pro tempore, distinguished guests, and friends:

Together we have made history here today. For the first time we have carried out the command of the 25th amendment. In exactly 8 weeks, we have demonstrated to the world that our great republic stands solid, stands strong upon the bedrock of the Constitution.

I am a Ford, not a Lincoln. My addresses will never be as eloquent as Mr. Lincoln's. . . .

At 6 o'clock and 21 minutes p.m., the President, accompanied by the committee of escort, retired from the Hall of the House of Representatives.

The Doorkeeper—Hon. William D. Miller—escorted the invited guests from the Chamber in the following order:

The Members of the President's Cabinet.

The Chief Justice of the United States and the Associate Justices of the Supreme Court.

The Ambassadors, Ministers, and Chargés d'Affaires of foreign governments.

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#### JOINT MEETING DISSOLVED

The SPEAKER. The Chair declares the joint meeting of the two Houses now dissolved.

Accordingly at 6 o'clock and 23 minutes p.m. the joint meeting of the two Houses was dissolved.

The Members of the Senate, together with the Vice President, retired to their Chamber.

#### AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired at 6 o'clock and 28 minutes p.m., the House was called to order by the Speaker.

#### PRINTING OF PROCEEDINGS HAD DURING RECESS

Mr. O'NEILL. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the proceedings had during the recess of the House to be printed in the RECORD.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Massachusetts?

There was no objection.

#### § 26.3 The Speaker announced that all Members had been invited to attend the Senate session for the swearing-in of Vice President Rockefeller in the Senate Chamber.

On Dec. 19, 1974,<sup>(1)</sup> Speaker Carl Albert of Oklahoma announced the following:

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE CHAIR

The SPEAKER. The Chair desires to announce that all Members of the House have been invited to attend the swearing in of Vice President designate Nelson A. Rockefeller, be held in the Senate Chamber tonight.

1. 120 CONG. REC. 41570, 93d Cong. 2d Sess. For the recess declaration, see Ch. 39, § 3.9, *infra*.