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## House of Representatives

The House met at 10:30 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. PENCE).

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,  
October 1, 2002.

I hereby appoint the Honorable MIKE PENCE to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

J. DENNIS HASTERT,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Monahan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate agreed to the following resolution:

S. RES. 331

*Resolved*, That the Senate has heard with profound sorrow and deep regret the announcement of the death of the Honorable Patsy T. Mink, late a Representative from the State of Hawaii.

*Resolved*, That the Secretary communicate these resolutions to the House of Representatives and transmit an enrolled copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

*Resolved*, That when the Senate adjourns or recesses today, it stand adjourned or recessed as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased Representative.

### MORNING HOUR DEBATES

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of January 23, 2002, the Chair will now recognize Members from lists submitted by the majority and minority leaders for morning hour debates. The Chair will alternate recognition between the parties, with each party limited to not to exceed 30 minutes, and each Member, except the majority leader, the minority leader, or the minority whip, limited to not to exceed 5 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Arkansas (Mr. BOOZMAN) for 5 minutes.

### IN SUPPORT OF MOSQUITO ABATEMENT FOR SAFETY AND HEALTH ACT (MASH)

Mr. BOOZMAN. Mr. Speaker, my brother Fay Boozman, the director of Arkansas's Department of Health, recently testified before a congressional committee that it is very possible more Arkansans will be infected with the West Nile virus this year. Arkansas has seen six human cases of the virus so far, including one death. This time last year, Louisiana had only seen one human case. This year Louisiana has documented more than 260 cases.

States like Arkansas cannot afford to dip into their emergency funds to combat the spread of West Nile every year. This bill will help States and localities fight this virus by authorizing matching grants by up to \$100,000 for the mosquito abatement programs.

I commend the gentleman from Louisiana (Mr. TAUZIN), chairman, and the gentleman from Louisiana (Mr. JOHN) for their leadership in this area and for producing and introducing this bill in the House. I encourage my colleagues to pass this bill and provide much-needed relief to our State and local governments who are on the frontlines of this fight.

### QUESTIONING THE PRESIDENT'S POLICY CONCERNING IRAQ

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of January 23, 2002, the gentleman from New Mexico (Mr. UDALL) is recognized during morning hour debates for 5 minutes.

Mr. UDALL of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, on September 11, the world watched with horror the terrorist attack on the United States. Congress

acted by granting President Bush authority to mount a strong response. Congress appropriated money to rebuild New York and the Pentagon and roused popular support for the President as we took each step against terror. Congress and the President jointly exercised their constitutional responsibilities.

Our efforts required and received the support from the community of responsible nations. The strong backing of our allies was a reassuring sign that our international partners stood beside us as we faced this new danger.

The President now wants to reposition our efforts from fighting a war on terrorism to fighting a war against Saddam Hussein, to reposition our longstanding national policy of containment and deterrence to a policy of unilateral preemption. Over the last few weeks Members of Congress have questioned the President on this change of focus. Sadly, some in his party have said that to question the President is unpatriotic. I disagree. To question the President sends an unequivocal message to those who would attack America that our democratic system is alive and well.

Like many of my colleagues, I held a series of town hall meetings in August across my district. Virtually without dissent I heard New Mexicans express their strong concerns about a possible war with Iraq. From Gallup to Santa Fe to Clovis, it was clear that the overwhelming majority were opposed to a unilateral invasion by the United States. Some told me they believed the President should involve the Congress in a decision to go to war. Others were concerned about getting support from our allies around the world. Others were concerned about the rush. Not surprisingly, I have continued to hear from my constituents, and their questions need to be answered.

I am pleased that President Bush has taken the initial steps to seek the approval of both the Congress and the

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