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The House met at 12:30 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. CHOCOLA).

DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
September 30, 2003.

I hereby appoint the Honorable CHRIS CHOCOLA 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 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. 2691. An act making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the Senate insists upon its amendment to the bill (H.R. 2691) "An Act making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes," requests a conference with the House on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and appoints Mr. BURNS, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. GREGG, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. BYRD, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. HOLLINGS, Mr. REID, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Ms. MIKULSKI, to be the conferees on the part of the Senate.

The message also announced that the Senate has passed bills of the following titles in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 1244. An act to authorize appropriations for the Federal Maritime Commission for fiscal years 2004 through 2008.

S. 1301. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit video voyeurism in the special maritime and territorial jurisdiction of the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 1375. An act to provide for the reauthorization of programs administered by the Small Business Administration, and for other purposes.

S. 1451. An act to reauthorize programs under the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act and the Missing Children's Assistance Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1591. An act to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 48 South Broadway, Nyack, New York, as the "Edward O'Grady, Waverly Brown, Peter Paige Post Office Building".

MORNING HOUR DEBATES

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of January 7, 2003, 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 North Carolina (Mr. JONES) for 5 minutes.

TRIBUTE TO LOU ROTTERMAN

Mr. JONES of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a man who was part of our Nation's Greatest Generation, Lou Rotterman, who was called home by his Maker in July of this year.

Lou was a fixture on the Hill and in Washington for over 30 years. He was an old-school press secretary and speech writer who worked behind the scenes to put the people he believed in into the spotlight.

Like former President Reagan, he believed that much could be done when you did not worry about who got the credit.

Indeed, Lou Rotterman worked as an executive assistant and press secretary for Jack Kemp from 1972 until 1981, a period in which the New Yorker went from being a freshman Congressman, best known from his days as a Buffalo Bills football great, to one of the conservative intellectual powerhouses of the modern Republican Party. Kemp, as we all know, championed the Kemp-Roth across-the-board tax cuts signed into law by Ronald Reagan in 1981. Lou Rotterman, along with his counterpart Jim Brady, who worked with then-Senator Bill Roth's office, helped mobilize support for that historic measure.

As David King of the American Conservative Union wrote in *The Hill* newspaper, "Kemp would not have succeeded without Lou Rotterman, and Reagan would not have been the President he was without the ideas that the two promoted."

As respected as Rotterman was among Congressional press secretaries, he was far more than a Capitol Hill fixture.

Like many in his generation, he volunteered to fight in World War II. At the Battle of Leyte Gulf, Rotterman was a tail gunner on a crew that had to ditch in the ocean. For his bravery in that battle, Lou Rotterman was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for what was called a valiant attack on a large task force of Japanese. In the citation, Rotterman was hailed for his bravery, coolness, and determination displayed. His superior magnificent teamwork was also noted, a hallmark of Lou Rotterman's professional life.

Recently a journalist friend of Rotterman's said, "You can judge the measure of a man by how he treats those who aren't in a position to help him." The journalist said, "Lou was that way towards me."

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