

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer:

We lift our eyes to You, O God of eternity. So far beyond our understanding or our experience You are all holy, all powerful.

To be fully present in Your sight this day stirs within us a desire to be truly humble, poor in spirit and truly silent, listening to Your Word speaking to our hearts.

Bless this assembly of the 110th Congress, Lord. Give us liberty from all the knotty problems of this world that tighten our imagination and narrow our perception.

Rather, breathe upon us Your cleansing Spirit that Your servants may have a broad and penetrating vision on how to unleash the free exercise of people and untie the mistakes of the past.

May the native born, new citizens, immigrants, guests and visitors, those in high places and the lowly, all give You glory and praise now and forever. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House her approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. ALTMIRE) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. ALTMIRE 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.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER TO ATTEND FUNERAL OF THE LATE HONORABLE CRAIG THOMAS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 454, and the order of the House of January 4, 2007, the Chair announces the Speaker's appointment of the following Member of the House to the committee to attend the funeral of the late Honorable Craig Thomas:

Mrs. CUBIN, Wyoming

PROTECTING CHILDREN IN THE WORKFORCE

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

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, tomorrow the House will consider a bill to further protect our children in the workforce. While children under the age of 18 are permitted to work under American labor

law, certain rules provide reasonable limitations.

Under this bipartisan measure, companies will receive stiffer monetary penalties should a violation of these laws result in the injury or death of a child in the workplace.

I appreciate the leadership of Chairman GEORGE MILLER and ranking Republican BUCK MCKEON on this issue. As ranking Republican of the Workforce Protection Subcommittee, I am pleased to have worked closely with Chairwoman LYNN WOOLSEY on this issue.

I am grateful the House is coming together to consider this bill and ensure the safety of our Nation's children. I urge my colleagues to support this critical legislation.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September 11.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or on which the vote is objected to under clause 6 of rule XX.

Record votes on postponed questions will be taken after 6:30 p.m. today.

RECOGNIZING 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF LAKE SIDNEY LANIER, GEORGIA

Mr. ALTMIRE. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 354) to recognize the year 2007 as the official 50th anniversary celebration of the beginnings of marinas, power production, recreation, and boating on Lake Sidney Lanier, Georgia.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

H. RES. 354

Whereas the Congress of the United States authorized the creation of Lake Sidney Lanier and Buford Dam by official act in 1946 for flood control, power production, wildlife preservation and downstream navigation;

Whereas construction on the Buford Dam project by the Army Corps of Engineers began in 1951;

Whereas the Army Corps of Engineers constructed the dam and lake on the Chattahoochee and Chestatee Rivers at a cost of approximately \$45,000,000;

Whereas, in 1956, Jack Beachem and the Army Corps of Engineers signed a lease to create Holiday on Lake Sidney Lanier Marina as the lake's first concessionaire;

Whereas the first power was produced through Buford Dam at Lake Sidney Lanier on June 16, 1957;

Whereas Holiday on Lake Sidney Lanier opened on July 4, 1957;

Whereas Buford Dam was officially dedicated on October 9, 1957;

Whereas nearly 225,000 people visited Lake Sidney Lanier to boat, fish and recreate in 1957;

Whereas, in present times, more than 8,000,000 visitors enjoy the attributes and assets of Lake Sidney Lanier annually to boat, fish, swim, camp, and otherwise recreate in the great outdoors;

Whereas Lake Sidney Lanier generates more than \$5,000,000,000 in economic impact annually, according to a study commissioned by the Marine Trade Association of Metropolitan Atlanta;

Whereas, Lake Sidney Lanier has won the prestigious Chief of Engineers Annual Project of the Year Award, the highest recognition from the Army Corps of Engineers for outstanding management, an unprecedented 3 times in 12 years—1990, 1997 and 2002;

Whereas Lake Sidney Lanier hosted the paddling and rowing events for the 1996 Summer Olympics;

Whereas marinas serve as the gateway to recreation for the public on America's waterways;

Whereas Lake Sidney Lanier is now home to 10 marinas—Aqualand Marina, Bald Ridge Marina, Gainesville Marina, Habersham Marina, Holiday on Lake Sidney Lanier, Lanier Harbor Marina, Lazy Days Marina, Port Royale Marina, Starboard Cove Marina, and Sunrise Cove Marina;

Whereas Lake Sidney Lanier will join the Nation on Saturday, August 11 in celebration and commemoration of National Marina Day; and

Whereas 2007 marks the 50th anniversary of Lake Sidney Lanier: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representative recognizes the 50th anniversary celebration of the beginnings of marinas, power production, recreation, and boating on Lake Sidney Lanier, Georgia.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. ALTMIRE) and the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. LATOURETTE) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Pennsylvania.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. ALTMIRE. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the resolution under consideration.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. ALTMIRE. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

I rise in support of House Resolution 354 offered by the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. DEAL) to recognize the year 2007 as the official 50th anniversary celebration of Lake Sidney Lanier.

Congress first authorized the construction of Buford Dam in 1946 as one project in a comprehensive plan to develop our Nation's water resources for the purposes of national defense, power production, flood control, navigation, and water supply. The first groundbreaking for construction occurred on March 1, 1950, and on June 17, 1957, the first hydropower was produced by the generators of the dam.