

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES—Monday, March 1, 1999

The House met at 2 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. PEASE).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
March 1, 1999.

I hereby appoint the Honorable EDWARD A. PEASE to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

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

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Reverend James David Ford, D.D., offered the following prayer:

We thank You for Your spirit, O God, that dwells in us in all the moments of life, whether in joy or sorrow, celebration or mourning, in peace or in pain. We are thankful this day, O God, for those times of joy and celebration that can mark our lives, and we are grateful that Your spirit abides in our hearts. At this beginning of our week, we acknowledge Your wonderful gifts to us and to all people and pray that Your blessings of grace and peace will be with us this day and every day. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

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

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

Mr. FILNER 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.

OMISSION FROM THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD

(The following letter from the Secretary of State of Georgia was inadvertently omitted from the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD of Thursday, February 25, 1999.)

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, February 25, 1999.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,
The Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: I have the honor to transmit herewith a facsimile copy of a letter received from Linda W. Beazley, Director, Elections Division, Office of the Georgia Secretary of State, indicating that, according to the unofficial returns for the election held February 23, 1999, the Honorable Johnny Isakson was elected Representative in Congress for the Sixth Congressional District, State of Georgia.

With best wishes, I am
Sincerely,

JEFF TRANDAHL,
Clerk.

SECRETARY OF STATE,
ELECTIONS DIVISION,
Atlanta, GA, February 24, 1999.

Hon. JEFF TRANDAHL,
Clerk, U.S. House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. TRANDAHL: This is to advise you that the unofficial results of the Special Election held on Tuesday, February 23, 1999, for U.S. Representative from the Sixth Congressional District of Georgia show that Johnny Isakson received 51,548 votes or 65.1% of the total number of votes cast for that office.

It would appear from these unofficial results that Johnny Isakson was elected as the U.S. Representative from the Sixth Congressional District of Georgia.

To the best of our knowledge and belief, there is no contest to this election.

As soon as the official results are certified to this office by all counties involved, the official "Certificate of Election" will be prepared and forwarded to the Governor's Office for transmittal to you as required by Georgia Law.

If we can assist you further, please let us know.

Sincerely,
LINDA W. BEAZLEY,
Director.

RESIGNATION FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following resignation from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, January 27, 1999.

Hon. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker, U.S. House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Enclosed please find a copy of a letter to the Louisiana Secretary

of State announcing my intention to resign from the U.S. House of Representatives on February 28, 1999. Upon receipt of this letter, I expect the Governor to notice and call an election to fill my vacancy. My hope is that it will occur as quickly as possible so as to result in as little inconvenience as possible to the Republican Conference.

Sincerely,
ROBERT L. LIVINGSTON,
Member of Congress.

CORRECTION TO THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, January 27, 1999.

Hon. W. McKEITHEN,
Secretary of State, State of Louisiana,
Baton Rouge, LA.

DEAR MR. SECRETARY: For 21 and a half years, it has been my honor and privilege to serve the people of southeast Louisiana as the United States Congressman for the First Congressional District of Louisiana. In concurrence with earlier statements about my pending retirement, I do hereby serve notice that I shall resign unconditionally and unequivocally from the U.S. House of Representatives effective February 28, 1999. This notice is timed to permit Governor Foster to call an election for my vacancy in the House of Representatives.

Sincerely,
ROBERT L. LIVINGSTON,
Member of Congress.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 6, 1999, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

WE MUST NOT PRIVATIZE SOCIAL SECURITY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from California (Mr. FILNER) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of our Social Security system and in opposition to radical and unnecessary plans to privatize this system.

My constituents and their families know how important Social Security is in their lives. Almost 44 million beneficiaries each year count on Social Security each and every month. It is the most successful antipoverty program in our history. We all contribute, we all benefit, and we all have a responsibility to strengthen the system for future generations.

That is why I will fight to stop the push by a few special interests to privatize our Social Security system, to

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enshrine into law a winner-take-all, win-or-lose philosophy that would leave millions of Americans at risk.

Today, nearly every family in America counts on Social Security. In years past, old age meant poverty. Social Security has changed that.

For women, Social Security is particularly important. Women over 65 count on Social Security for nearly three-quarters of their entire retirement income.

For people of color, Social Security is indispensable. On average, people of color have lower lifetime earnings and fewer pensions. As a result, for more than three-quarters of all older African-American and Latino households, Social Security is more than half of their retirement income. When we consider that the Latino elderly population is expected to triple by the year 2030, we see that Social Security is growing in importance.

For younger workers, too, Social Security matters. Today's jobs are leaving them with fewer resources. Only about 18 percent of employees in small businesses have a retirement plan and about 3 percent of temporary workers have one. For young people in these jobs of the future, Social Security's rock solid foundation is more important than ever.

And let us not forget about the nearly one-third of all Social Security beneficiaries who are not retired. They are our friends and neighbors who have dealt with a tragic death or disability in their families and who are counting on Social Security to help them get back on their feet.

Social Security means guaranteed protection no matter who you are, what you look like or what your luck in the market happens to be.

But despite all this, people in my district and all across the country are anxious, because they have heard a consistent message that Social Security will not be there for them when they need it. Mr. Speaker, this is simply not true.

The reality is that Social Security will be able to pay 100 percent of promised benefits for the next 30 years. One hundred percent. That is the reality. Our challenge is to strengthen the system so that it lasts well beyond that.

Despite all the talk in Washington and in the media about privatizing Social Security, my constituents back home oppose it. They are opposed to gambling away the security that their families depend on for a risky alternative.

It seems that the ideologues and Wall Street financiers are out of touch with America. They are selling a plan that would do nothing to fix Social Security but would eliminate its rock solid guarantee, and it would in fact make the system's financing even worse. To pay for their idea, Mr. Speaker, they would hike the retirement age to 70 or

even higher and cut guaranteed benefits by 20 to 30 or 40 percent. In exchange for these benefit cuts, they would force every American to buy a Wall Street account that they say will make up the difference, on average.

But it is important to remember that we are talking about averages here. Some may clean up but many will get cleaned out. Privatization forces all of us to carry that risk, but, win or lose, Wall Street will clean up with exorbitant fees to manage these mandatory accounts.

All of this is unnecessary. We can make the minor repairs Social Security needs in a sensible way and maintain the vital guarantee our families depend on. Privatization plans fail this test.

Last year the President and many of us pledged to save Social Security first. This year the President released a plan to do just that. It is a good start for this historic opportunity to strengthen Social Security for generations to come.

I pledge to follow the will of my constituents in San Diego, California, to settle for nothing less. We must not privatize Social Security.

RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR THE PERMANENT SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE FOR THE 106TH CONGRESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Florida (Mr. GOSS) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. GOSS. Mr. Speaker, Pursuant to rule XI, clause 2(a)(2) of the Rules of the House of Representatives, I am pleased to transmit herewith the Rules of Procedure for the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence for the 106th Congress. The enclosed rules were adopted by the Committee on February 24, 1999.

RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR THE PERMANENT SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE (REVISED FEBRUARY 1999)

1. SUBCOMMITTEES

(a) Generally

(1) Creation of subcommittee shall be by majority vote of the Committee.

(2) Subcommittees shall deal with such legislation and oversight of programs and policies as the Committee may direct.

(3) Subcommittees shall be governed by these rules.

(4) For purposes of these rules, any reference herein to the "Committee" shall be interpreted to include subcommittees, unless otherwise specifically provided.

(b) Establishment of subcommittees

The Committee establishes the following subcommittees:

(1) Subcommittee on Human Intelligence, Analysis, and Counterintelligence; and

(2) Subcommittee on Technical and Tactical Intelligence.

(c) Subcommittee membership

(1) Generally. Each Member of the Committee may be assigned to at least one of the two subcommittees.

(2) Ex Officio Membership. In the event that the Chairman and Ranking Minority Member of the full Committee do not choose to sit as regular voting members of one or both of the subcommittees, each is authorized to sit as an *ex officio* Member of the subcommittees and participate in the work of the subcommittees. When sitting as *ex officio* Members, however, they shall not:

- (A) have a vote in the subcommittee;
- (B) be counted for purposes of determining a quorum.

2. MEETING DAY

(a) Regular meeting day for the full committee

(1) Generally. The regular meeting day of the Committee for the transaction of Committee business shall be the first Wednesday of each month, unless otherwise directed by the Chairman.

(2) Notice Required. Such regular business meetings shall not occur, unless Members are provided reasonable notice under these rules.

(b) Regular meeting day for subcommittees

There is no regular meeting day for either subcommittee.

3. NOTICE FOR MEETINGS

(a) Generally

In the case of any meeting of the Committee, the Chief Clerk of the Committee shall provide reasonable notice to every Member of the Committee. Such notice shall provide the time and place of the meeting.

(b) Definition

For purposes of this rule, "reasonable notice" means:

- (1) Written notification;
- (2) delivered by facsimile transmission or regular mail, which is

(A) delivered no less than 24 hours prior to the event for which notice is being given, if the event is to be held in Washington, DC; or

(B) delivered no less than 48 hours prior to the event for which notice is being given, if the event is to be held outside Washington, DC.

(c) Exception

In extraordinary circumstances only, the Chairman may, after consulting with the Ranking Minority Member, call a meeting of the Committee without providing notice, as defined in subparagraph (b), to Members of the Committee.

4. PREPARATIONS FOR COMMITTEE MEETINGS

(a) Generally

Designated Committee Staff, as directed by the Chairman, shall brief Members of the Committee at a time sufficiently prior to any Committee meeting in order to:

- (1) Assist Committee Members in preparation for such meeting; and
- (2) determine which matters Members wish considered during any meeting.

(b) Briefing materials

(1) Such a briefing shall, at the request of a Member, include a list of all pertinent papers, and such other materials, that have been obtained by the Committee that bear on matters to be considered at the meeting; and

(2) the staff director shall also recommend to the Chairman any testimony, papers, or other materials to be presented to the Committee at any meeting of the Committee.

5. OPEN MEETINGS

(a) Generally

Pursuant to Rule XI of the House, but subject to the limitations of subsection (b), Committee meetings held for the transaction