

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES—Wednesday, March 24, 1999**

The House met at 10 a.m.

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

As we walk the paths of life and as we attempt to view the road ahead, we pray, almighty God, that Your spirit will encourage us along that journey and support us all the day long. We know that our hearts grow weary and we need strength; we know that our minds lose the discernment needed for the future and we need vision; we know that we miss the mark and we hunger for forgiveness and a new start. Wherever we are or whatever we do, we pray for Your presence, O God, and for Your enduring peace. In Your name we pray. Amen.

**THE JOURNAL**

The SPEAKER. 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. Will the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. BARTLETT) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland 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.

**MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE**

A message from the Senate by Mr. Lundregan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate had passed without amendment bills of the House of the following titles:

H.R. 92. An act to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 251 North Main Street in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, as the "Hiram H. Ward Federal Building and United States Courthouse".

H.R. 158. An act to designate the United States courthouse located at 316 North 26th Street in Billings, Montana, as the "James F. Battin United States Courthouse".

H.R. 233. An act to designate the Federal building located at 700 East San Antonio Street in El Paso, Texas, as the "Richard C. White Federal Building".

H.R. 396. An act to designate the Federal building located at 1301 Clay Street in Oakland, California, as the "Ronald V. Dellums Federal Building".

The message also announced that the Senate had passed bills and a concur-

rent resolution of the following titles, in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 67. An act to designate the headquarters building of the Department of Housing and Urban Development in Washington, District of Columbia, as the "Robert C. Weaver Federal Building".

S. 437. An act to designate the United States courthouse under construction at 333 Las Vegas Boulevard South in Las Vegas, Nevada, as the "Lloyd D. George United States Courthouse".

S. 453. An act to designate the Federal building located at 709 West 9th Street in Juneau, Alaska, as the "Hurff A. Saunders Federal Building".

S. 460. An act to designate the United States courthouse located at 401 South Michigan Street in South Bend, Indiana, as the "Robert K. Rodibaugh United States Bankruptcy Courthouse".

S. Con. Res. 21. Concurrent resolution authorizing the President of the United States to conduct military air operations and missile strikes against the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro).

**WE NEED STRAIGHT ANSWERS FROM OUR ADMINISTRATION AND FROM OUR COMMANDER IN CHIEF**

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

Mr. HAYWORTH. Mr. Speaker, on a day when American men and women in uniform may go into harm's way, headlines scream of Kosovo. That is a concern, but there are also concerns this morning in North Korea.

The Washington Times reports this morning, and I quote, "Vital parts of a 50-megawatt North Korean nuclear reactor have been missing since international inspectors first visited the site under the terms of a 1994 nuclear-freeze pact with the United States."

"The absence of the reactor parts, which could be used to construct another reactor, was known by some State Department officials but was never disclosed to Congress."

Mr. Speaker, on a morning when people may go into harm's way, the State Department did not notify us of this Korean breach. The Energy Department did not notify us of an espionage breach.

We need straight answers from our administration and from our commander in chief.

**GHB INCIDENT—THE DEATH OF KERRI BRETON**

(Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas asked and was given permission to address

the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I too, offer godspeed as we make our decisions on Kosovo.

Mr. Speaker, I rise this morning to talk again about GHB, a dangerous drug that has destroyed the lives of some of our young women and young people in this country.

I have introduced a bill, the Hillory F. Farias Date Rape Drug Prevention Act, along with my colleague, the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. STUPAK), who has also introduced a bill.

I would like to share the story of a young woman named Kerri Breton, who also died as a result of GHB poisoning. This young, 26-year-old single mother died last May after she ingested a GHB laced drink while on a business trip.

She was a vibrant young woman who had worked hard for most of her life to achieve, despite the setbacks she had faced. She lost her mother to cancer when she was 13 and she had a child while in high school. However, Kerri was able to get her GED and at the time of her death she worked at an insurance firm where she had just received her insurance license.

On the night of her death, Kerri was on a business trip in Syracuse, New York. She had drinks with a colleague and then went to her room. The next morning, her roommate found Kerri dead on the bathroom floor. There is still a murder investigation going on to determine how this drug got into Kerri's drink.

We must commit to passing legislation that will schedule GHB.

I would like to thank the gentleman from New York (Mr. LAFALCE) for sharing this story with me. Kerri Breton was a resident of his district in New York, and this tragic story was sent by Ms. Breton's stepfather, Roger Voight. The gentleman from New York (Mr. LAFALCE) has recently joined us as a cosponsor of this important legislation.

I urge my colleagues to immediately have hearings on scheduling GHB and for this House to pass this legislation expeditiously so that we can save the lives of young people like Kerri Breton and give tribute to the loss of their lives and avoid these tragedies in the years to come.

**NO MORE SOCIAL SECURITY SLUSH FUND**

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

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