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York (Mr. REYNOLDS) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. REYNOLDS 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. 1034. An act to declare a portion of the James River and Kanawha Canal in Richmond, Virginia, to be nonnavigable waters of the United States for purposes of title 46, United States Code, and the other maritime laws of the United States.

H.R. 1121. An act to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 18 Greenville Street in Newman, Georgia, as the “Lewis R. Morgan Federal Building and United States Courthouse”.

The message also announced that pursuant to Public Law 94–201, as amended by Public Law 105-273, the Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, appoints the following individuals as members of the Board of Trustees of the American Folklife Center of the Library of Congress—Janet L. Brown, of South Dakota; and Mickey Hart, of California.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will recognize the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. BOEHNER). Other 1-minutes will be taken up at the end of the day.

WELCOME TO FATHER JOHN PUTKA

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

Mr. BOEHNER. Mr. Speaker, we are very glad this morning to have Father John Putka as our guest chaplain. President Andrew Jackson is famous for saying, and I will quote, “One man with courage makes a majority.” That description I think is particularly suited to Father Putka.

As a priest of the Society of Mary, and as a professor at the University of Dayton, Father Putka has had a dramatic and positive impact on the lives of tens of thousands of students over the years. I know of few professors who take such a personal interest in the academic and spiritual growth of their students.

Before going to the University of Dayton in 1989, though, Father Putka taught at my alma mater and the alma mater of our colleague, the gentleman from Colorado (Mr. SCHAFFER), Moeller High School in Cincinnati.

Although I was gone, Father Putka did teach most of my eight younger brothers, and the gentleman from Colorado (Mr. SCHAFFER) as well.

He is truly one of a kind, and not just because there are not many Marianist priests out there sporting a flat top haircut. He is a dear friend to many, and through his service to his church, his community, and his country, I think he is a unique leader for all of us.

I might also mention that Father Putka is currently a professor for the student, the daughter of our colleague, the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. RAY LAHOOD), who is in the Chair.

We are glad that Father Putka is with us, and hope that he will return soon.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 1401, NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2000

Mrs. MYRICK. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 195 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk reads the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 195

Resolved, That at any time after the adoption of this resolution the Speaker may, pursuant to clause 3 of rule XVIII, declare the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for further consideration of H.R. 1401 an additional period of general debate shall be in order, which shall be confined to the bill and shall not exceed one hour equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Armed Services.

SEC. 3. It shall be in order at any time for the chairman of the Committee on Armed Services or his designee to offer amendments on bloc consisting of amendments printed in part C of the report of the Committee on Rules not earlier disposed of or germane modifications of any such amendment. Amendments on bloc offered pursuant to this section shall be considered as read (except that modifications shall be reported), shall be debatable for 20 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Armed Services or their designees, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for a separate question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. For the purpose of inclusion in such amendments on bloc, an amendment printed in the form of a motion to strike may be modified to the form of a germane perfecting amendment to the text originally proposed to be stricken. The original proponent of an amendment included in such amendments on bloc may insert a statement in the Congressional Record immediately before the disposition of the amendments on bloc.

SEC. 4. The chairman of the Committee of the Whole may: (1) postpone until a time during further consideration in the Committee of the Whole a request for a recorded vote on any amendment; and (2) reduce to five minutes the minimum time for electronic voting on any postponed question that follows another electronic intervening business, provided that the minimum time for electronic voting on the first in any series of questions shall be 15 minutes.

SEC. 5. The Chairman of the Committee of the Whole may recognize for consideration of any amendment printed in the report of the Committee on Rules or in the bill, but not sooner than one hour after the chairman of the Committee on Armed Services or its designee has requested and been granted the time.