

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES—Thursday, January 27, 2000

The House met at noon.

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

May Your outstretched hand, O God, that lifts nations and peoples from the ordinary meanderings of the human spirit, touch our lives in such a way that we do extraordinary deeds to promote peace and good will, that we strive to champion justice and freedom and that we ever look to the needs of the homeless and those who are forgotten in our land. Make us instruments of healing when we are apart, make us agents of kindness where there is anger and make us good stewards of the blessings that have been the heritage of our land.

The Lord bless us and keep us,

The Lord make his face shine upon us, and be gracious unto us,

The Lord lift up his countenance upon us, and give us peace. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to Section 2 of House Concurrent Resolution 235, 106th Congress, the House will now proceed to organizational business.

CALL OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER. The Clerk will utilize the electronic system to ascertain the presence of a quorum.

Members will record their presence by electronic device.

The call was taken by electronic device, and the following Members responded to their names:

[Roll No. 1]

Ackerman	Bonilla	Cook
Allen	Bonior	Cooksey
Archer	Borski	Costello
Arney	Boswell	Cox
Baca	Boucher	Coyne
Bachus	Boyd	Cramer
Baird	Brady (PA)	Crane
Baldacci	Brady (TX)	Crowley
Baldwin	Brown (OH)	Cummings
Ballenger	Burr	Cunningham
Barcia	Buyer	Davis (FL)
Barr	Callahan	Davis (VA)
Barrett (NE)	Calvert	DeFazio
Barrett (WI)	Camp	DeGette
Bartlett	Canady	Delahunt
Bateman	Cannon	DeLauro
Becerra	Capps	DeLay
Bentsen	Capuano	DeMint
Bereuter	Cardin	Deutsch
Berkley	Castle	Diaz-Balart
Berry	Chabot	Dicks
Biggert	Chenoweth-Hage	Doyle
Bishop	Clement	Dreier
Blagojevich	Clyburn	Duncan
Bliley	Coble	Edwards
Blumenauer	Collins	Ehlers
Blunt	Combust	Ehrlich
Boehrlert	Conyers	Emerson

Engel	Latham	Riley
Eshoo	LaTourette	Rodriguez
Etheridge	Lazio	Roemer
Evans	Leach	Rogan
Ewing	Lee	Rogers
Farr	Levin	Ros-Lehtinen
Fattah	Lewis (GA)	Rothman
Filner	Lewis (KY)	Royce
Fletcher	Linder	Ryan (WI)
Foley	LoBiondo	Sabo
Forbes	Lowe	Sánchez
Ford	Lucas (KY)	Sandlin
Fowler	Lucas (OK)	Sawyer
Frank (MA)	Luther	Saxton
Franks (NJ)	Maloney (CT)	Schakowsky
Frost	Manzullo	Sensenbrenner
Ganske	Martinez	Serrano
Gejdenson	Mascara	Sessions
Gephardt	Matsui	Shadegg
Gilchrest	McCarthy (MO)	Shaw
Gillmor	McCarthy (NY)	Sherman
Gilman	McCollum	Sherwood
Gonzalez	McCreery	Shimkus
Goode	McDermott	Shows
Goodlatte	McGovern	Shuster
Goodling	McHugh	Simpson
Gordon	McInnis	Sisisky
Green (WI)	McIntyre	Skeen
Greenwood	McKeon	Skelton
Gutierrez	Meehan	Slaughter
Hall (OH)	Meek (FL)	Smith (MI)
Hall (TX)	Menendez	Smith (TX)
Hastings (WA)	Metcalfe	Smith (WA)
Hayes	Mica	Snyder
Hayworth	Millender-McDonald	Souder
Herger	Miller (FL)	Spence
Hill (IN)	Miller, Gary	Spratt
Hill (MT)	Minge	Stearns
Hilleary	Moakley	Stenholm
Hilliard	Mollohan	Strickland
Hobson	Moore	Stump
Hoeffel	Moran (KS)	Stupak
Hoekstra	Moran (VA)	Sununu
Holden	Morella	Sweeney
Hoit	Nadler	Tancredo
Hoolley	Napolitano	Tauscher
Horn	Neal	Taylor (MS)
Houghton	Nethercutt	Terry
Hoyer	Ney	Thomas
Hyde	Nussle	Thompson (CA)
Inslee	Oberstar	Thornberry
Isakson	Obey	Thune
Jackson	Ose	Thurman
Jackson (IL)	Owens	Tiahrt
Jackson-Lee	Oxley	Tierney
(TX)	Pallone	Toomey
Jefferson	Pascrell	Traficant
Johnson (CT)	Pastor	Turner
Johnson, E.B.	Pease	Udall (CO)
Johnson, Sam	Pelosi	Udall (NM)
Kanjorski	Petri	Upton
Kasich	Phelps	Velázquez
Kelly	Pickering	Visclosky
Kildee	Pickett	Walden
Kilpatrick	Pitts	Walsh
Kilpatrick	Pombo	Wamp
Kind (WI)	Pomeroy	Watkins
King (NY)	Porter	Watt (NC)
Kleczka	Portman	Weiner
Klink	Pryce (OH)	Weldon (FL)
Knollenberg	Quinn	Weller
Kolbe	Rahall	Weygand
Kucinich	Ramstad	Wicker
Kuykendall	Regula	Wolf
LaFalce	Reyes	Wu
LaHood	Reynolds	Wynn
LaHood		Young (FL)
Lampson		
Lamont		
Lantos		
Larson		

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The SPEAKER. On this rollcall, 313 Members have recorded their presence by electronic device, a quorum.

Under the rule, further proceedings under the call are dispensed with.

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 Maine (Mr. BALDACCI) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. BALDACCI 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 agreed to the following resolutions:

S. RES. 245

Whereas Floyd M. Riddick served the Senate with honor and distinction as its second Parliamentarian from 1965 to 1975;

Whereas Floyd M. Riddick created the Daily Digest of the Congressional Record and was its first editor from 1947 to 1951;

Whereas Floyd M. Riddick was Assistant Senate Parliamentarian from 1951 to 1964;

Whereas Floyd M. Riddick compiled thousands of Senate precedents into the official volume whose current edition bears his name;

Whereas Floyd M. Riddick served the Senate for more than 40 years;

Whereas Floyd M. Riddick upon his retirement as Senate Parliamentarian served as a consultant to the Senate Committee on Rules and Administration;

Whereas Floyd M. Riddick performed his Senate duties in an impartial and professional manner; and

Whereas Floyd M. Riddick was honored by the Senate with the title Parliamentarian Emeritus: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate has heard with profound sorrow and deep regret the announcement of the death of the Honorable Floyd M. Riddick, Parliamentarian Emeritus of the United States Senate.

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate communicate these resolutions to the House of Representatives and transmit an enrolled copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

S. RES. 246

Whereas Senator Curtis served with honor and distinction, for the State of Nebraska, in the House of Representatives from 1939 until

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his resignation in 1954 and in the Senate from 1955 to 1979;

Whereas Senator Curtis served his country for 40 years;

Whereas Senator Curtis stood for fiscal and social conservatism;

Whereas Senator Curtis regarded one of his biggest accomplishments as bringing flood control and irrigation to the Midwest;

Whereas Senator Curtis served as the Senate Republican Conference Chairman and ranking member on the Finance Committee during his last term in office;

Whereas Senator Curtis was admitted to the bar in 1930 and had a private law practice in Minden, Nebraska prior to his service in the House of Representatives; and

Whereas Senator Curtis served in Congress longer than any other Nebraskan: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate has heard with profound sorrow and deep regret the announcement of the death of the Honorable Carl Curtis, former member of the United States Senate.

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate communicate these resolutions to the House of Representatives and transmit an enrolled copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

Resolved, That when the Senate adjourns today, it stand adjourned as a further mark of respect to the memory of the Honorable Carl Curtis.

S. RES. 243

Resolved, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives that a quorum of the Senate is assembled and that the Senate is ready to proceed to business.

The message also announced that the Senate withdraws its request for a conference dated November 19, 1999 on the bill (S. 376) "An Act to amend the Communications Satellite Act of 1962 to promote competition and privatization in satellite communications, and for other purposes," that the Senate disagrees to the amendment of the House to the above entitled bill and agrees to a conference asked by the House on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and appoints Mr. McCAIN, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. BURNS, Mr. HOLLINGS, and Mr. INOUE, to be the conferees on the part of the Senate.

The message also announced that pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 106-79, the Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, after consultation with the Majority and Minority Leaders, announces the appointment of the following Senators to the Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial Commission, made during the sine die adjournment—

The Senator from Alaska (Mr. STEVENS); and

The Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS).

The message also announced that pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 105-277, the Chair, on behalf of the Democratic Leader, who consulted with the Minority Leader of the House, announces the appointment of the following individual to serve as a member of the International Financial Institution Advisory Commission, made during the sine die adjournment—C. Fred

Bergsten, of Virginia, vice Paul A. Volcker, of New York, resigned.

The message also announced that pursuant to Public Law 106-120, the Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, appoints the following individuals to serve as members of the National Commission for the Review of the National Reconnaissance Office—

The Senator from Colorado (Mr. ALLARD);

Martin Faga, of Virginia; and
William Schneider, Jr., of New York.

The message also announced that pursuant to Public Law 106-120, the Chair, on behalf of the Democratic Leader, appoints the following individuals to serve as members of the National Commission for the Review of the National Reconnaissance Office—

The Senator from Nebraska (Mr. KERREY); and

Lieutenant General Patrick Marshall Hughes, United States Army, Retired, of Virginia.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair would like to take this occasion to remind all Members and staff of the absolute prohibition contained in the last sentence of clause 5 of rule XVII against the use of any personal electronic office equipment, including cellular phones and computers, upon the floor of the House at any time.

The Chair requests all Members and staff wishing to receive or send cellular telephone messages to do so outside of the Chamber, and to deactivate, which means to turn off, any audible ring of cellular phones before entering the Chamber. To this end, the Chair insists upon the cooperation of all Members and staff and instructs the Sergeant at Arms, pursuant to Clause 3(a) of rule II, to enforce this prohibition.

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COMMITTEE TO NOTIFY THE PRESIDENT

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I offer a privileged resolution (H. Res. 401) providing for a committee to notify the President of the assembly of the Congress, and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 401

Resolved, That a committee of two Members be appointed by the Speaker on the part of the House of Representatives to join with a committee on the part of the Senate to notify the President of the United States that a quorum of each House has assembled and Congress is ready to receive any communication that he may be pleased to make.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

NOTIFICATION OF THE SENATE

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I offer a privileged resolution (H. Res. 402) to inform the Senate that a quorum of the House has assembled, and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 402

Resolved, That the Clerk of the House inform the Senate that a quorum of the House is present and that the House is ready to proceed with business.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

DAILY HOUR OF MEETING

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I offer a privileged resolution (H. Res. 403) and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 403

Resolved, That unless otherwise ordered, before Monday, May 15, 2000, the hour of daily meeting of the House shall be 2 p.m. on Mondays; 11 a.m. on Tuesdays; and 10 a.m. on all other days of the week; and from Monday, May 15, 2000, until the end of the second session, the hour of daily meeting of the House shall be noon on Mondays; 10 a.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays; and 9 a.m. on all other days of the week.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

JOINT SESSION OF THE CONGRESS—STATE OF THE UNION MESSAGE

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I offer a privileged concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 241) and ask for its immediate consideration.

The SPEAKER. The Clerk will report the concurrent resolution.

The Clerk read the concurrent resolution, as follows:

H. CON. RES. 241

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That the two Houses of Congress assemble in the Hall of the House of Representatives on Thursday, January 27, 2000, at 9 p.m., for the purpose of receiving such communication as the President of the United States shall be pleased to make to them.

The concurrent resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

HOOR OF MEETING ON MONDAY, JANUARY 31, 2000

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Monday next for morning hour debates.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?