

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES—Monday, October 16, 2000

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,  
October 16, 2000.

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

In You, O Lord, is the fullness of life. Help this Nation realize its full potential. Each American has been endowed with unique and personal gifts. Allow each of us the time and opportunity to bring forth our gifts in the service of others.

Reward with Your choicest blessings all who serve this Nation in the Armed Forces. Today we especially pray for those who have served and are still serving aboard the U.S.S. *Cole*. God of all consolation, be with their anxious and grieving families.

Bless the gifted Members of this House. Guide them to use their gifts to accomplish Your Holy will in such a way that Your goodness and justice may be recognized in all their accomplishments.

Lord, You are with us at every moment and in every hour of need. You live and reign 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 his approval thereof.

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

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. PEASE) led the House in 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 has passed with amendments in which the concurrence of the House is requested, bills of the House of the following titles:

H.R. 2607. An act to promote the development of the commercial space transportation industry, to authorize appropriations for the Office of the Associate Administrator for Commercial Space Transportation, to authorize appropriations for the Office of Space Communications, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3048. An act to amend section 879 of title 18, United States Code, to provide clearer coverage over threats against former Presidents and members of their families, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3417. An act to complete the orderly withdrawal of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration from the civil administration of the Pribilof Islands, Alaska.

H.R. 3671. An act to amend the Acts popularly known as the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act and the Dingell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration Act to enhance the funds available for grants to States for fish and wildlife conservation projects and increase opportunities for recreational hunting, bow hunting, trapping, archery, and fishing, by eliminating opportunities for waste, fraud, abuse, maladministration, and unauthorized expenditures for administration and execution of those Acts, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4788. An act to amend the United States Grain Standards Act to extend the authority of the Secretary of Agriculture to collect fees to cover the cost of services performed under that Act, extend the authorization of appropriations for that Act, and improve the administration of that Act, to reenact the United States Warehouse Act to require the licensing and inspection of warehouses used to store agricultural products and provide for the issuance of receipts, including electronic receipts, for agricultural products stored or handled in licensed warehouses, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4850. An act to provide a cost-of-living adjustment in rates of compensation paid to veterans and service-connected disabilities, to enhance programs providing compensation and life insurance benefits for veterans, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4868. An act to amend the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States to modify temporarily certain rates of duty, to make other technical amendments to the trade laws, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the Senate has passed bills and concurrent resolutions of the following titles in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 623. An act to amend Public Law 89-108 to increase authorization levels for State and Indian tribal, municipal, rural, and industrial water supplies, to meet current and future water quantity and quality needs of the Red River Valley, to deauthorize certain

project features and irrigation service areas, to enhance natural resources and fish and wildlife habitat, and for other purposes.

S. 1474. An act providing for conveyance of the Palmetto Bend project to the State of Texas.

S. 1697. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to refund certain collections received pursuant to the Reclamation Reform Act of 1982.

S. 1848. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior, pursuant to the provisions of the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to participate in the design, planning, and construction of the Denver Water Reuse project.

S. 2195. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior, pursuant to the provisions of the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to participate in the design, planning, and construction of the Truckee watershed reclamation project for the reclamation and reuse of water.

S. 2253. An act to authorize the establishment of a joint United States-Canada commission to study the feasibility of connecting the rail system in Alaska to the North American continental rail system; and for other purposes.

S. 2301. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior, pursuant to the provisions of the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to participate in the design, planning, and construction of the Lakehaven water reclamation project for the reclamation and reuse of water.

S. 2425. An act to authorize the Bureau of Reclamation to participate in the planning, design, and construction of the Bend Feed Canal Pipeline Project, Oregon, and for other purposes.

S. 2594. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to contract with the Mancos Water Conservancy District to use the Mancos Project facilities for impounding, storage, diverting, and carriage of non-project water for the purpose of irrigation, domestic, municipal, industrial, and any other beneficial purposes.

S. 2877. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct feasibility studies on water optimization in the Burnt River basin, Malheur River basin, Owyhee River basin, and Power River basin, Oregon.

S. 2882. An act to authorize the Bureau of Reclamation to conduct certain feasibility studies to augment water supplies for the Klamath Project, Oregon and California, and for other purposes.

S. 2951. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study to investigate opportunities to better manage the water resources in the Salmon Creek watershed of the upper Columbia River.

S. 3022. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain irrigation facilities to the Nampa and Meridian Irrigation District.

S. 3201. An act to rename the National Museum of American Art.

S. Con. Res. 114. Concurrent resolution recognizing the Liberty Memorial in Kansas City, Missouri, as a national World War I

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symbol honoring those who defended liberty and our country through service in World War I.

S. Con. Res. 151. Concurrent resolution to make a correction in the enrollment of the bill H.R. 2348.

S. Con. Res. 152. Concurrent resolution to make a technical correction in the enrollment of the bill H.R. 4868.

The message also announced that the Senate agrees to the amendments of the House to the bill (S. 1402) "An Act to amend title 38, United States Code, to enhance programs providing education benefits for veterans, and for other purposes," with amendments.

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#### COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

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

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, October 13, 2000.

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

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted to Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on October 12, 2000 at 9:02 p.m.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.J. Res. 111.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

JEFF TRANDAHL,  
*Clerk of the House.*

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*The Speaker, U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, DC.*

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted to Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on October 13, 2000 at 9:35 a.m.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 1715.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 2883.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 3995.

That the Senate agreed to conference report H.R. 4205.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 4828.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 5107.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

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DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted to Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on October 13, 2000 at 2:35 a.m.

That the Senate agreed to the House amendment S. 624.

That the Senate agreed to conference report H.R. 1654.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 2348.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 2842.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 2984.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 3235.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 3236.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 3468.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 3577.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 3986.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 4389.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 4681.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 5417.

That the Senate passed without amendment H. Con Res. 409.

That the Senate passed without amendment H. Con Res. 423.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

JEFF TRANDAHL,  
*Clerk of the House.*

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#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 4 of rule I, the Speaker signed the following enrolled joint resolution on Thursday, October 12, 2000:

House Joint Resolution 111, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2001, and for other purposes.

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#### APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER TO COMMITTEE TO ATTEND FUNERAL OF THE LATE HON. BRUCE F. VENTO

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 618, the Chair announces the Speaker's additional appointment of the following Member of the House to the committee to attend the funeral of the late Bruce F. Vento: Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California.

#### COMMUNICATION FROM STAFF ASSISTANT OF HON. JAMES A. TRAFICANT, JR., MEMBER OF CONGRESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from Robert Barlow, Staff Assistant of the Honorable JAMES A. TRAFICANT, Jr., Member of Congress:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, October 9, 2000.

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

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: This is to notify you formally, pursuant to Rule VIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, that I have been served with a subpoena for testimony issued by the United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio.

After consultation with counsel, I will make the determinations required by Rule VIII.

Sincerely,

ROBERT BARLOW,  
*Staff Assistant.*

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#### COMMUNICATION FROM HON. BRIAN P. BILBRAY, MEMBER OF CONGRESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Honorable BRIAN P. BILBRAY, Member of Congress:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, October 13, 2000.

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

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: This is to formally notify you, pursuant to Rule VIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, that I have been served with a civil subpoena for documents issued by the Superior Court for San Diego County, California.

After consultation with the Office of General Counsel, I have determined that it is consistent with the precedents and privileges of the House to notify the party that issued the subpoena that I do not have any responsive documents.

Sincerely,

BRIAN BILBRAY,  
*Member of Congress.*

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#### LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. MEEHAN (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for October 11 through October 17 on account of the death of his father.

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#### ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION SIGNED

Mr. THOMAS, from the Committee on House Administration, reported that that committee had examined and found truly enrolled a joint resolution of the House of the following title, which was thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.J. Res. 111. Joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2001, and for other purposes.