

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES—Thursday, October 19, 2000

The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. OSE).

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,  
October 19, 2000.

I hereby appoint the Honorable DOUG OSE 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:

Lord, students do not like testing; the sick dread examination; all of us try to avoid chastisement and criticism. Lord, be our strength in times of trial.

You teach us, Lord, to look upon all suffering with the eyes of faith. Isaiah's suffering servant speaks to the Jew. Jesus' cross interprets life for the Christian. All religions hold up champions who persevere in the name of wisdom, love, or justice.

Be with the Members of the House of Representatives as they strive to bring finality to their work as the 106th Congress. Prepare them as the people of this Nation move closer to the day of election. May all of us, as believing people, seek first and foremost Your judgment and Your judgment alone. For 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. Will the gentleman from New York (Mr. McNULTY) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. McNULTY 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 has passed without amendment a bill and a concurrent resolution of the House of the following titles:

H.R. 4132. An act to reauthorize grants for water resources research and technology institutes established under the Water Resources Research Act of 1984.

H. Con. Res. 404. Concurrent resolution calling for the immediate release of Mr. Edmond Pope from prison in the Russian Federation for humanitarian reasons, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the Senate has passed with an amendment in which the concurrence of the House is requested, a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 1550. An act to authorize appropriations for the United States Fire Administration for fiscal years 2000 and 2001, and for other purposes.

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

S. 1639. An act to authorize appropriations for carrying out the Earthquake Hazards Reduction Act of 1977, for the National Weather Service Related Agencies, and for the United States Fire Administration for fiscal years 2000, 2001, and 2002.

S. Con. Res. 146. Concurrent resolution condemning the assassination of Father John Kaiser and others in Kenya, and calling for a thorough investigation to be conducted in those cases, a report on the progress made in such an investigation to be submitted to Congress by December 15, 2000, and a final report on such an investigation to be made public, and for other purposes.

### WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 2000

Mr. GOSS. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 639 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 639

*Resolved*, That upon the adoption of this resolution it shall be in order without intervention of any point of order to consider in the House the bill (S. 2796) to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, and for other purposes. The bill shall be considered as read for amendment. The amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in the Congressional Record and numbered 2 pursuant to clause 8

of rule XVIII shall be considered as adopted. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill, as amended, to final passage without intervening motion except: (1) one hour of debate on the bill, as amended, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure; and (2) one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

SEC. 2. If the Senate bill, as amended, is passed, then it shall be in order to move that the House insist on its amendment to S. 2796 and request a conference with the Senate thereon.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Florida (Mr. GOSS) is recognized for 1 hour.

Mr. GOSS. Mr. Speaker, for the purpose of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the distinguished gentleman from Texas (Mr. FROST) pending which I yield myself such time as I may consume. During consideration of this resolution, all time yielded is for the purpose of debate only.

H. Res. 639 provides for consideration of S. 2796, better known as the Water Resources Development Act of 2000. This closed rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. It provides for 1 hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking member of the Committee on Transportation.

Further, the rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD and numbered 2 shall be considered as adopted. The rule provides for one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

Finally, the rule provides that, should the Senate bill, as amended, pass the House, it then shall be in order to move that the House insist on its amendment to S. 2796 and request a conference with the Senate.

I believe it is a very fair rule under the circumstances.

Mr. Speaker, as we know, the clock on the 106th Congress is running out, and we do need to move quickly. In view of the strong bipartisan support this bill enjoys and the constraints associated with the calendar, I believe this is a very sensible way to proceed today and, as I have said, extremely fair under the circumstances. I definitely encourage my colleagues to support this rule so we can get on with this very important legislation.

The WRDA bill is a critically important piece of environmental legislation. Of particular note is that this year's WRDA bill contains an initial authorization for a plan to restore the Florida Everglades, unquestionably a

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