

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until 2 p.m.

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 36 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess until 2 p.m.

□ 1400

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. STEARNS) at 2 p.m.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer: Lord God, Shepherd of souls, during this session of the 106th Congress many guest chaplains have led the House in prayer.

Today we wish to lift up these leaders and their faith communities across this country.

Their prayer for this nation and its government lingers in this room.

Bless them for their efforts to renew people in faith, hope, and love.

Inspire them as they preach and guide Your people in so many districts of this nation.

May they never lord it over those assigned to them, but instead, be examples of servant leadership to all in the flock.

And when Your glory is revealed, Chief Shepherd of us all, may Your leaders in faith and government receive the unfading crown of glory.

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 Nevada (Mr. GIBBONS) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. GIBBONS 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.

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 20, 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 20, 2000 at 9:32 a.m.

That the Senate agreed to House Amendment S. 2812.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 2961.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 4068.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 4110.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 4320.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 4835.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 5234.

That the Senate passed without amendment H. Con. Res. 232.

That the Senate passed without amendment H. Con. Res. 376.

That the Senate passed without amendment H. Con. Res. 390.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

MARTHA C. MORRISON,
Deputy Clerk.

SECURING AMERICA'S FUTURE
FOR OLDER AMERICANS

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

Mr. GIBBONS. Mr. Speaker, this Republican-led Congress has made great efforts in restoring fiscal accountability and responsibility to our budget process. Now paying off the debt puts people before politics and leaves us more resources to take care of those programs that really matter, especially for our older Americans.

Republicans want to use 90 percent of next year's surplus to pay off the national debt while locking away 100 percent of the social security and Medicare surpluses.

By running surpluses in social security and Medicare, we make certain that funds are available to reform these programs so that when baby boomers retire, they have the resources to take care of their retirement needs.

Mr. Speaker, the growing economy has handed us an enormous opportunity to lock away every penny of the social security and Medicare trust funds and to pay off the national debt. We have grabbed those opportunities to strengthen retirement security for every generation of Americans, and the Clinton-Gore administration would have us let those opportunities slip away. We cannot let them slip away.

Even last year when Republicans said we wanted to stop the 30-year raid on social security, President Clinton said it could not be done. But we proved it

could be done, and now every dime paid into social security is walled off where it cannot be spent on bigger government programs.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER
PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair announces that he will postpone further proceedings today on each motion to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or on which the vote is objected to under clause 6 of rule XX.

Any record votes on postponed questions will be taken tomorrow.

COASTAL AND FISHERIES
IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2000

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 5086) to amend the National Marine Sanctuaries Act to honor Dr. Nancy Foster, as amended.

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 5086

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Coastal and Fisheries Improvement Act of 2000".

SEC. 2. TABLE OF CONTENTS.

The table of contents for this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title.

Sec. 2. Table of contents.

TITLE I—NATIONAL MARINE
SANCTUARIES

Sec. 101. Short title.

Sec. 102. Amendment of National Marine Sanctuaries Act.

Sec. 103. Changes in findings, purposes, and policies; establishment of system.

Sec. 104. Changes in definitions.

Sec. 105. Changes relating to sanctuary designation standards.

Sec. 106. Changes in procedures for sanctuary designation and implementation.

Sec. 107. Changes in activities prohibited.

Sec. 108. Changes in enforcement provisions.

Sec. 109. Additional regulations authority.

Sec. 110. Changes in research, monitoring, and education provisions.

Sec. 111. Changes in special use permit provisions.

Sec. 112. Changes in cooperative agreements provisions.

Sec. 113. Changes in provisions concerning destruction, loss, or injury.

Sec. 114. Authorization of appropriations.

Sec. 115. Changes in U.S.S. MONITOR provisions.

Sec. 116. Changes in advisory council provisions.

Sec. 117. Changes in the support enhancement provisions.

Sec. 118. Establishment of Dr. Nancy Foster Scholarship Program.

Sec. 119. Clerical amendments.

TITLE II—MISCELLANEOUS FISHERY
STATUTE REAUTHORIZATIONS

Sec. 201. Marine fish program.