

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES—Monday, November 13, 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,
November 13, 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: Lord, we pray that these words of Psalm 27 we read with our eyes and pray with our lips, echo deep within until they become inscribed in the heart of each Member of this House.

“The Lord is my light and my salvation, whom should I fear?

The Lord is my life’s refuge, of whom should I be afraid?

One thing I ask of the Lord; this I seek: To dwell in the House of the Lord all the days of my life. . . .”

Make all of us seekers of Your light. May we rejoice always in Your salvation. May Your Spirit dwell deep within us that this House may be transformed into a house of prayer and a place of mutual respect, integrity, and justice 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 commu-

nication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, November 3, 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 November 3, 2000 at 12:55 p.m.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.J. Res. 124.

With best wishes, I am
Sincerely,

JEFF TRANDAHL,
Clerk of the House.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE REGARDING COMMUNICATION FROM THE PRESIDENT PERMITTING CONDITIONAL ADJOURNMENT UNDER SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 160

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, November 3, 2000.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: This is to advise that on November 4, 2000 at 10:46 a.m., I was notified that the President had signed the Continuing Resolution H.J. Res. 124, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2001, and for other purposes; and H.J. Res. 84, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2001, and for other purposes.

With best wishes, I am
Sincerely,

JEFF TRANDAHL,
Clerk of the House.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 4 of rule I, the Speaker signed the following enrolled bills and joint resolutions on Friday, November 3, 2000:

S. 11, for the relief of Wei Jingsheng.
S. 150, for the relief of Marina Khalina and her son, Albert Miftakhov.
S. 276, for the relief of Sergio Lozano.
S. 768, to amend title 18, United States Code, to establish Federal jurisdiction over offenses committed outside the United States by persons employed by or accompanying the Armed

Forces, or by members of the Armed Forces who are released or separated from active duty prior to being identified and prosecuted for the commission of such offenses, and for other purposes.

S. 785, for the relief of Frances Schochenmaier and Mary Hudson.

S. 869, for the relief of Mina Vahedi Notash.

S. 1078, for the relief of Mrs. Elizabeth Eka Bassey, Emmanuel O. Paul Bassey, and Mary Idongesit Paul Bassey.

S. 1513, for the relief of Jacqueline Salinas and her children Gabriela Salinas, Alejandro Salinas, and Omar Salinas.

S. 1670, to revise the boundary of Fort Matanzas National Monument, and for other purposes.

S. 1880, to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve the health of minority individuals.

S. 1936, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to sell or exchange all or part of certain administrative sites and other National Forest System land in the State of Oregon and use the proceeds derived from the sale or exchange for National Forest System purposes.

S. 2000, for the relief of Guy Taylor.

S. 2002, for the relief of Tony Lara.

S. 2019, for the relief of Malia Miller.

S. 2020, to adjust the boundary of the Natchez Trace Parkway, Mississippi, and for other purposes.

S. 2289, for the relief of Jose Guadalupe Tellez Pinales.

S. 2440, to amend title 49, United States Code, to improve airport security.

S. 2485, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to provide assistance in planning and constructing a regional heritage center in Calais, Maine.

S. 2547, to provide for the establishment of the Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve and the Baca National Wildlife Refuge in the State of Colorado, and for other purposes.

S. 2712, to amend Chapter 35 of title 31, United States Code, to authorize the consolidation of certain financial and performance management reports required of Federal agencies, and for other purposes.

S. 2773, to amend the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 to enhance dairy markets through dairy product mandatory reporting, and for other purposes.

S. 2789, to amend the Congressional Award Act to establish a Congressional Recognition for Excellence in Arts Education Board.

S. 2915, to make improvements in the operation and administration of the Federal courts, and for other purposes.

☐ This symbol represents the time of day during the House proceedings, e.g., ☐ 1407 is 2:07 p.m.

Matter set in this typeface indicates words inserted or appended, rather than spoken, by a Member of the House on the floor.

S. 3164, to protect seniors from fraud.

S. 3194, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 431 North George Street in Millersville, Pennsylvania, as the "Robert S. Walker Post Office."

S. 3239, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide special immigrant status for certain United States International Broadcasting employees.

H.J. Res. 84, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2001, and for other purposes.

H.J. Res. 124, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2001, and for other purposes.

COMMUNICATION FROM DISTRICT CASEWORK MANAGER OF HON. RON PAUL, MEMBER OF CONGRESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from Dianna Gilbert, district casework manager of the Honorable RON PAUL, Member of Congress:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, November 3, 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 District Court of Brazoria County, Texas.

After consultation with the Office of General Counsel, I have determined that compliance with the subpoena is inconsistent with the privileges and rights of the House.

Sincerely,

DIANNA GILBERT,
District Casework Manager
for Congressman Ron Paul.

COMMUNICATION FROM FINANCIAL COUNSELING DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF FINANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from Jacqueline Aamot, financial counseling director, Office of Finance:

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Washington, DC, November 7, 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 production of documents issued by the United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio.

After consultation with the Office of General Counsel, I will make the determinations required by Rule VIII.

Sincerely,

JACQUELINE AAMOT,
Financial Counseling Director,
Office of Finance.

AN AGENDA FOR AMERICA

(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, for the first time in decades, the American voters have reelected a Republican House majority here in four consecutive elections. While the nay-sayers and political pundits have spent 2 years writing off our majority, we have spent 2 years forging a legislative agenda for America's families, an agenda that America has endorsed.

The political season, Mr. Speaker, is now over; and the time has come to look ahead. We will continue to work across party lines in a bipartisan fashion to ensure that seniors are secure in their retirement and that every child has a successful education and a safe school and that working families receive long overdue tax relief and that our country's military is indeed ready for any challenge.

These are the goals that the American people have entrusted us with, and we are meeting those goals. We stand ready to look forward to working in the 107th Congress to achieve these goals and for the common good of the American people and for the future of our great Nation.

EYES OF AMERICA ON FLORIDA

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

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, the eyes of America are on Florida, and they should be. The truth is, this is not a Washington matter; this is a matter for Florida. Let Florida count the votes, and if Mr. Bush continues to maintain his lead, and does win the popular vote in Florida, Mr. Bush should be installed as our next President.

Mr. Speaker, the electoral college system to elect Presidents has survived for over 200 years unchanged. I yield back the wisdom of our Founding Fathers.

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 after debate has concluded on all motions to suspend the rules, but not before 6 p.m. today.

CARRIAGE OF NONPROJECT WATER BY MANCOS PROJECT, COLORADO

Mr. DOOLITTLE. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the Senate bill (S. 2594) 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 nonproject water for the purpose of irrigation, domestic, municipal, industrial, and any other beneficial purposes.

The Clerk read as follows:

S. 2594

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

SECTION 1. CARRIAGE OF NONPROJECT WATER BY THE MANCOS PROJECT, COLORADO.

(a) SALE OF EXCESS WATER.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—In carrying out the Act of August 11, 1939 (commonly known as the "Water Conservation and Utilization Act") (16 U.S.C. 590y et seq.), if storage or carrying capacity has been or may be provided in excess of the requirements of the land to be irrigated under the Mancos Project, Colorado (referred to in this Act as the "project"), the Secretary of the Interior may, on such terms as the Secretary determines to be just and equitable, contract with the Mancos Water Conservancy District and any of its member unit contractors for impounding, storage, diverting, or carriage of nonproject water for irrigation, domestic, municipal, industrial, and any other beneficial purposes, to an extent not exceeding the excess capacity.

(2) INTERFERENCE.—A contract under paragraph (1) shall not impair or otherwise interfere with any authorized purpose of the project.

(3) COST CONSIDERATIONS.—In fixing the charges under a contract under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall take into consideration—

(A) the cost of construction and maintenance of the project, by which the nonproject water is to be diverted, impounded, stored, or carried; and

(B) the canal by which the water is to be carried.

(4) NO ADDITIONAL CHARGES.—The Mancos Water Conservancy District shall not impose a charge for the storage, carriage, or delivery of the nonproject water in excess of the charge paid to the United States, except to such extent as may be reasonably necessary to cover—

(A) a proportionate share of the project cost; and

(B) the cost of carriage and delivery of the nonproject water through the facilities of the Mancos Water Conservancy District.

(b) WATER RIGHTS OF UNITED STATES NOT ENLARGED.—Nothing in this Act enlarges or attempts to enlarge the right of the United States, under existing law, to control any water in any State.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from California (Mr. DOOLITTLE) and the gentlewoman from the Virgin Islands (Mrs. CHRISTENSEN) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California (Mr. DOOLITTLE).