

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES—Thursday, December 7, 2000

The House met at 2 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. THORNBERRY).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
December 7, 2000.

I hereby appoint the Honorable MAC THORNBERRY 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 God, we trust You will resolve our uncertainties and bring about true healing.

We know You can recreate greatness in this Nation and raise up leaders in our day who will guide us with courage and wisdom. Through the prophet Isaiah You have told us You are our redeemer. Breathe the breath of lasting freedom in Your people. Make us confident that You will lead us 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 bills of the House of the following titles:

H.R. 3514. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for a system

for sanctuaries for chimpanzees that have been designated as being no longer needed in research conducted or supported by the Public Health Service, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4281. An act to establish, wherever feasible, guidelines, recommendations, and regulations that promote the regulatory acceptance of new or revised scientifically valid toxicological tests that protect human and animal health and the environment while reducing, refining, or replacing animal tests and ensuring human safety and product effectiveness.

H.R. 4827. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, to prevent the entry by false pretenses to any real property, vessel, or aircraft of the United States or secure area of any airport, to prevent the misuse of genuine and counterfeit police badges by those seeking to commit a crime, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5640. An act to expand homeownership in the United States, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the Senate has passed with amendments bills of the House of the following titles:

H.R. 4493. An act to establish grants for drug treatment alternative to prison programs administered by State or local prosecutors.

H.R. 4640. An act to make grants to States for carrying out DNA analyses for use in the Combined DNA Index System of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, to provide for the collection and analysis of DNA samples from certain violent and sexual offenders for use in such system, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5630. An act to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2001 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the Senate recedes from its amendments numbered 2 and 4 to the bill (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"; and agrees to the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate numbered 5 to the above-entitled bill.

The message also announced that pursuant to Public Law 96-114, as amended, the Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, announces the appointment of the following individuals to the Congressional Award Board—Galen J. Reser, of Connecticut; and Rex B. Wackerle, of Virginia.

The message also announced that pursuant to Public Law 105-341, the Chair, on behalf of the Democratic Leader, announces the appointment of the following individual to the Women's Progress Commemoration Com-

mission: Ann F. Lewis, of Maryland, vice Joan Doran Hedrick, of Connecticut.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces that 1-minute speeches will be postponed until the end of the day.

FURTHER CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS, FISCAL YEAR 2001

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the order of the House of December 6, 2000, I call up the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 127) making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2001, and for other purposes, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the joint resolution.

The text of House Joint Resolution 127 is as follows:

H.J. RES. 127

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Public Law 106-275, is further amended by striking the date specified in section 106(c) and inserting "December 8, 2000".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of Wednesday, December 6, 2000, the gentleman from Florida (Mr. YOUNG) and the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. OBEY) each will control 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Florida (Mr. YOUNG).

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on House Joint Resolution 127, and that I may include tabular and extraneous material.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Florida?

There was no objection.

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, House Joint Resolution 127 is one more continuing resolution that is required, inasmuch as several of the appropriations bills have not been concluded. I might say that these bills basically are awaiting conclusion not because of appropriations issues but because of extraneous issues that in my opinion do not even belong in an appropriations bill. But nevertheless, these

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