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

There was no objection.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

APPOINTMENT AS MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE TO INFORM THE PRESIDENT THAT THE TWO HOUSES HAVE COMPLETED THEIR BUSINESS OF THE SESSION AND ARE READY TO ADJOURN

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 679, the Chair appoints the following Members of the House to the Committee to notify the President:

The gentleman from Texas, Mr. ARMEY,

The gentleman from Missouri, Mr. GEPHARDT.

AUTHORIZING SPEAKER, MAJORITY LEADER, AND MINORITY LEADER TO ACCEPT RESIGNATIONS AND TO MAKE APPOINTMENTS AUTHORIZED BY LAW OR HOUSE NOT WITHSTANDING SINE DIE ADJOURNMENT

Mr. McCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that notwithstanding the adjournment of the second session of the 106th Congress, the Speaker, the majority leader and the minority leader be authorized to accept resignations and to make appointments authorized by law or by the House.

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

There was no objection.

AUTHORIZING CHAIRMAN AND RANKING MINORITY MEMBER OF EACH STANDING COMMITTEE AND SUBCOMMITTEE TO EXTEND REMARKS IN RECORD

Mr. McCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the chairman and ranking minority member of each standing committee and each subcommittee be permitted to extend their remarks in the RECORD, up to and including the RECORD's last publication, and to include a summary of the work of that committee or subcommittee.

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

There was no objection.

GRANTING MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE PRIVILEGE TO EXTEND AND REVISE REMARKS IN CONGRESSIONAL RECORD UNTIL LAST EDITION IS PUBLISHED

Mr. McCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that Members may have until publication of the last edition of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD authorized for the second session by the Joint Committee on Printing to revise and extend their remarks and to include brief, related extraneous material on any matter occurring before the adjournment of the second session sine die.

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

There was no objection.

EXPRESSING COMMITMENT OF MEMBERS OF HOUSE TO FOSTERING PRODUCTIVE AND COLLEAGIAL PARTNERSHIP WITH 43RD PRESIDENT

Mr. HORN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Government Reform be discharged from further consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 677) expressing the commitment of the Members of the House of Representatives to fostering a productive and collegial partnership with the 43rd President, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

Ms. DUNN. Mr. Speaker, reserving the right to object, nearly 2 years ago I pledged to dedicate my energies toward electing George W. Bush as the 43rd President of the United States.

It is a commitment that many of us in this body make. Whether we are Democrats or Republicans, we are drawn to a candidate with whom we share values, somebody we can trust to carry the burdens of a large and diverse Nation.

It is not a commitment we make lightly.

Being a Member of Congress is an all-consuming lifestyle and often we find it difficult to even find time for families and friends.

Yet we sacrifice because the cause compels us to do so.

My colleague and good friend, the gentleman from Washington State (Mr. DICKS) made a similar sacrifice for Vice President AL GORE.

We saw firsthand the energy and dedication that a campaign can instill in the American people.

People from every walk of life and every background came together to comprise the large enthusiastic crowds that brought spirit and life to a movement.

We all experienced the ebb and flow of a long campaign and felt the exhilaration of its highs and the disappointments of its lows. We felt it deeply because it was inseparable from our own spirit and because our investment was in human capital, time away from family and time away from friends.

But the campaign ended. And when the campaign ends, governing begins.

This treasured body is the soul of governance. Our Founding Fathers intended for the House of Representatives to reflect the will of the people.

I believe the will of the people is progress.

The American people showed extraordinary patience and faith in its governing institutions during this long and uncertain Presidential election. Let us reward them with progress.

Today we pledge to form a productive and collegial relationship with President-elect Bush.

Just two nights ago, both President-elect Bush and Vice President GORE urged us to put the campaign behind us and begin to develop the relationships that will lead to the progress the American people deserve.

I am grateful for their words, and I am encouraged by my colleagues' commitment to fostering this relationship.

Many challenges lie ahead, and I do not assume that all of our differences can be easily bridged, yet there is a remarkable agreement on the important issues that we must address.

Mr. Speaker, campaigns end and governing begins.

I wish all of my colleagues best wishes in this holiday season.

When we return in the new year, let us begin the work of addressing the needs of this great Nation.

Mr. Speaker, I withdraw my reservation of objection.

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

There was no objection.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 677

Whereas the Presidential election in 2000 was the closest in the Nation's history;

Whereas both Governor George W. Bush and Vice President Albert Gore campaigned admirably for the Presidency;

Whereas the closeness of the election led to a long and trying process to determine the winner;

Whereas both Governor George W. Bush and Vice President Albert Gore have called for national unity;

Whereas, during this time of uncertainty, the American people have showed extraordinary patience and confidence in the Nation's system of government;

Whereas it is incumbent upon the Members of the House of Representatives, as elected officials, to demonstrate that the faith of the American people in the Nation's governing institutions is warranted; and

Whereas the many issues confronting the Nation must be addressed for the benefit of those who have entrusted the Government with their voice, the American people: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Members of the House of Representatives are committed to fostering