

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES—Thursday, June 22, 2000

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

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
June 22, 2000.

I hereby appoint the Honorable JACK QUINN to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Reverend Dr. C. Frederick Horbach, Memorial Presbyterian Church, Vineland, New Jersey, offered the following prayer:

Eternal God, by whom alone all exists, through whom alone we all are sustained, in whom alone we all must seek direction and find purpose.

We confess that we are a Nation in progress, ever seeking to fulfill a divine mandate to establish liberty and justice for all the people. As such, we need Your guiding hand along the way of our pilgrimage. Look with favor, we pray, upon this our Nation and grant Your blessing for the journey.

Equip, O Lord, the President of the United States, the Members of Congress, and all others in authority with uncommon wisdom, unwavering courage and unflinching dedication to seek, to know, and to do Your will.

Through Christ our Lord. 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 gentlewoman from Ohio (Ms. PRYCE) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. PRYCE of Ohio 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.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces that 1-minute will be conducted at the close of business today, but for the purposes of an introduction, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. LOBIONDO).

WELCOMING REVEREND DR. C. FREDERICK HORBACH

(Mr. LOBIONDO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. LOBIONDO. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for allowing me the opportunity and the honor today to welcome Dr. C. Frederick Horbach of Elmer, New Jersey, as our guest chaplain.

An ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church, Dr. Horbach has served at churches in Audubon, Elmer and Burlington, New Jersey. An educator, he recently retired after a 28-year tenure with the Cumberland County College where he taught courses in religion, art and philosophy. He is currently pastor of the Memorial Presbyterian Church in my hometown of Vineland, New Jersey.

Having earned an A.B. degree from Elizabeth Town College, a master's of divinity degree from the Princeton Theological Seminary, a master's of sacred theology and a Ph.D. for his research in art and religion from Temple University, Dr. Horbach's knowledge and background in theology is vast.

His parishioners, however, will tell you that his greatest attributes are the interest, compassion and dedication he brings to his work. I am pleased that he and members of his family are able to join us today and would like to thank the House for this opportunity to recognize his many achievements.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 4516, LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2001

Ms. PRYCE of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 530 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 530

Resolved, That at any time after the adoption of this resolution the Speaker may, pursuant to clause 2(b) of rule XVIII, declare the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for

consideration of the bill (H.R. 4516) making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, and for other purposes. The first reading of the bill shall be dispensed with. Points of order against consideration of the bill for failure to comply with section 401(a) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 are waived. General debate shall be confined to the bill and shall not exceed one hour equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. After general debate the bill shall be considered for amendments under the five-minute rule. The bill shall be considered as read. Points of order against provisions in the bill for failure to comply with clause 2 of rule XXI are waived. No amendment to the bill shall be in order except those printed in the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution. Each amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. All points of order against the amendments printed in the report are waived. The Chairman of the Committee of the Whole may: (1) postpone until a time during further consideration in the Committee of the Whole a request for a recorded vote on any amendment; and (2) reduce to five minutes the minimum time for electronic voting on any postponed question that follows another electronic vote without intervening business, provided that the minimum time for electronic voting on the first in any series of questions shall be 15 minutes. At the conclusion of consideration of the bill for amendment the Committee shall rise and report the bill to the House with such amendments as may have been adopted. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill and amendments thereto to final passage without intervening motion except one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentlewoman from Ohio (Ms. PRYCE) is recognized for 1 hour.

Ms. PRYCE of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, for the purpose of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the 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.

Mr. Speaker, House Resolution 530 is a structured rule that governs the consideration of H.R. 4516, the Legislative Branch appropriations bill for fiscal year 2001. The rule waives points of order against consideration of the bill for failure to comply with section 401(a) of the Congressional Budget Act related to contract borrowing and credit authority. The rule also waives

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