

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES—Saturday, January 6, 2001

The House met at 11 a.m.

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer:

Lord God, in your scriptures "to be elected" is "to be among the chosen."

Down through the years, You have chosen people and given them specific tasks and great responsibilities to accomplish before the world, marvelous deeds in Your Holy Name.

Although all are equal in Your sight, at certain times, You call for certain people. No one is ever rejected by You, but You alone know who should be called to serve You at a particular time to achieve Your purpose, whether it is to correct, affirm, admonish or teach.

As Your people, we are truly blessed. As a people any of us may feel called to lead. But because of Your care for Your people at any given moment, You alone know the ones who should serve. This Nation has come to trust in Your guidance in the unfolding of its history. This Nation turns to You again and seeks Your Spirit that it may be true to all Your commands, learn from its past and be a sign of promise for the future.

As this Chamber hosts the Joint Session of Congress for the counting of the electoral votes for President and Vice President of the United States, be with us. Be with us as before. Be with us as never before.

May those who are elected be received by the people of this Nation with prayer that they may be open to Your power and their leadership in the years ahead. Before You we all stand humbly as servants now and forever. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. 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. Will the gentleman from Texas (Mr. COMBEST) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. COMBEST 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.

SWEARING IN OF MEMBERS-ELECT

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from California (Mr. STARK) and the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. GUTIERREZ) kindly come to the well of the House and take the oath of office at this time.

Mr. STARK and Mr. GUTIERREZ appeared at the bar of the House and took the oath of office, as follows:

Do you solemnly swear that you will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against enemies, foreign and domestic; that you will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that you take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that you will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which you are about to enter. So help you God.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message in writing from the President of the United States was communicated to the House by Mr. Sherman Williams, one of his secretaries.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, January 4, 2001.

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 January 4, 2001, at 3:53 p.m.

Appointments:
Senate National Security Working Group
NATO Parliamentary Assembly
Tellers to count electoral votes
With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

JEFF TRANDAHL,
Clerk of the House.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, January 5, 2001.

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 January 5, 2001 at 9:49 a.m.

That the Senate PASSED without amendment H. Con. Res. 1.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

JEFF TRANDAHL,
Clerk of the House.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE PERMANENT SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 11, rule X, and clause 11 of rule I, the Chair appoints the following Members of the House to the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:

Mr. GOSS of Florida, chairman,
Ms. PELOSI of California.

APPOINTMENT OF TELLERS ON THE PART OF THE HOUSE TO COUNT ELECTORAL VOTES

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to the provisions of Senate Concurrent Resolution 1, the 107th Congress, the Chair appoints as tellers on the part of the House to count the electoral votes the gentleman from California (Mr. THOMAS) and the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. FATTAH).

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. COMBEST). The Chair will entertain five 1-minutes on each side.

JOYOUS REALIZATION IN REACHING AN END TO A TORTUOUS POLITICAL CAMPAIGN

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

Mr. HYDE. Mr. Speaker, my friends, I join you in the joyous realization that we have reached the end of a very tortuous political campaign, and today is the final act in choosing our national leader.

The United States Supreme Court very unusually had an important role in bringing this to its stated finality. But it did, among several things, one very important thing, and that is reassert the primacy of the legislative branch, the elected legislature, rather than the appointed judicial branch. That is very important.

Today, we can approach this as Americans, not as Republicans, not as

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